“...everyone who lives and believes will never die.”

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Sunday: 9:30 am

Confession Times
Saturday: 4:00 pm, Our Lady of the Wayside
Saturday: 5:00 pm, St. Denis

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M-F, 9:00 am—2:00 pm

April 2nd, 2017 5th Sunday of Lent

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

Sometimes in life we have to experience and endure the extreme. Death is arguably the most extreme thing we could ever experience in life. Dying is inevitable. We cannot escape it. It is unavoidable. Death is, indeed, the very end. It is the final call. In dying though, we experience the power and presence of God.

God was there when we were created. In the Old Testament, God is viewed as the One who knitted us in our mother's womb. With his very hands, God created us. God took the time and effort to make us uniquely his own made in his image and likeness. God will also be there when we die. He will be intimately, personally and closely involved in our death.

It is mentioned in the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel that God himself will open our graves. I envision God ripping apart with his bare hands our graves. He will dig down deep into our graves, and pull up with his hands, the very hands that made us. With his mouth, God will breath into our nostrils and mouths his spirit to make us live once again. God not only says we will live, but he also promises us that we will live, and so we will. In my heart and with all my heart, I firmly believe that. May you believe that as well.

God bless, Fr. Paul

DEATH AND RESURRECTION
We say we believe it.
We say it at every Mass.
It’s in our Creed.
“…He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day…”
But every year I hear the question, “where is Jesus buried?”
I answer, “He’s not buried anywhere, he rose from the dead!”
Then comes the reply, “well then, where is He?!”
And I answer, “He’s everywhere! He’s right here, right now! He’s in all of us!”
Oh yeah….I forgot.

In today’s Gospel, Lazarus has died, and it’s been three days. And Jesus tells his friends to roll away the stone, and tells Lazarus to come out.
Lazarus has risen from the dead! But not the same way Jesus would.
Lazarus’ resurrection was limited. He would die again someday.
Jesus’ resurrection was unlimited, glorious, and He would never die again.
And because He is not hindered by a physical body,
He can be with each of us every day, everywhere, no limits.
And He promises that our resurrection will be like his,
because He has conquered death.

Spend some time this last week before Holy Week remembering that Jesus is alive, He is with us, and He will come again to raise us all to be with Him forever. That’s what Easter is all about!

Yours in the Lord, Lucy

St. Denis
Sat. April 1 5:30 pm Warren Zuckert (+)
Sun. April 2  7:30 am Care For Environment
         9:30 am Care For Environment
         11:30 am Bob Glockner (+)
Mon. April 3  8:00 am World Peace
Tues. April 4  8:00 am Deceased Members
Wed. April 5  8:00 am Catechumens
Thurs. April 6 8:00 am Christian Unity
Fri. April 7  8:00 am St. Denis Families

Our Lady Of The Wayside
Sat. April 1  4:30pm World Peace
Sun. April 2  9:30am World Peace

In your charity, please pray for...

**Religious Education**

**FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES: SACRAMENT WORKSHOP**

This 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!

**HOLY WEEK AND SPRING BREAK: NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES**

There are no Religious Ed classes on April 9 and 16 for Holy Week and Easter. Classes will resume April 23 at the usual times.

**OPERATION RICE BOWL**

A beautiful way to answer the call to PRAY, FAST and GIVE during Lent. It’s not too late to pick up your FREE Rice Bowl container by the church entrances. 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)

**Flower Donations For OLW**

In Memory of Peter Vanos, azaleas will be planted at Our Lady of the Wayside Church in April. If you would like to make a contribution special envelopes will be available in the back of the church or you may contact Barbara Kataoka at 415 713-3783 for more details. Please enter in memo of check OLW azaleas. Thank you.

**Easter Basket Donation**

St. Denis Outreach Committee will be collecting Easter baskets for Pre-Schooler’s at Hoover School again this year. The baskets will be delivered to the school the week of April 10th. You may leave Easter baskets at the back of the church. If you cannot donate an Easter basket but would prefer to contribute to this annual event there will be a Basket with envelopes marked Easter Basket Donation at the back of the church. These envelopes may then be dropped in the Collection Basket. Any amount is appreciated and questions should be directed to Marlene Hunter, 325-4058. *Note cut off is Sunday April 9th. Thank you & God bless!*

**Outreach Ride To Mass**

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

**Friendly Reminders**

**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

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**Stewardship**

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Lilies For The Easter Alter

Remember a loved one for Easter by doing one of the following options: You can write a check (memo box to say Easter Lily & St. Denis or OLW) or you can bring in a white Easter Lily with the person’s name on it. We will collect lilies, checks, and names Between April 8th-14th (Palm Sunday to Good Friday,) on the benches outside of the church at St. Denis or under the breezeway at Our Lady of the Wayside. Allergic to Lilies? During Easter Season St. Denis Chapel will be a lily-free zone!

The Seder Dinner Is Coming!

Our Parish Seder Dinner happens at St. Denis at 6:30pm Saturday April 8th. If you want to go there is a clip board at the back of both churches, or you may email or call Dede. Kids are welcome. Please Do RSVP!

Nearby Reconciliation Services

St. Raymond’s Church: Monday April 10th at 7pm
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church: Wednesday April 5th at 7pm

Upcoming Events

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 5– No Potluck & Prayer: Please join us this week at the Seder Meal instead (See below.)
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