Catechetical Sunday:
Living as Missionary Disciples

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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

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY
For Priest’s Retirement Fund

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When she did that, I felt so bad. She made me feel ashamed and made me feel like I committed a mortal sin. I was quite unnerved for some time. I got the feeling she enjoyed belittling and demeaning people. That is how we can be at times. If someone does something wrong, we hold it over them and shame them.

That is not how God is. Today's Responsorial Psalm reveals how God really is and how he treats us. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. That is what we believe God to be. Equally as important, that is how we are to be as well. Living the faith is about emulating the ways of God. Rooted in faith, may we treat each other lovingly.

God bless, Fr. Paul

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Both St. Denis and Our Lady Of The Wayside have updated their mass intentions. The list of names has been updated and will be removed monthly unless you let the office know. Thank you.
**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

We have classes and programs for children age 4 through 8th grade, including Sacrament preparation, 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 this school year and registration form are available NOW on the parish website!

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

**ALL classes begin again September 24.**

**CONFIRMATION**

Our next confirmation gathering is Sunday, September 24 beginning with Mass at 5:30pm, dinner and class time till 8:00pm. All 7th and 8th graders are welcome!

**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 or Monica Miller at mmiller@stcharlesparish.org.

We look forward to hearing from you!

**YOUTH RALLY!! Whose Image is This?**

For high school youth and those preparing for Confirmation. A day of music, prayers, speakers, Mass, food and a dance! Saturday, October 21 at St. Bede Parish in Hayward.

To sign up and get a permission slip, contact Lucy at lsoitaustddenisparish.org

**Liturgical Ministry Training**

If you are interested in becoming a Lector or Altar Server, we will be scheduling a training soon! The training will be on a Sunday morning between Masses. Please contact Dede to sign up!

**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@pachbell.net

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

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**Stewardship**

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**Parish Pay Egiving Becomes WeShare.**

Look For Further Info In Future Weeks.
The parishioners of Our Lady of the Wayside celebrated a Mass of Remembrance for priests who have served there:
Fr. George Thomas, Fr. Tom Moran and Fr. Gene Konkel

Upcoming Events

September 17th  Outdoor Mass & pancake breakfast  POSTPONED!
September 24th  All Religious Ed Classes Begin!
October 1st  First Communion Parent meeting at 10:30am
October 3rd  Senior Luncheon & Communion Service at 12 noon
October 4th  Blessing the Animals  4:00pm
October 7-8  Wine & Cheese after 5:30pm & 11:30am Masses
October 8th  Confirmation class at 5:30pm
October 21st  Youth Rally all day in Hayward