Dress A Girl around the World

The Parish Tea Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed and made dresses for this project.

200 dresses will be delivered to Suzanne Beck, @ Livermore Ambassador in mid January 2016.

Rose-Marie Lombardi’s Peninsula Ladies Club made 116 of these dresses.

Please continue to pray for these girls who will receive these dresses.

Dresses below made by Joan Ruskus.

Suzanne Beck “Dress a Girl around the World” Livermore Ambassador

This month, we sent 184 dresses with the Family Missions Company and they are on their way with Catholic missionaries to Peru, South America.

Another 200 were sent with local Christmas Child boxes and, another 500 are on their way to Los Angeles to the West Coast regional distribution center for Samaritan’s Purse, which is the parent organization for Christmas Child. The West Coast center is responsible for areas south of Mexico, Central and South America. Please pray for the little girls who will receive the dresses you made!

Need A Ride To Mass?

If you are in need of a ride to Mass the Outreach Committee is available.
Please call Maritza Longland at 650 291-0657.
Dear Beloved Parishioners,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the most wonderful Christmas mass and season I have ever experienced as a priest. It was truly a joyous celebration and occasion. The Christmas eve mass with the children was quite spectacular as well as the other Christmas masses at both St. Denis and Our Lady of the Wayside churches. We are so blessed to have the best musicians this side of the Mississippi River. Are we not blessed with the precious gift of faith?

Another thanks for your generous financial support of your church. Our Christmas collection way surpassed my hopes. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Also, thank you for your personal gifts of sweets, gift cards and colored water. How on earth did you know I like so very much Macallan of all things? I have enough to quench the thirst of a Marine battalion or two. With every sip I take, I will say a prayer for you. Lots of prayers coming your way.

In your charity, please pray for...

**Pastor’s Corner**

**What We Believe**

Reflecting on the Responsorial Psalm

In case you didn’t realize it, we are slowly journeying through the parts of the Mass in these articles. For me, it’s been a good reminder about how much thought and richness is real in our Catholic Mass and I hope these little tidbits of information enhance your liturgical experience as well! Today we will focus on what we call the Responsorial Psalm, which is really much more than a response to the First Reading in the part of the Mass we call liturgy of the Word. The practice of singing the psalm goes back to the Jewish synagogue, where a soloist sang with the assembly responding. The justification for the Responsorial Psalm, sandwiched in between the First and Second readings, is to promote a savoring of the Scriptures and an atmosphere of meditation that deepens the meaning of all the Scriptural Readings for the day. For this reason, the Psalm is really meant to be solemnly sung. Over time the sophistication of liturgical music evolved into having a choir sing the entire Responsorial, also known as the Gradual, but Vatican II reaffirmed the importance of having the Assembly sing along with the cantor. Through the poetry of the Responsorial Psalm we are given the opportunity to recall facets of what God has done and what God continues to do in our lives today.

Dede Waters-Masters

**Mass Intentions**

**ST. DENIS**

Sat. Jan. 9 5:30pm  Gerry Wagstaff (+)  
Sun. Jan. 10 7:30 am  Peter Valenti (+)  
  9:30 am  Robert Roger & Marie Scott (Get Well)  
Mon. Jan. 11 8:00 am  The People of St Denis  
Tues. Jan. 12 8:00 am  Yong Ernst (+)  
Wed. Jan. 13 8:00 am  Matthew Stafford (+)  
Thurs. Jan. 14 8:00 am  The People of St. Denis  
Fri. Jan. 15 8:00 am  Deceased Members  

**OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE**

Sat. Jan 9 4:30 pm  Our Lady of the Wayside Parishioners  
Sun. Jan 10 9:30 am  Deceased Members of Our Lady Of the Wayside  

**Christmas Giving Tree**

Thank you one and all for your phenomenal generosity this Christmas Season. Our Giving Trees held 225 tags and we were able to deliver 225 gifts throughout our area. All of us are thankful and proud.

- 30 unwrapped gifts to St. Francis Center  
- 30 unwrapped gifts to InnVision Homeless Shelter  
- 31 wrapped gifts to Catholic Worker House (7 families)  
- 134 wrapped gifts to Hoover Pre-School (24 families)

Thanks again from your Outreach Committee!!=

**Stewardship Report**

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**Religious Education**

All Religious Education classes meet today, January 10 at the usual times:

- PreK to 5th grade at 9:30am
- 6th and 7th grade at 11:30am
- 8th grade (Confirmation) at 3:30pm

(There will be NO classes on January 17 for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday)

**FIRST COMMUNION ENRICHMENT CLASSES WITH FR. PAUL**

Fr. Paul will be offering optional enrichment classes to children preparing to celebrate their First Communion this Spring.

Classes begin Monday, January 11 at 4:00-5:00pm in the parish hall, and will continue on most Mondays till the end of May.

Come to all or just a few. Parents are welcome, too!

**Monthly Total, December 2015**

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