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

Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

Luke 14:11

August 28th, 2016                 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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St. Denis Church (Parish Office)
2250 Avy Avenue • Menlo Park

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
930 Portola Road • Portola Valley
Pastor’s Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Jesus has been given many titles: Messiah, The Anointed One, King, Prophet, Son of David, Rabbi, Teacher, Son of Man, Son of God and the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity. The only title that Jesus identifies with is servant. Not only a servant, but a suffering servant. Jesus suffered passionately for us so that we could have eternal life. St. Paul in his letter mentions that Jesus emptied himself by becoming human. In emptying himself, Jesus swallowed his pride and ego.

How hard that can be for many of us to swallow our pride and ego. It seems to be human nature to boast and brag about our accomplishments. The more we accomplish the bigger our ego becomes. Unfortunately for others, arrogance sets in us. We become a legend in our own minds.

As Christians, we are called and challenged to emulate and live the example of Jesus. He did not boast or brag, but rather served the needs of others with humility. He lived not for himself, but for others. Nor was Jesus self serving. He gave of himself to the point of dying. All that we have and all that we are capable of is a tremendous blessing from God. We can either choose to live selfishly or choose to humbly live for others. May we ask the good Lord this question every morning. What can I do for you today?

What We Believe

The Rite of Peace

The early Christians thought of a kiss of peace as a seal placed on prayer. So, very early on, this gesture occurred after the Prayers of the Faithful. After Pope Innocent, the kiss of peace came after the Our Father, a position already known through St. Augustine in Africa. Pope Innocent believed that this was most appropriate because the final petition of mutual forgiveness in The Lord’s Prayer was closely linked to reaching out to one another in peace prior to the reception of Eucharist.

Initially, only those who would be receiving the Eucharist would participate in the Rite of Peace. As the frequent reception of the Eucharist by the laity declined in the Middle Ages, the Rite of Peace was extended to everyone during the Mass.

Today the priest or deacon invites all the Assembly to exchange a sign of peace, usually a handshake. Today we understand the Rite of Peace in the celebration of the Mass as a call to reconciliation and communion, a seal that confirms our unity with one another.

Yours in Christ,

Dede

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

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<td>Victims of the earthquake in Italy</td>
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<td>7:30 am</td>
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<td>Students &amp; Teachers</td>
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In your charity, please pray for...

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.
PreK thru 4th grades Sundays at 9:30am (join the Mass about 10:00am)
5th/6th grades Sundays at 10:30-11:30am
7th/8th grades Selected Sundays at 5:30pm (includes Mass, dinner, class.)
Check the parish website at www.stdenisparish.org for more details
Or contact Lucy at lsolta@stdenisparish.org

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.
Parents! Meet with us & your teens for Mass, dinner and information on Sunday, August 28 at 5:30pm. Contact Lucy at lsolta@stdenisparish.org or find me at the coffee and donuts after 9:30 Mass!

Religious Education

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<td><strong>July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 (Goal)</strong></td>
<td><strong>“I learn more by teaching than by taking classes...”</strong></td>
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<td><strong>“these kids ask the most interesting questions....”</strong></td>
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<td><strong>“I understand the Gospel better because we talk about it...”</strong></td>
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<td><strong>“it’s nice to have a group to pray with....”</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Monthly Goal-July 2016</strong></td>
<td>These are just a few things catechists tell me about why they love being a catechist.</td>
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<td>$45,000.00</td>
<td>You can try it yourself! Start by volunteering in your own child’s class.</td>
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<td><strong>July Sunday Collections</strong></td>
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Senior Lunch

The summer may be winding up, but our Senior Lunches are beginning. The first one will be Tuesday, September 13 at noon. All seniors are welcome and so are their caregivers. We have people attending from ages 50-100, so please join us. RSVP to Dede by calling 854-5976, Press 4 or emailing dedewm@pacbell.net
Have you ever thought of being One with God as the starting point of your spiritual journey? Contemporary theologians remind us that we are already one with God, but we may not be aware of it. Our book group has been delving into Cynthia Bourgeault’s *Wisdom Jesus: Transforming Heart and Mind—a New Perspective on Christ and His Message*. She shows us how the gospel stories support our being open and receiving Divine Love, and sharing this gift with the world. Please join us, all are welcome. Call Tereza McNamee, 323-6859 for further info. We meet on Tuesdays at 10:00 am at the home of a parishioner.

Father Richard Rohr, O.F.M. offers daily meditations through his website, Center for Action and Contemplation. [https://cac.org/category/daily-meditations/](https://cac.org/category/daily-meditations/) The meditations are often excerpts from his books arranged around a theme for the week. If you sign up (at no charge), you can receive a daily email containing the meditation. Father Rohr also offers online courses in Spirituality at affordable rates. He is internationally known for his teaching.

Parishioner Connie Vincent will speak on healthy eating as a preventative for many common diseases including cancer. Many of you attended her presentation on Alzheimer’s last year, so you know she is a good and informative speaker. This talk will take place on Saturday, **September 24th, with coffee and snacks at 9:30am, and the talk beginning at 10:00am.** Anyone who is interested in this topic is invited to attend. Hope to see you there!

Tickets for the St. Vincent de Paul’s Catherine Center Fashion Show on Tuesday, August 30th, from 5:30-7:30 pm, are on sale now. Go to [www.svdpsm.org](http://www.svdpsm.org) and give your support to formerly incarcerated women who are trying to rebuild their lives and their families.