

# 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

## For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.



August 20th, 2017 20th Sunday in ordinary time

(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

## Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Love has a way of making us do things we would normally not do. It is evident that the Canaanite woman in today's gospel passage loved her daughter tremendously. Love compelled her to approach Jesus fearlessly, yet with great humility. There was bad blood between the Israelites and the Canaanites. Violence, annihilation and hatred was their shared history. Jesus' rebuff of the Canaanite woman indicates his reluctance to help her. Her persistence bothers and annoys Jesus' disciples.

It is this persistence that Jesus admires and respects. More importantly, the Canaanite woman's faith in Jesus is revealed for she calls him Lord. She believes in him even more than Jesus' own disciples. She will not take no for an answer and she will not leave until Jesus helps her. Jesus more than admires this Canaanite woman, he too loves her tremendously. The love of Jesus breaks down the historical and cultural hostility and prejudice between these two ethnicities. That is what love does.

Jesus' love of all of God's people on earth compels him to help this woman of faith, and so he does. May we love like Jesus and this woman of faith. In the eyes of Jesus, this woman is not a Canaanite, but a woman of great faith and love. That is what we are to be as well. The sooner we are people of faith and love the sooner racism and bigotry will end.

Fr. Paul

## What We Believe

### Persistence Pays

This week's Gospel is a testament to persistence. The Canaanite woman, a foreigner, is initially ignored but Jesus recognizes her faith and cures her daughter. While Jesus is preoccupied with getting His message out to the "house of Israel," he is touched by her humble words, "even the dogs eat the scraps." What does that tell you and me? The Canaanite woman's cause, the cure of her beloved daughter, inspires her to go after Jesus, in spite of her status, her nationality, and her sex. She did not lose heart, and in these times many of us are tempted to do just that.

About seven months ago, my aunt sent me this and I think it is worth revisiting in light of today's message. It speaks volumes about persistence and faith, no matter what side of the political spectrum you are on.

*Every day we can vote by using less of earth's resources to help fight global warming. Every day we can vote by treating one another with the deepest unconditional love and respect. Every day we can vote by treating all our brothers and sisters in our country and in the world, with genuine appreciation and gratitude for all the beauty and diversity we bring to each other. Every moment, in every day of or life is a seed being planted, is a vote being made.*

*Let's move forward now voting each day through our actions, thoughts, and heart. Through whatever darkness we perceive, let's try to shine light. We will move forward together now, but we all just need to focus on doing our part. Make your daily votes count!*

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis

Sat. Aug 19 5:30 pm Students & Teachers  
Sun. Aug 20 7:30 am Sarah Canon (+)  
9:30 am Pauline Diaz (+)  
11:30 am Fr. James O'Shaughnessy (+)  
Mon. Aug 21 8:00 am National Unity  
Tues. Aug 22 8:00 am Mass of Thanksgiving  
Wed. Aug 23 8:00 am For those who care for the Environment  
Thurs. Aug 24 8:00 am St. Denis Parishioners  
Fri. Aug 25 8:00 am Catholic Schools

### Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat. Aug 19 4:30pm Students & Teachers  
Sun. Aug 20 9:30am Students & Teachers

In your charity, please pray for...

Mila Wright, Rosa Sharif, George Knapp, Barbara Ham, John Hunter

The List has been updated. Names will be removed monthly unless you let the office know. Thank you.

## Faith Formation

### FAITH FORMATION NEWS

We have classes and programs for children age 4 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and even some events and projects for high school students! Our elementary grades meet Sunday mornings and our Confirmation group meets on Sunday evenings. Our [schedule for next school year and registration form](#) are available NOW on the parish website!

Please check it out at [www.stdenisparish.org](http://www.stdenisparish.org)

We'll see you all on September 17 at 9:30am for our opening Mass and breakfast!

ALL classes begin again September 24.



### CATECHISTS NEEDED!!

Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade catechist has had to resign from teaching this year due to scheduling conflicts.

Thank you, Erika Lee, for your past two years of service!

This leaves us without a catechist for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

If you are feeling called to this lively ministry, especially if you have a child in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade,

Please contact Lucy at [lsoltau@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lsoltau@stdenisparish.org) as soon as possible!

CONFIRMATION: We'll have a special parent/teen information meeting for our Confirmation

program on Sunday, September 10 at 5:30pm. We'll begin with Mass, then dinner, then the meeting.

All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents are invited to join us!

All 8<sup>th</sup> graders interested in Confirmation should contact Lucy to schedule your interview before that!



### GOOD NEWS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILIES!

Beginning in September, parishes in our area will be coordinating a new religious education program for those on the Autism Spectrum and other special needs, focusing on preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation, and enabling greater participation in the Mass. They can accommodate various physical, speech and sensory needs. St. Charles Parish in San Carlos will be hosting. If you know someone who would benefit from a program like this, please contact Ana Uribe-Ruiz at [acuriberuiz@hotmail.com](mailto:acuriberuiz@hotmail.com) or Monica Miller at [mmiller@stcharlesparish.org](mailto:mmiller@stcharlesparish.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

## St. Vincent De Paul Summer Drive

### Summer Drive for St Vincent de Paul RWC Homeless Help Center

During the month of August, St. Denis will be collecting Summer items for the people served by SVdP's Redwood City Homeless Help Center. Items of greatest need include:

- Sunscreen (at least SPF 30)
- Chapstick
- Sun hats
- Baseball caps
- Sun visors



Bins will be available at the back of the church until Sunday August 27th. Your donations will enable guests of the centers to receive these essential Summer items that are not usually supplied. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

## Mass Rides

If you are in need of a ride to Mass, or if you can provide a ride to a fellow parishioner, please call Maritza Longland at 650 291-0657 or talk to any Outreach Committee member.



## 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](mailto:dedewm@pacbell.net)

**NOTE:** Announcements may not appear until the next bulletin due to space limitations. Thank You!



## Stewardship

July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 (Goal)	\$459,000.00
July 1, 2017 to July 31, 2017	\$35,896.00
Monthly Goal– July 2017	\$45,000.00

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**Look For Further Info In Future Weeks.**

## Refugee BBQ

**What a wonderful BBQ/Picnic celebration for all those who attended this parish party in honor of our sponsored refugee family this past July 23. Through the generosity of our parishioners and those of St. Leo's, our refugee family is on its way to self-sufficiency and opportunity!**



## Upcoming Events

**August 26th Our Lady of the Wayside Wine Social after 4:30pm mass**

**September 2nd Wine & Cheese after 5:30pm mass**

**September 3rd Wine & Cheese after 11:30am mass**

**September 5th Senior Luncheon with Communion Service at noon**

**September 10th Confirmation Parent & Student dinner,  
and meeting at 5:30pm**

**September 17th Outdoor mass & pancake breakfast  
St. Denis Church 9:30am**

**September 24th All Religious Ed Classes Begin!**

