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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Mass Times

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

2nd Collection:
March 26th, 2017
Catholic Relief Services

(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,

Every Lent we are given the gospel passage about Jesus and the woman of Samaria. This is, indeed, a very rich story of faith. There is a lot going on between the interaction of Jesus and the woman. Two diverse cultures not so much collide but come together. A Jewish man Jesus not only talks to a Samaritan, but to a Samaritan woman. This was a very radical and unheard of thing, and even shocking during the time of Jesus. Centuries of bitterness and hatred are no more. The simple asking for water by Jesus tears down the walls and barriers between the two cultures. Something even more wonderful is happening here.

It is only natural for Jesus to be thirsty after a long journey. His body needs to be replenished with life giving water. Yet, on a spiritual level Jesus thirsts for the Samaritan woman to have faith in him. He thirsts for her faith. After Jesus' conversation with her and knowing so much about her, the Samaritan woman comes to believe that Jesus is the Messiah. She has faith in Jesus. And so Jesus thirsts no more. Her faith gushes like an overflowing fountain drenching the good Lord.

The Samaritan woman cannot contain her faith. Her faith is like a wildfire which spreads throughout her town. So many have been caught up in the flame of faith. They too come to have faith in Jesus. Having faith in the one true God has a way of uniting all people into the Body of the Christ. God bless, Fr. Paul

The Samaritan woman and Jesus both step out of their comfort zones in today’s Gospel.

Jesus talks to a woman, a Samaritan woman, a sinful Samaritan woman!

And the woman talks to a man, a Jewish man, a Jewish man she is not married to.

And they get caught in the act by his apostles! What a scandal!

Because they stepped out and reached out, the woman received more than water from the well. She received mercy and hope and was inspired to spread the Good News to others. And the townspeople, who had cast her out, listened to her and sought out Jesus themselves. And everyone came to believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

Can I step out and reach out and proclaim the Good News?

Who am I avoiding that could be sharing the Good News with me?

Or am I like the apostles, suspicious and defensive?

Am I missing the Living Water that Jesus has to offer me, because I keep coming back to the same old well?

Yours in the Lord, Lucy

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

In your charity, please pray for...


St. Denis

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**Religious Education**

**FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES: SACRAMENT WORKSHOP**

Sunday, April 2 at 1:00pm in St. Denis Church. All families preparing to celebrate the Sacrament this spring should come. Bring your children!! There will be activities around the church to explore each of the Sacraments. Parents, be prepared to share your own sacramental experiences!

**OPERATION RICE BOWL**

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Pick up your FREE Rice Bowl container by the church entrances TODAY!

Return your filled Rice Bowl during Holy Week.

All proceeds go to hunger projects in our area and Catholic Relief Services.

For more information go to [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org)

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**Friendly Reminders**

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**St. Patrick’s Celebration at OLW**

**Sunday Donut Help**

To sign up to help with donut service, please go to [www.stdenparish.org](http://www.stdenparish.org) and click on “Donut Help Needed!” Volunteers get “first dibs” on choosing donuts. For any further questions call Maritza at 650 291-0657.

**Bulletin & Announcements**

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

NOTE: Announcements may not appear until the next bulletin Cycle due to space limitations.

Thank You.
Family Service Opportunities With St. Vincent De Paul

Spend time together as a family during Lent and help to spread joy and love to those served by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. There are two projects to choose from:

**HEALING SOCKS** – place inside a pair of new white tube socks the following:
- a toothbrush, toothpaste, travel-sized shampoo, dental floss

**FRESH START KITS** – pack toiletry kits of soap, body wash, brush/comb
- and a new white large t-shirt.

Place your family-provided items in the SVDP containers at the back of the church throughout Lent. Have questions? Contact George Quiter at 650-363-1330

**THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS** – volunteer your time at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Redwood City on March 28 or April 7.
- Please find the sign-up sheet in the back of the church. You will be contacted about training and orientation. Great for young people ages 8-17, when accompanied by parents.

Symbolism of Lent

Look around the church this season. You’ll see lots of purple and the desert. Purple is the color of sorrow and repentance, and reminds us to examine our consciences and be sorry for our sins. The desert is where we join Jesus, confronting our temptations and focusing on our relationship with God, without distractions. The Holy Water has been removed too, as a sign of our desert experience, but it will return with the blessing of new water during the Easter Vigil celebration.

Upcoming Events

- **March 22, 29, April 5** - Please join us each Wednesday during Lent at 6:00pm in St. Denis parish hall. We’ll share a simple pot luck supper then reflect on the Sunday readings. Childcare will be available.

- **Every Friday During Lent** – Mass, Stations of the Cross, hot cross buns & coffee.

- **April 2nd** – Sacrament Workshop for First Communion Families at 1pm at St. Denis.

- **April 8th** – Seder Meal 6:30pm St. Denis Parish Hall

- **The Triduum** – April 13th-16th Holy Thursday 7pm at St. Denis

- **Good Friday Services** Noon at St. Denis

- **Easter Vigil** 7pm at St Denis

- **Easter Sunday** regular mass schedules