Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for a way to share your time and talent and make a life changing difference? The St. Francis Center in Redwood City is in need of volunteer tutors for their adult ESL program—reading, writing, speaking classes. Many time slots (8:00—3:30) are available during the week and no knowledge of Spanish is necessary. For more information, please contact Kristin Bright at the Center at 650-365-7829 or Kristin.bright@aol.com. Thank you!

Dress A Girl Around The World

Please deliver your completed dresses to the back of St. Denis Church on October 18th. Contact Josephine Dorval if you have any questions. jsdorval@yahoo.com or 650 506-6571. Thank you.

Have Information for the Bulletin?

If you have information that you would like to be placed in the bulletin, we ask that all of the information be submitted to us the Tuesday before by noon. Thank you.

Adult Bible Class

We will start up the classes again this Sunday, October 4th. As before there will be six classes in this series. Class starts around 10 minutes after 9:30 am Mass. We generally meet in the library. Everyone is invited to come and join the group. There is no preparation required. If you need more information on any part of the class (subject matter, length of class, participation) contact John Lippert at 650 854-3278.

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar for the St. Denis Church Installation Mass & Reception for our new Pastor, Fr. Paul O’Dell for Sunday, October 25th at the 11:30 am Mass. There will be no Religious Ed. classes that day so we can ALL come to this Parish celebration.

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: 5:30pm (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

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Dear Parishioners,

As you may know, the Sacrament of Matrimony is one of the seven sacraments of our Catholic faith. Recently, we have been blessed with numerous young couples wanting to be married at St. Denis and Our Lady of the Wayside. I have been quite busy meeting with these wonderful couples. As a priest and as your pastor, I take seriously my duties, obligations and responsibilities in preparing the young couples for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

After walking them through the requirements of getting married in the Church and telling them how many times they will have to meet with me, I can see in their eyes how surprised they are. I get a sense that they thought it was going to be a walk in the park. If they can survive, they can survive anything. A wedding is a day, a marriage is a lifetime. Being married is a lifelong labor of love that commands commitment and work each and every day from both spouses.

As a priest, I can only imagine how wonderful it must be to have someone you love unconditionally, and to have someone who accepts you despite your faults and limitations. Spouses have someone to grow old with, and have someone who will always be there to support them for the rest of their lives. What a tremendous gift and blessing that must be.

All of this is possible as long as the husband and wife are rooted firmly in the love of God. The love of God has a way of uniting two unique and different individuals as one. Celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony is really then a celebration of God's love made real between a husband and wife. If I were blessed to have a wife, I would surely tell her that I loved her every day, and I would thank God every day for blessing me with her. If I were blessed to have a wife, I would surely tell her that I loved her every day, and I would thank God every day for blessing me with her. If I were blessed to have a wife, I would surely tell her that I loved her every day, and I would thank God every day for blessing me with her. If I were blessed to have a wife, I would surely tell her that I loved her every day, and I would thank God every day for blessing me with her.

In the early days of the Church, the Eucharist was celebrated at dinner tables. When the persecution of Christians started, people moved to the catacombs and the altars were the tops of the sarcophagi, often the remains of Christian martyrs. Many altars today contain relics of the saints which continue this tradition.

Today the liturgical rubrics require altars to be freestanding and visible to the entire congregation. These specifications point to the centrality of the altar in our Eucharistic celebration. When we focus on the altar, let us remember our Catholic heritage, those living and those who have gone before us. As we come to “the table of the Lord” let us thankfully embrace our communal celebration of the Eucharist as the true “viva vera,” the real life.