Saint Denis /Our Lady Of The Wayside Churches

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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MassTimes

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

July 31st, 2016 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Our Lady of the Wayside Church
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Dear Beloved Parishioners,

In my last parish, All Souls in South San Francisco, an older gentleman befriended me. When I met Cruz for the first time, I thought to myself: Who is this guy? He was a bit scruffy and unkempt. He was quite the character. He looked as though he had been wearing the same clothes for the past 40 to 50 years. After awhile, once I got over how he looked, I came to realize that he was the kind of guy who was the salt of the earth. Cruz would give you the shirt off his back.

Nearly 50 years ago, while raising 8 children as a butcher, his wife suddenly died. Cruz became a single father raising all children by himself. He invited me to his home for his birthday party. All of his children and grandchildren were there in his tiny home celebrating his birthday.

It did not take long to see how loved he was by his family. Whenever he would come to mass, he would go out of his way to come see me and give me a hug. In his simple yet profound way, Cruz reminded me what was really important in life and what makes someone truly rich in life: his faith in God and his love and devotion to his family.

Cruz had very little in life in terms of material things, yet he had everything. He loved his children and grandchildren and they loved him. In his own unique way, he lived the Word of God in his life. Cruz did not concern himself with worldly things. He focused on his family and his faith.

If I were not a priest, I am sure that I would be very susceptible and give into what the readings warn us about. I would be the kind of person who would be so driven to be successful monetarily. My whole life would be focused on that. I have to say that I have a fear of failure. I have had this since high school. Maybe you know what I am talking about. Maybe you can identify with me. I would have judged my life on what I accomplished and accumulated in life and compared it to others. That is not how God desires us to live.

The good Lord’s hope and prayer for us, I believe, is that we live a life rich in love and mercy and focus our attention and energy on establishing good relationships with the people in our lives. To love and be loved is what makes one wealthy in the long run. Love is what matters in life and love is worth accumulating in one’s life. One can never have enough love. Pursue it tirelessly.

Pastor’s Corner

What We Believe

The Eucharistic Prayer

The center and highpoint of the Mass is the Eucharistic Prayer, a prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification. The celebrant calls the Assembly to join with him in lifting up their hearts towards the Lord. An essential dimension of the Eucharistic Prayer is that together with Our Lord Jesus Christ we affirm the great deeds of our Loving God and offer everything to God in a Holy Sacrifice, “through Him, with Him, and in Him.”

The Eucharistic Prayer consists of several parts: an introductory dialogue, the thanksgiving or preface, the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy), the Memorial Acclamation, the anamnesis, the offering, the intercession, the doxology, and the great Amen. In future weeks we will examine these parts of the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Eucharistic Prayer is the essential statement of thanks, praise, and wonder given in formal, poetic, and biblical language. Although the depth, significance, and mystery of the Eucharist can never be fully expressed in human language, the Eucharistic Prayer is a doorway towards a deeper connection that can help our understanding to evolve and grow over time.

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Mass Intentions

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In your charity, please pray for...

**Religious Education**

**Religious Ed Classes**
Classes will begin again on Sunday, September 25.

Our complete calendar and registration are now available on our parish website!

Register all your school aged children anytime. Fees can be paid using ParishPay.

We will be offering a Liturgy of the Word program during the summer at the 9:30am Mass.

All school age children are welcome to join us!

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE CONFIRMED?!**
If you are a teenager, grade 8 or older, and would like to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Lucy any time before September 18 to set up an appointment.

We’ll go over the requirements, schedules and answer any questions you may have.

Contact Lucy at lsolta@stdenisparish.org or find me at the coffee and donuts after 9:30 Mass!

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**Catechists Needed**

A catechists does more than teach the faith, they SHARE their own faith journey. If you feel called to share your faith with the children of our parish, please talk to Lucy anytime. We are looking for a 4th grade catechist specifically, and others to team up with our current catechists. Teenagers are welcome to volunteer! Community service hours are available. There will be a regional training day on August 20th, right here at St. Denis Church! All materials are provided. Contact Lucy Isolta@stdenisparish.org or find me after the 9:30am mass any Sunday!

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**Ten Ways to Pray Online (part 10)**

If Jesus was walking around today, would he use social media? Would Jesus be on-line? Can we communicate with God through our phones and internet?!

Jesus used the communication tools of his day, so my answer is YES!

To help you pray on-line, here is part 10 of a 10 part series. Try them out! See what works for you. Share it with others.

**An Online Retreat**– From Creighton University Online Ministries, this online retreat experience is designed for people too busy to make a traditional 30-day Ignatian retreat. A simple guide each week places themes, reflections, questions, and desires into the background of our busy lives. Can be done alone or with a group.

([http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/cmo-retreat.html](http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/cmo-retreat.html))

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**Stewardship**

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**Year of Mercy—Holy Doors**

The Year of Mercy continues until November 20. During this year, we are encouraged to find opportunities to offer Works of Mercy, both spiritual and corporal. One popular devotion is to make a pilgrimage to one of the Holy Door sites throughout the Archdiocese. These include:

- The Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption, San Francisco
- St. Patrick Seminary, Menlo Park
- St. Raphael Mission, San Raphael
- The Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph, San Jose
- St. Pius Church, Redwood City

**Save The Dates**

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:**
On Sunday, August 14, please bring your children and grandchildren to OLW's 9:30am Mass. After the Mass, we plan to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption and have the children process out of the church with flowers to bring to Our Lady's statue. Following, we will have coffee and donuts on the patio. We hope if you are interested you will join us for our first Social Committee Meeting. Any questions call Barbara Kataoka at 415-713-3783 or email bkataoka@gmail.com.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FASHION SHOW:**
Please Join us for a Twilight Fashion Show! SVdP’s Catherine Center supports women transitioning from incarceration back into society.

SVdP’s Catherine Center relies on charitable donations to support our ministry. Please consider supporting us by purchasing tickets to our

Twilight Fashion Show to be held on Tuesday, August 30th at 5:30pm at Trinity Church in Menlo Park. Enjoy delicious food and drinks while

The women of the Catherine Center model fun fashions from the SVdP’s thrift stores! Tickets are available at www.svdpsm.org.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

**OFFICE HOURS ARE:**
MONDAY AUGUST 1ST & TUESDAY AUGUST 2ND OFFICE CLOSED
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 3RD THRU FRIDAY AUGUST 5TH 11AM TO 2PM