

# Saint Denis Parish

*Brought together by Christ, we, the parish of St. Denis and Our Lady of the Wayside, respond to his call to live our Catholic faith.*

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## Mass Times

### St. Denis Church

Saturday: 5:30 pm (Vigil)  
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am  
Monday-Friday: 8:00 am

### Our Lady of the Wayside Church

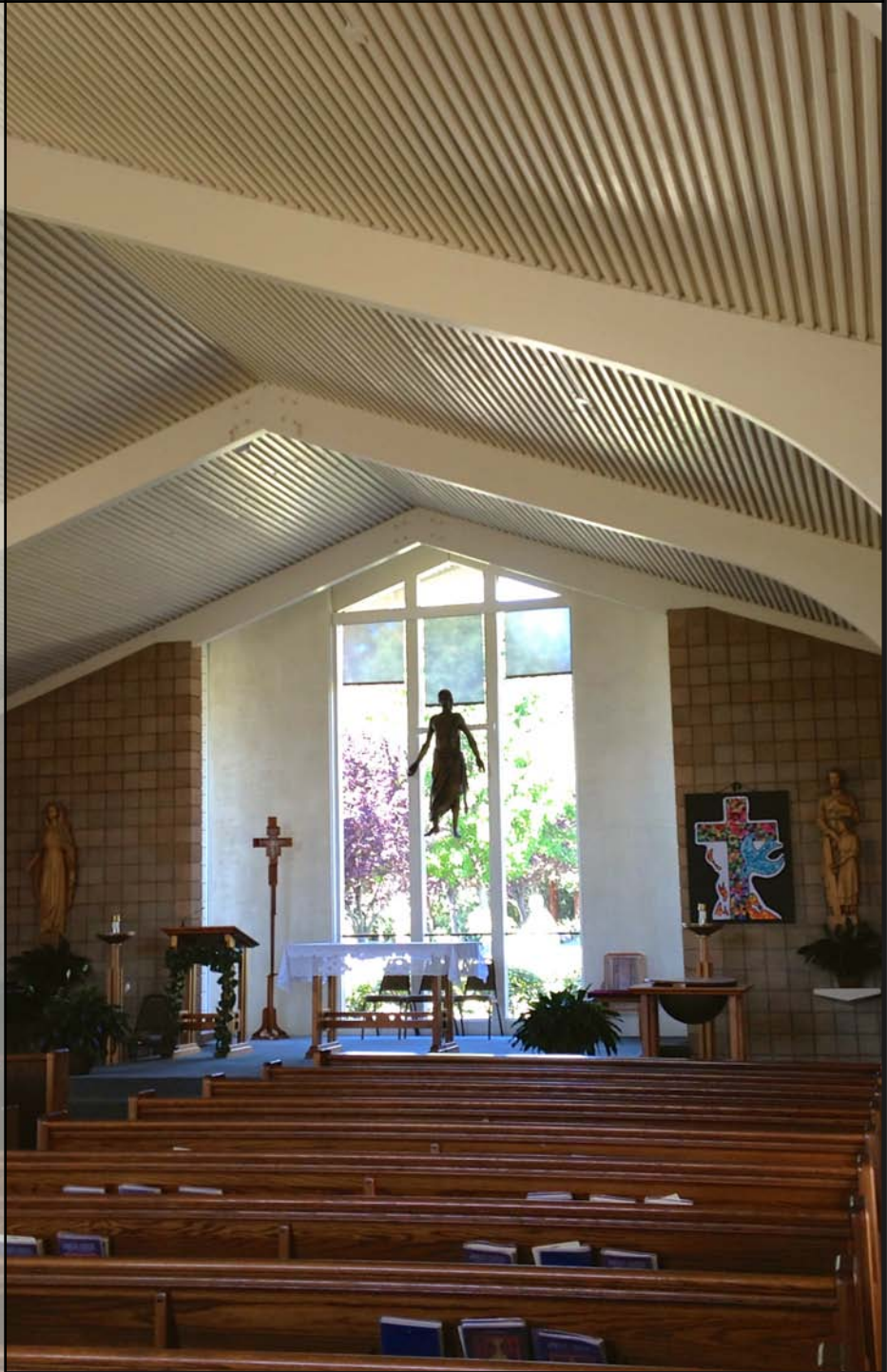
Saturday: 4:30 pm (Vigil)  
Sunday: 9:30 am

## Confession Times

Saturday: 4:00 pm, Our Lady of the Wayside  
Saturday: 5:00 pm, St. Denis

## Office Hours

M-F, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm



February 1, 2015, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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St. Denis Church (parish office)  
2250 Avy Avenue • Menlo Park

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930 Portola Road • Portola Valley

## Pastor's Corner

Dear fellow members of St. Denis and Our Lady of the Wayside,

Throughout the Gospel of Mark the question that lingers in the minds of the people who followed him was, "Who is this man?" In the Gospel reading of today Jesus cures a man with an unclean Spirit. The people who witnessed this miracle said that Jesus teaches as 'one having authority.' But the crowd was not able to know the source of his authority. The source of his authority is identified by an unlikely voice, the voice of the possessed man, "I know who you are – the Holy one of God." The identity of Jesus is again revealed at his crucifixion, by another unlikely voice, the voice of the Roman soldier who says, "Truly this man was the Son of God." Jesus was not just another good man, or holy man or good teacher. He is the 'Holy one of God, the Son of God.' If we could truly grasp the truth of who Jesus is, that knowledge would transform our lives!

Yours Sincerely,  
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

## Gospel Reading

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

## Mass Intentions

	<u>St. Denis</u>	<u>Our Lady of the Wayside</u>
<b>Sat. 1/31</b>	5:30pm for the parishioners of St. Denis	4:30pm for the parishioners of OLW
<b>Sun. 1/25</b>	7:30am Tom Kirkbride† (Ed & Connie Vincent) 9:30am Omid Sharif† (Nosrat Sharif) 11:30am for the parishioners of St. Denis	9:30am for the parishioners of OLW
<b>Mon. 1/26</b>	8:00am Irene Goodman† (Hagman family)	
<b>Tue. 1/27</b>	8:00am for the parishioners of St. Denis	
<b>Wed. 1/28</b>	8:00am Edita Piedra† (Nancy Closs & Lisa Safreno)	
<b>Thu. 1/29</b>	8:00am Beatris Garcia† (Jose Garcia family)	
<b>Fri. 1/30</b>	8:00am for the parishioners of St. Denis	

## In your charity, please pray for...

Carol Armstrong, Agnes Babcock, Bob Bark, Louise Brent, Mike Carragee, Lily Chan, Lynn Cintron, Sandra Dailey, Gertrude DeZelaya, Bob Ellis, Amelia Elsbree, Michael Fil, Susan Fil, Ruben Fuentes, Johnny Gentry, Lauren Goode, Michael Ho, Ryan Johnston, Maurice Kidd, Lisa Kitz, Matthew Lear, Phyllis Lucas, Luke Mars, Ann Martin, Sheri Martin, Dorothy Meyers, Dennis Miller, Rozeh Nikili, Lorraine O'Connor, Lorie Ortega, Angie Real, Jim Rock, Raymond Schaaf Sr, Aileen Schiel, Kathy Schoendorf, Marie Scott, Dorothy Skala, Frank Vitale, Walter Weber, David Welling, Bev Wheat, Mila Wright, William Yates, Ada Zilli and Jean Zonner.

## Saint of the Week: St. Blaise

**February 3** - We remember Saint Blaise's feast day because of the Blessing of the Throats that took place on this day. Two candles are blessed, held slightly open, and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said. Saint Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him. Very few facts are known about Saint Blaise. We believe he was a bishop of Sebastea in Armenia who was martyred under the reign of Licinius in the early fourth century. The legend of his life that sprang up in the eighth century tell us that he was born in to a rich and noble family who raised him as a Christian. After becoming a bishop, a new persecution of Christians began. He received a message from God to go into the hills to escape persecution. Men hunting in the mountains discovered a cave surrounded by wild animals who were sick. Among them Blaise walked unafraid, curing them of their illnesses. Recognizing Blaise as a bishop, they captured him to take him back for trial. On the way back, he talked a wolf into releasing a pig that belonged to a poor woman. When Blaise was sentenced to be starved to death, the woman, in gratitude, sneaked into the prison with food and candles. Finally Blaise was killed by the governor.



Blaise is the patron saint of wild animals because of his care for them and of those with throat maladies.

## St. Anthony Clothing Drive: February 8 - 22

Did you know that besides feeding over 600 people a hot lunch daily, St. Anthony's also has a Clothing Distribution Center where they provide free infant and children's wear, clothing, shoes, blankets and sleeping bags to approximately 1,000 patrons a month? The distribution center is open on Wednesday from 9:30-11:00am for women and children and on Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:00am for men. Clothing is available anytime on an emergency basis. **There will be a barrel set up at the back of St. Denis from February 8 to 22.** Please bring your gently used items and they will be collected and taken to St. Anthony's. For more information please contact Barbara Mason 650-854-2526 or babs412@yahoo.com. If anyone from Our Lady would like to participate, please contact Barbara to arrange pick up of items.

## Weekly Stewardship Report

January 24/25, 2015			January 25/26, 2014		
	Sunday Collection	E-Giving		Sunday Collection	E-Giving
St. Denis	\$4,850.00	\$3,021.42	St. Denis	\$3,392.00	\$2,563.75
OLW	\$831.00	\$1,981.67	OLW	\$1,597.00	\$609.22
<b>Total: \$10,684.09</b>			<b>Total: \$8,161.97</b>		
Monthly Total, December 2014			Monthly Total, December 2013		
	Sunday Collection	E-Giving		Sunday Collection	E-Giving
St. Denis	\$15,529.00	\$12,085.67	St. Denis	\$22,047.00	\$10,255.00
OLW	\$5,555.00	\$1,981.66	OLW	\$5,671.00	\$2,438.22
<b>Total: \$35,151.33</b>			<b>Total: \$40,411.22</b>		

Last week's second collection for St. Patrick Seminary raised \$3,705. Thank you for your generosity.



## Religious Education

### THIS Sunday, Feb. 1st

9:30am—Pre-K through 5th Grade

10:30-11:30am—6th/7th Grade

12:30-1:30pm—Revamped TOB for High School

### Next Sunday (2/8)

9:30am—No classes

10:30-11:30am—Mardi Gras Party for Pre-K through 5th Grade (led by 6th Grade through 8th Grade)

### Upcoming Dates & Events

2/8 (Sun) – Annual Mardi Gras Party!

2/15 (Sun) – No Classes

2/18 (Wed) – Ash Wednesday

3/4 (Wed) – Parish Soup Supper hosted by Religious Ed

## Mass Rides

Need a ride to Mass?  
Call Maritza Longland at  
(650) 291-0657.



## Adult Religious Ed Classes

Classes to start on Sunday, February 15. We'll meet in the parish hall 10 minutes after the completion of 9:30 Mass. In the six week series we will discuss the Sunday readings; current, local and world-wide Church events and the Ecumenical Councils of the Catholic Church including Vatican II. Everyone is must welcome to attend. If you miss the first class, come join us for any one or all of the five classes to follow. Call John Lippert, (650) 854-3278, if you have any questions.

## Youth Dinner Thank You

Thank you to the many attendees, donors, teens, Dede Masters for cooking, Craig and Margaret London for our wine, and Fr. Jose for hosting our drinks. I am so grateful for the support and love shown to our youth and the work of our youth ministry as we prepare to pilgrimage to World Youth Day in 2016.

## Mardi Gras Party



The annual party is back! Food, games, crafts and more will be celebrated for our Pre-K through 5th Graders

10:30am-11:30am, hosted by the 6th-8th Graders. Join us for the fun!

## Wine & Cheese Reception

*Saturday,  
February 14  
after 4:30 pm Mass  
at Our Lady of the  
Wayside Church*



## Practicing Compassion / Catholic Charities

As the Season of Lent approaches, Catholic Charities is offering one-time volunteer opportunities for you to put your faith into action during the six weeks of Lent. It's not too early to sign up and reserve your place. You can choose from a number of volunteer activities such as serving brunch to homeless families, distributing food to seniors, or reading to children. To sign up or for more information contact Clint Womack, Volunteer Manager, at [Volunteer@CatholicCharitiesSF.org](mailto:Volunteer@CatholicCharitiesSF.org) or 415-972-1297.

## Ministry Schedule

### St. Denis

Feb. 7/8

5:30pm **Lector:** Joan Mersch-Foss

**E.M.:** Brigitte Mornand, Tina Morris, Anne Marie Jewell

7:30am **Lectors:** James Tornes, Paul Kirincich

**E.M.:** Jackie Tornes, Bill & Gerri Beasley

9:30am **Lectors:** Peter McNamee, Tereza McNamee

**E.M.:** Ann O'Hearn, George Quiter III, Kathie Shaw, Jill Stanley\*, Scott Stanley, Dave Welch

11:30am **Lector:** F. Muennemann

**E.M.:** E. Parsons, L. Marco, P. Dewes

### Our Lady of the Wayside

4:30pm **Lector:** Vonderlinden

**E.M.:** Vonderlinden, DeStaebler

9:30am **Lector:** Carroll

**E.M.:** Carroll, Healey, Alfano B.

\* sacristan