The last will be first, and the first will be last. Matthew 20:1-16a
Dear Beloved Parishioners,

As human beings, we have faults, weaknesses and limitations. This includes the most brilliant of us. Even Albert Einstein had intellectual limitations. The sooner we realize this the wiser we will become. The first reading reminds us that God's ways are not our ways.

It is futile of us to question why God does what he does. The great Buffalo Bills quarterback Jim Kelly was diagnosed with cancer many years ago. It is only natural for us to wonder why so many people suffer from this horrible disease. His fighting spirit has been an inspiration to so many people. He refused to give in. He fought and won the battle of cancer. He gives hope to those who suffer from cancer. Like Jim Kelly, they too will not give up.

As people of faith, we are called and challenged to accept all things with faith and trust in God. It is easy to say, but hard to do. God is always with us on our journey of faith though. God is with us in the people who surround us with their love, prayers and presence. Specifically, the good Lord is with us and in us in the Eucharist we consume at mass. Faith and trust in God takes us beyond human limitations. Faith empowers us to soar above the human understanding of things.

Blessings, Fr. Paul

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Pastor’s Corner

We Believe

**The Home Depot Gospel**

The day-laborers waiting in the parking lot for someone to hire them.

Will they get work that day?

Maybe it will just be a short job and they will come back to wait for another one.

Maybe it will be a long-term job that they can count on for a few days or weeks.

Maybe it will lead to something more permanent.

Maybe they’ll just be in the parking lot all day, and then try again tomorrow.

There is a theory that Jesus was a day-laborer. He had the skills of a carpenter, taught to him by Joseph. But he told the stories of farmers, vineyard workers, shepherds, builders and fishermen. Maybe he had worked those jobs himself at different times, learning lessons from those who did the job full time. Then he shared those lessons with us in his parables. Lessons like today about patience, persistence, generosity and fairness.

What lessons can we learn and share from the work we do?

What lessons can the day-laborers in the Home Depot parking lot have to teach us?

Yours in the Lord, Lucy

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**Mass Intentions**

**St. Denis**

Sat. Sept. 23   5:30 pm Philip Balma (+)
Sun. Sept. 24   7:30 am Michael Pinkman (+)
              9:30 am Gail Dugan (+)
              11:30 am Lino Imperail (+)

Mon. Sept. 25   8:00 am World Peace
Tues. Sept. 26  8:00 am Hurricane Victims
Wed. Sept. 27   8:00 am St. Vincent de Paul
Thurs. Sept. 28 8:00 am Earthquake Victims
Fri. Sept. 29   8:00 am Caregivers

**Our Lady Of The Wayside**

Sat. Sept. 23   4:30 pm Lino Imperial (+)
Sun. Sept. 24   9:30am James Ward (+)

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**In your charity, please pray for...**

Mila Wright, Rosa Sharif, George Knapp, Barbara Ham, John Hunter, Janet Sue Cox, Janice Varell

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

**ALL CLASSES BEGIN TODAY!!**

Grades Pre-K thru 4 meet in their classrooms in the hall at 9:30am and will be brought to the Church during the Preparation of the Gifts.

Grades 5 and 6 meet at 10:30 to 11:30am in the hall.

Confirmation, grades 7 and 8, meet at 5:30pm in the Church for Mass, then dinner and class til 8:00pm.

You can register your children by going to the parish website [www.stdenisparish.org](http://www.stdenisparish.org) and click on the Faith Formation tab.

**FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING**

Sunday, October 1 at 10:30am in the church

Come for a short meeting about the preparation for Reconciliation, pick up your home materials, and meet each other! Get your donut and coffee, and then join us in the church.

**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??**

**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 lsoltau@stdenisparish.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@pacbell.net

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

Stewardship

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Look For Further Info In Future Weeks.

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Local Events

St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk

Saturday, September 30th 9:30am—3:00pm, Lake Merced, San Francisco
St. Mary’s Cathedral office  415 567-2020 ext. 205  fopwalk.org

Come join with St. Vincent de Paul Society in the national “Friends of the Poor Walk” as a walker or a sponsor. All are welcome. Walkers should register by September 27. Donations are accepted through October 13. To donate or register, contact St. Mary’s Cathedral office, see above.

St. Raymond Pumpkin Festival

The St. Raymond Pumpkin Festival is a great family event with something for everyone: pony rides, climbing spider maze, bungee trampoline, face painting, bounce houses, pumpkin sales, carnival games, food, beer garden, live music and more!

Fri., Oct. 6th | 3:30 - 9pm
Sat., Oct 7th | Noon - 6pm

1100 Santa Cruz Ave. | Menlo Park

Upcoming Events

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

October 22nd  Bake Sale to support St. Anthony’s