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

NOTE: ON DECEMBER 24th THERE WILL NOT BE A 9:30AM MASS AT ST. DENIS CHURCH. SEE BACK OF BULLETIN OR VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE FOR MASS TIMES FOR DECEMBER 24th & 25th.

December 17th, 2017 3rd Sunday of Advent
Dear Beloved Parishioners,

This third Sunday of Advent marks the halfway point of the Advent season. The rose color candle is lit today. What is special about this third Sunday is that we are called to rejoice in the Lord. For Jesus is coming soon. He is well on his way. The light of Christ is becoming brighter and brighter. Darkness is fading.

Do we not have so much to rejoice? St. Paul reminds us to always rejoice in the Lord no matter what may be happening in our lives. We are never alone. We are not abandoned. Christ is with us even during the darkest moments of our lives. Although we may feel and believe that his presence is faint, Jesus is with us for his name is Emmanuel, God with us.

Jesus is with us in the those who lend a helping hand when we most need it. Jesus is with us in those who comfort us with encouraging words. Jesus is with us in the kindness of a stranger. Jesus is especially with us in the celebration of the Eucharist. The good Lord is always and ever present in our very midst. May you always believe this in your heart. Rejoice in the Lord.

God bless, Fr. Paul

Liturgically speaking, the Third Sunday of Advent offers a joyful reminder that we are just a breath away from Christmas, especially the way the calendar falls this year with the Fourth Week of Advent rolling into Christmas Eve on the very same day! The weekend readings are filled with hope and rejoicing. The responsorial psalm, “My soul rejoices in my God” is an invitation to remember God’s goodness and caring, a true comfort to remember in the tumultuous times in which we live.

But joy is hardly how I would describe many of the feelings I share with most of the women I know. The Third Week of Advent is a harsh reminder that we better get those gifts mailed off, those cards sent out, and the packages purchased and wrapped. Still, we seem to love the Christmas season year after year.

So what is the best attitude to have during these last few days of Advent? Believe it or not, I stumbled on a possible answer through doing doughnut duty! If you have to push out the coffee and doughnuts by yourself you will discover a natural downhill slope that can really derail you, but if you hold on tight and push the carts forward with all your strength you will make it to your destination without a mishap.

If there are a few landmines on the way to Christmas, let’s resolve to push forward in hope, remembering the blessings our efforts may give to others in the celebration of God with us.

Happy Advent!

Dede Waters-Masters

A Doughnut Lesson

Mass Intentions

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In your charity, please pray for...

Holly Hermansen, 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.

We Believe
Faith Formation News

NO CLASSES DURING THE HOLIDAYS
There will be NO religious ed classes December 24 thru January 14. Our next classes will be Sunday, January 21. Have a holy Christmas and a joyful New Year! Stay safe!

Friendly Reminders

SAVE THE DATE!! JUNE 25 THRU JUNE 29, 2018
MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP!! HONOLULU, HI
That’s right! We’re taking current 6th, 7th, and 8th graders on a 5 day mission trip to Hawaii. The sponsoring organization is the Center for Ministry Development www.cmdnet.org
We’ll be staying at a local retreat center and working on service projects organized by the local diocese.
The cost is $290 per person (not including transportation).
There will be an information meeting in January (TBA)
Til then, mark your calendars, check out the website above or email me at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org
Space is limited!

Stewardship

July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 (Goal) $459,000.00
July 1, 2017 to November 30th, 2017 $146,850.04
Monthly Goal—November 2017 $36,000.00
November 2017 Sunday Offertory Collections $36,088.00

Christmas Giving Trees

This Sunday marks the end of our Giving Tree Program. ALL GIFTS and CASH DONATIONS must be in today Sunday December 17th to ensure delivery.
A big thank you to all of you who have generously participated in this yearly event.
God bless,
Marlene Hunter

Thank You!

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of the Wayside & St. Denis,
Thank you so very much for your generous support of our coat drive for the homeless! Your response provided the major part of our coat supply. We are inspired by your compassion and generosity. The warmth you provided is not just the exterior physical warmth, but the love and sharing that each recipient experiences from your donations.
May God abundantly bless you for your kindnesses,
Judy Caletti, President Homeless Help Conference Redwood City

Need a Ride to Mass?

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

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!
Christmas Eve Family Mass

Our Annual Christmas Eve Family Mass to be held on Sunday, December 24 at 4:00pm at St. Denis. Children of all ages are welcome to attend with their families and participate in special ways during the liturgy. The Children’s Choir will help lead the music. This year, we will be dramatizing the Gospel story! Listed below are the roles your children can play during this special Mass, with costume suggestions. Be creative! Talk with your children and see if they would like to participate.

We will have one rehearsal only for everyone involved on Saturday, December 23 at 10:00am in the church.

PreK, Kindergarten, 1st Grade: SHEEP
Children should wear anything white and bring a toy sheep or other stuffed farm animal from home.

2nd Grade: ANGELS
Children should wear white and we'll supply the halos. No wings, please!

3rd Grade: SHEPHERDS
Children should dress in brown or other dark color.
Bathrobes work well and a towel can be used for a headdress.

4th Grade: HOLY FAMILY
We have volunteers for the parts of Mary and Joseph. Costumes will be provided.

5th, 6th Grade: GREETERS & USHERS
Come early to greet people as they arrive, help with seating, and pass out programs and treats.

Confirmation Class: LECTORS
Sign up during class to proclaim the readings.

CHILDREN’S CHOIR: All children who can read are welcome to join the choir! Children can participate in BOTH the choir and the play!

If you have any questions or need help, please contact me anytime at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org

Upcoming Events

Please take home an Advent Book for prayer and reflection. You’ll find December’s schedule on the front.

December 20th    Deanery Reconciliation Service
7:30pm at St. Raymond Parish

December 23rd    Rehearsal for Family Mass at 10am

December 24th    Christmas Eve Masses
St. Denis Family Mass 4pm
St. Denis 6pm
Our Lady of the Wayside 4:30pm
Our Lady of the Wayside 9:00pm

Christmas Day    Regular Sunday Mass Schedules