

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



December 18th, 2016 4th Sunday of Advent

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

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
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Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

We do not know much about St. Joseph. What we do know is that he was a man of faith. In an instant, his life was turned upside down. He was about to marry the love of his life in Mary. Then suddenly, Mary becomes pregnant. It is not his child, his son. Honorably, Joseph decides to quietly divorce Mary as to not bring shame upon her. He wants Mary to have a good life without him. He wants Mary to have every opportunity to be happy. What a loving and selfless act this is on Joseph's part. How many men would express this kind of love after being embarrassed and humility by the love of his life?

Perhaps this why God chose Joseph to be Jesus' earthly father. No ordinary man could God entrust to raise and love his son Jesus. Only a man of immense love, of immense character and of immense honor would God give his son to. Joseph could have said no to the angel of the Lord when he appeared in his dream. Mary's son was no ordinary child. This child was the Savior of the world, the fulfillment of God's promise and the Messiah, the Promised One of ancient times. What an overwhelming responsibility this would be for Joseph. Could he actually do it to be Jesus' father? How fearful this would be. His life would drastically and radically change forever. Yet, Joseph said yes to God. He put his faith and trust in God.

Joseph took Mary into his home, into his life and into his very heart. In doing this, Joseph takes Jesus into his very heart. This is why Joseph is the patron saint of the Catholic Church, the patron saint of us. Like St. Joseph, we are asked by the angel of the Lord to take Jesus into our home, into our lives and into our very hearts. In doing this, how joyful, how peaceful, how wonderful and spectacular our life will truly be. That is how my life has been. May your life be as well.

Fr. Paul

What We Believe

From a Concord Pastor:

Lord, the jolly jingle's all around -but not in every heart...
Red and green are everywhere -but some folks just feel blue...
The rushing 'round to buy and wrap disheartens lonely souls...
Plans for Christmas Eve leave out all those who'll be alone...
This merry month will be for some the hardest time of all...

Then, help me, Lord, I pray...

Help me hear the tears that fall as Christmas bells are ringing...
Let me see the shades of blue that cloud a neighbor's joy...
Help me wrap my love to share with those who'll be alone...
On hearts that ache and know the pain this season often brings,
Let your touch come, Lord, with grace to heal with peace on
Christmas day...

Amen.

*If this prayer describes someone I know,
how will I reach out to that person this Christmas?*

*If this prayer describes me,
how will I respond to those who reach out to me?*

*Or am I a person who needs to reach out to others
while welcoming others' gracious gestures?*

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat. Dec 17	5:30 pm	Deceased Members
Sun. Dec 18	7:30 am	Sarah Cannon (+)
	9:30 am	Margaret Rodgers (+)
	11:30 am	Richard Huss (+)
Mon. Dec 19	8:00 am	The Pope
Tues. Dec 20	8:00 am	St. Denis Parishioners
Wed. Dec 21	8:00 am	The Homeless and Shut Ins
Thurs Dec 22	8:00 am	Deceased Members
Fri. Dec 23	8:00 am	Tonette Corpus (living) Birthday

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat. Dec 17	4:30 pm	Nena Gaytan (+)
Sun. Dec 18	9:30 am	Deceased Members

Deceased Member: Adrian Torres Flores

In your charity, please pray for...

Lillian Schulte, George Sutton, Rosa Sharif, Dean Babcock, Carol Armstrong, Stella Arde, Agnes Babcock, Bob Bark, Louise Brent, Mike Carragee, Lily Chan, Lynn Cintron, Sandra Dailey, Gertrude DeZelaya, Bob Ellis, Amelia Elsbree, Michael Fil, Susan Fil, Ruben Fuentes, Johnny Gentry, Lauren Goode, Michael Ho, Ryan Johnston, Maurice Kidd, Lisa Kitz, Matthew Lear, Phyllis Lucas, Luke Mars, Ann Martin, Sheri Martin, Dorothy Meyers, Dennis Miller, Lorie Ortega, Robert Roger, Raymond Shaaf Sr., Kathy Schoendorf, Marie Scott, Dorothy Skala, Doug Ury, Walter Weber, Bev Wheat, Mila Wright, William Yates, Ada Zilli, and William and Jean Zonner. **NAMES WILL REMAIN ON THE LIST FOR A MONTH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.**

Religious Education

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 lsoltau@stdenisparish.org

RECONCILIATION SERVICES NEARBY

There will be Reconciliation Services for Advent in our neighboring parishes. All are invited and welcome!

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

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

Saturday, December 24 at 4:00pm at St. Denis.

This Mass fills up fast so come early! There will be extra seating on the patio.

Children are invited to participate in the drama of the Christmas Gospel Or sing in the Children's Choir.

Rehearsal for EVERYONE is Friday, December 23 at noon in the church.

For more details, please contact Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org

CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS TONIGHT

Sunday, December 18 at 5:30pm in the chapel for Mass

Bring your journals!

Your homework was to rewrite the Nicene Creed in your own words.

Be prepared to share it!

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR VACATION TIME!

There will be no Religious Ed classes on December 25 and January 1.

Our next regular classes FOR EVERYONE will be January 8.

Have a happy and holy Christmas!

Need a Ride to Mass?

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



7th Grade Retreat Day

Our 7th grade group was on retreat last Saturday. They discerned the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and how to use those gifts in their lives. And they enjoyed the parishioners at Our Lady of the Wayside for mass.



Poinsettia Remembrance

It's not too late to participate in our poinsettia remembrance program for the Christmas season. You can remember a loved one in a special way with a poinsettia plant labeled with your loved ones' name. We are requesting \$10 to cover the cost of each plant. We will be labeling them at both churches. If you would like to participate put your name, your loved ones(s) name, and mark on the envelope or check that you are using. Please use a separate check from the offertory monies. We will be happy to take care of the rest for you. Please hand in requests by Wednesday, December 21st. Thank you.



Friendly Reminders

Bulletin & Announcements.

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

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

Advent Office Hours

Due to our heavy workload caused by the end of the year and a new payroll system our office hours are 9:30am to 2:00pm Monday thru Friday. Please call if you are planning on coming in during lunch time as we may be on break.

Stewardship

July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 (Goal)	\$450,000.00
July 1, 2016 to November 30, 2016	\$192,473.98
Monthly Goal-November, 2016	\$36,000.00
November Sunday Collections	\$37,391.58

Christmas Mass Schedules

December 24th Mass Schedule: St Denis Church 4pm Children's mass and 6pm mass

December 24th mass Schedule: Our Lady of the Wayside 4:30pm mass and 9pm mass

December 25th: Regular mass schedules



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 12-18-16 Today we will be decorating the churches for Christmas. Our Lady of the Wayside will decorate for Christmas after 9:30am mass.
St. Denis will decorate after 11:30am mass. Plan to stay and help and socialize.
- 12-18-16 Vallombrosa Choir Christmas Concert today. Admission is free, donations accepted, at St. Raymond Church 2pm
- 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.

