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

SECOND COLLECTION: FOR RETIREMENT OF RELIGIOUS DECEMBER 11th

December 4th, 2016 2nd Sunday of Advent

(650) 854-5976
www.stdenisparish.org

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

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
930 Portola Road • Portola Valley
Dear Beloved Parishioners,

The first reading from the Prophet Isaiah instills hope in us. Before the arrival of Jesus, the Davidic kingdom was almost nonexistent. All was almost lost. It had been decimated. The Prophet Isaiah offers a glimpse of hope, of new possibilities, of ways it could be for the Davidic kingdom. This is symbolized in the image of a shoot sprouting from the stump of Jesse. In time, a new king will emerge from the house of King David. He will embody the virtues of an ideal king once remembered. He will save his people. He will be what they need in a king.

During the cold and bitter days of winter, I cannot help but think of families who are struggling to make ends meat, of people who are facing grave health conditions, of the less fortunate and those who have no one to love them. They live without hope, without any possibilities of new opportunities for a better life. Indeed, they need help. They need us. Are we not in the position to be of service to them?

In these modern times, we live in the new Davidic kingdom of Jesus Christ. It is the Kingdom in which we are brothers and sisters in Christ. We are our brother’s and sister’s keeper. What we can do is to instill a sense of hope in those who need a helping hand. What we can do is simply care. By doing this, we empower people to believe that there is still goodness in the world, in us. May people feel the warmth of our hearts and see the light of faith in our eyes.

Fr. Paul
**Stewardship**

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**Religious Education**

**FR. PAUL’S FIRST COMMUNION CLASS**

We’ve added a class this month, on Monday, December 5 at 3:30pm.

This is an optional class, and parents are welcome to attend!

**CHILDREN’S CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS EVE**

Children of school age (able to read) are invited to join the Children’s Choir.

We’ll be leading the singing at the Christmas Eve Family Mass.

Rehearsal TODAY in the church right after the 9:30am Mass.

For more information, contact Lucy at lsoaltu@stdenisparish.org

**CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS TODAY**

Sunday, December 4 meet us in the chapel for Mass at 5:30pm.

Bring your journals!

8th graders: Be ready to sign up for helping at the Maple Street Shelter.

7th graders: Bring your retreat permission slips!

**RECONCILIATION WORKSHOP AND CELEBRATION**

Sunday, December 11 at 1:00pm in St. Denis Church.

For those children and parents preparing to receive First Eucharist this spring.

We’ll review the Sacrament of Reconciliation, how it has changed over the years and how we celebrate as a parish family.

There will be a communal celebration of Reconciliation for the children and their families on Saturday, December 18 at 10:00am in St. Denis Church.

For more information, contact Lucy at lsoaltu@stdenisparish.org

**RECONCILIATION SERVICES NEARBY**

There will be Reconciliation Services for Advent in our neighboring parishes.

All are invited and welcome!

Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00pm at St. Pius Church, Redwood City

Wednesday, December 21 at 7:30pm at Nativity Church, Menlo Park

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**Christmas Giving Trees**

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE:** The Christmas Giving Trees will be in both Our Lady of the Wayside and St. Denis Churches beginning Saturday, November 26th. Gift tags should be removed and attached to gifts and returned to the churches no later than Sunday, December 11th. Please securely attach the tags to your gifts paying special attention to whether gift wrapping is required which will be noted on the back of each tag. Gifts will be delivered to St. Francis Center, Catholic Worker House, LifeMoves formerly Inn Vision/Maple Street Shelter, and Hoover Pre-School. If you cannot take a tag but would like to contribute, you may make a check out to St. Denis church with the memo “CHRISTMAS GIVING Tree” in an envelope. You can put envelopes in the collection baskets. Any amount is greatly appreciated. **PLEASE DROP OFF GIVING BY CUT OFF DATE, AS WE CANNOT DELIVER AFTERWARDS.** Any questions, contact Marlene Hunter at 650 325-4058. Thank you.

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**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.

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**Friendly Reminders**

**Bulletin & Announcements.**

This is a busy time of year with a lot going on so here are a couple of reminder:

- The deadline for bulletin inserts is the Tuesday (before noon) before the weekend of publication.
- All mass announcements are to be scripted and okayed by Dede prior to the masses. Contact her at dedewm@pacbell.net
PARISH CHRISTMAS TEA

10th Annual Parish Christmas Tea

Tidings of Great Joy

Saturday, December 10th 2016
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

@ St. Denis Parish Center
2250 Avy Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025

Tickets: ($25 each)

Please make checks payable to: St. Denis Parish

Barbara Mason @ Tel: 650.854.2526 Email: babs412@yahoo.com, or Josephine Dorval 650.619.4024

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

12-7-16  Feast of the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass 6pm at Our Lady of the Wayside Church
12-8-16  Feast of the Immaculate Conception Masses 8:00am, and 6pm at St. Denis Church
12-10-16 Parish Annual Christmas Tea from 1pm to 3pm in the parish hall. Reserved Seating.
12-11-16 Our Lady of the Wayside will have coffee and donuts after 9:30am mass.
12-13-16 Advent Retreat “Finding a Way to say Yes” Lucy and Dede will be offering a mini retreat will be begin at 9am. The retreat includes a presentation, sharing, mass, and lunch. Please RSVP to Dede by calling 650 854-5976, Press 4.
12-18-16 Decorating the churches for Christmas. Our Lady of the Wayside will have decorate for Christmas after 9:30am Mass and St. Denis will decorate after 11:30am mass. Plan to stay and help and socialize.
12-24-16 Christmas Eve Mass Schedule  St Denis Church 4pm Children’s mass and 6pm mass
Our Lady of the Wayside 4:30pm and 9pm mass.
12-25-16 Christmas Day December 25th, regular mass schedules.