THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

November 26th, 2017    Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
**Parish Christmas Tea**

“Peace On Earth “

Saturday, December 9th, 2017
1:00 to 3:00 pm @ St. Denis Parish Hall
Tickets: $25 each (All are welcome) Please make checks payable to: St. Denis Church. Last day to purchase tickets is December 5th. Seating is limited: payment must be received prior to event. Kindly make checks payable to St Denis Church. Questions contact Barbara Mason at 650 854-2526 or babs412@yahoo.com

**We Believe**

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Savior of all.

Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Savior of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation.

Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Savior of all.

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**Mass Intentions**

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

Pier Iglesias, Sandy Rock, Mila Wright, Rosa Sharif, 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 News

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

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.

We only have 30 minutes of class time, so please be on time!

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 and click on the Faith Formation tab.

**NO CLASSES TODAY, NOVEMBER 26 FOR THANKSGIVING WEEKEND**

**FR. PAUL’S FIRST COMMUNION CLASS**

These classes are optional for those children preparing to celebrate their First Communion this Spring.

His next class will be Monday, November 27 at 3:30-4:30pm in the parish library.

**CHILDREN’S CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS EVE**

If you can read, you can be in our Children’s Choir for Christmas Eve!

We’ll be singing at the 4:00pm Family Mass at St. Denis.

Rehearsals will be in the church after the 9:30am Mass beginning Sunday, November 26.

So grab a donut and then come sing with us!

**ADVENT FAMILY GATHERING**

Sunday, December 3 at 10:30am in the parish hall

Come and explore different ways to celebrate Advent and prepare for Jesus’ coming!

Hands-on activities for the children! Free supplies to take home!

All are welcome!

**FIRST RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

Saturday, December 9 at 10:00am at St. Denis.

For children receiving their First Communion this spring.

Families welcome!

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Christmas Giving Trees

The Christmas Giving Trees will be in both churches beginning Saturday, December 2nd. Gift tags may be removed and attached to gifts that should be returned to the church no later than Sunday, December 17th. Please securely attach the tags to your gifts paying special attention to whether gift wrapping is necessary which will be noted on the back of each tag. Gifts will be delivered to St. Francis Center, Catholic Worker House, Hoover Pre-School, and Life Moves “Maple Street” Shelter.

If you cannot take a tag but would prefer to contribute there will be a box in the rear of each church for donations. Any amount is appreciated.

Questions should be directed to Marlene Hunter 325-4058.

Thank you.

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Spiritual Book Group

For Advent our group will be reading and praying with “Celebrating Abundance: Devotions for Advent” by Walter Brueggemann, a renowned Old Testament scholar. He invites us amid the excesses of the holiday season to discover the true inner abundance that the arrival of the Messiah brings to us all. Everyone is invited to join us for the Advent season. Books are available at Kepler’s on the Book Club shelf under “St. Denis Spirituality”. Be sure to tell the checker so he/she can apply the special discount. We meet on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am in a private home in Menlo Park.

Please call Tereza McNamee at 650-323-6859.

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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 & okayed by Dede prior to masses.

Contact her at dedem@pacbell.net

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

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Stewardship

If you gave online through ParishPay, the work of transferring your account to WeShare is done. Go to the parish website and click on the WeShare online giving link. Follow the instructions to verify your existing account. New to online Egiving? Follow the same link to create a new account.

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Advent Parish Retreat

ADVENT: THE SEASON OF DEEPEST LONGING

St. Denis Parish invites you to an advent retreat Monday, December 11th, 9:30am-1:00pm

Presenter: Sr. Sharon McMillan, Sister of Notre Dame de Namur

Our day will include morning coffee, Advent presentation, Mass, and lunch

RSVP by December 9th by calling Dede at 650 854-5976 ext. 4 or dedewm@pacbell.net

Give yourself the gift of this mini-retreat!

Upcoming Events

November 26th   Children’s Choir Rehearsal (1st rehearsal) after 9:30am mass. See faith Formation news for more info.

November 27th   First Communion Class with Fr. Paul (optional) 3:30pm

December 3rd    Family Gathering Advent 10:30am at St. Denis hall

December 9th    First Reconciliation Service at 10:am at St. Denis For children receiving their First Communion This Spring.

December 9th    Parish Christmas Tea 1:00pm in the parish hall See bulletin for details

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