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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

December 31st, 2017 The Holy Family
Dear Beloved Parishioners,

I want to take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas. The word joy is such a small word. Yet, it speaks volumes. Joy has a way of filling our heart and soul with its profound and lasting meaning. Only love does more. Joy and love, though, are intrinsically connected. Out of love for us, our God desires that we possess and experience joy not only during this sacred time, but always and forever. Joy comes to us in the most unexpected of ways. It comes to us in such a small, fragile, vulnerable and powerless way. It comes to us all bundled up. Joy comes to us in the birth of a newborn child, in the gift of the Christ child.

Is there anything that surpasses the joy of an innocent infant? A newborn child is the incarnation of love between a husband and wife. The Christ child is the incarnation of God's love for us. What is amazing is that we can actually pick it up and hold it close to us, not just once, but always and forever. We hold joy and love in the palm of our hands whenever we receive the Eucharist. We have joy and love deeply in us whenever we consume the Body and Blood of Christ. Joy and love flows through us like a gentle stream.

This is what our gracious God wants us to have, to have joy and love in our lives, in our heart and in our soul. It is no wonder that Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year. It is no wonder that Christmas is the season of joy and love. May we always know and believe how much we are loved by God. May you and your families have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with God's blessings.

God bless, Fr. Paul

Recognizing the Holy

As you may know this past December began with a beautiful wine cruise in Germany where we visited the Christmas markets for 6 days. Despite a few glitches, it was a fabulous experience. Needless to say, when I arrived home there was a lot of work to plow through, but I knew that missing one week would result in a backlog. Perhaps it was foolish to think I could get all the Christmas things done on time, but the trip was worth it.

The “Christmas rush” took off with a new intensity. The day of the Parish Christmas Tea brought its time challenges. I had to be in the City by 5:30 pm to go to dinner and the SF Symphony with my daughter who purchased the tickets as a pre-Christmas gift. Unfortunately I found that my car battery was dead in the parish parking lot that late afternoon. The tea clean-up crew was there to assist, and after we couldn’t figure out how to use jumper cables, AAA showed up and I was harried but on my way, but not without the kindness of all those who helped me in my hour of need. Then, when I later found myself driving down a one-way street in Saturday night traffic on the way to my daughter’s new SF apartment, I had just about reached my limit. Since I lost my telephone earlier that month, my daughter was very happy to see me when I finally arrived late and frazzled.

Earlier that day at the tea I shared a quote from a recent retreat that so impressed me, “The holiest place you will ever be is right here and right now.” As I sat listening to the melodic sounds of Michael Tilson Thomas I thought about how angels here on earth and those in heaven watch over and support me in so many ways, and I was overcome by a sense of awe and gratitude.

In the coming year may you find abundant holy times and places in your daily lives. May God’s abiding presence fill your heart as you seek to live each moment in the holy presence of our loving God.

Dede Waters-Masters

### Mass Intentions

**St. Denis**

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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.
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

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.

Senior Lunch
All seniors and their caregivers are welcome to join us on January 8th at noon. We will have Communion Service followed by lunch. Please rsvp to Dede at 650 854-5976 press 4.

Friendly Reminders
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!

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!

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!

A new book for the New Year! On January 16th, we’ll begin our reading of The Meaning of Mary Magdalen by Cynthia Bourgeault. In recent decades, biblical scholars have revised their view of this saint who has for centuries been called “first among the apostles”. Cynthia Bourgeault studies Mary Magdalen as one who grew in spiritual love and became a teacher and healer. Spoiler alert for Da Vinci Code readers! Bourgeault finds no basis for a secret marriage between Jesus and Mary Magdalen. Come and see what she does uncover. We meet on Tuesdays at 10:00 am at a private home in Menlo Park. Please call Tereza McNamee at 650-323-6859 for further info. Books are available at Kepler’s in the Book Club section. Be sure to ask for the discount at the checkout.

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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Merry Christmas

From the Parish Office of St. Denis & Our Lady of the Wayside Churches wishing all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Fr. Paul, Gina, Lucy, Dede, & Manuel

Annual Christmas Tea Thank You

A heartfelt “Thank You” to Tea Committee Members, tea servers, and guests who attended this beautiful event. Peace on Earth, and Merry Blessed Christmas!