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

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

January 21st, 2018 3rd Sunday in ordinary time

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St. Denis Church (Parish Office)
2250 Avy Avenue • Menlo Park

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
930 Portola Road • Portola Valley
Dear Beloved Parishioners,

When I was in sixth grade, my friend's brother was a paperboy. My mother thought that I should be one too, and thought that it would be good for me to be one. At such a young age, I realized how one does a job is indicative and reveals one's character. I took great pride in how I did my job. I always tried to throw the newspaper on the porch rather than on the driveway. I wanted to make it easier for my customers to get their paper. I hope you have a good paperboy or papergirl.

Jesus needed good disciples to not only follow him and to be in his inner circle, but also to one day continue his mission and ministry. Jesus needed to know that he could trust his disciples with the most important work they would ever do in their lives. There was something about Simon and his brother Andrew, and James and his brother John that caught Jesus' eye. More importantly, there was something about these fishermen that caught the heart of Jesus. Peter, Andrew, James and John took great care and pride in their work. Although their job as fishermen was not glamorous, they diligently and carefully did their work. They were willing to do the tidiest things with great pride like mending their nets. They could have hired someone to do it, but they did not. Peter and Andrew methodically cast their nets into the sea. They did not haphazardly cast their nets.

You learn a lot about a person when he knows no one is looking at him. Does he do an exceptional job or not. We can learn a valuable lesson from these fishermen. They worked hard every day. No one had to tell them to put their heart and soul into their work. We may think that no one is paying attention to what we do or how we do our job, but the good Lord is keeping an eye on us. Can he trust us at this moment? Can he place his confidence and faith in us for bigger and better endeavors, to do the work of God? He needs us as well to share in his mission and ministry. May we not disappoint him.

God bless, Fr. Paul

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<td><strong>“COME AND FOLLOW ME”</strong></td>
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<td>And they left everything, and followed him.</td>
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<td>Really? No questions asked?</td>
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<td>Just left everything and followed Jesus, just like that!</td>
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The first disciples were from Jesus’ neighborhood. Small towns, centered on the Sea of Galilee, and most folks living and working together for generations. Jesus was well known in the area. People knew him as Mary and Joseph’s kid.

So, chances are, Simon, Andrew, James and John all knew him already. And they probably had an idea of what Jesus was asking them to do. They must have had a trusting relationship already in place which make it possible for them to leave it all and follow him.

How is my relationship with Jesus? Are we close enough and do I trust him enough to follow him when he calls me? And what exactly would I have to leave behind?!

I have questions!
I pray that someday I’ll be able to leave everything and follow him.
No questions asked…….

Yours in the Lord, Lucy

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<td><strong>Sat. Jan. 20</strong> 4:30am Martha Melican (+)</td>
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<td><strong>Sun. Jan 21</strong></td>
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<td>9:30 am Gilligan &amp; Smyth Families</td>
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<td><strong>Tue. Jan. 23</strong></td>
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<td>8:00 am For all who follow Jesus</td>
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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**

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<td>July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 (Goal)</td>
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**ONLINE GIVING WITH WESHARE**

New to online Egiving? Follow the link in our parish website to create a new account. 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.

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**MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP!! HONOLULU, HI JUNE 25 THRU JUNE 29, 2018**

There will be an information meeting TODAY, Sunday, January 21 at 10:30am (between Masses)

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](http://www.cmdnet.org)

We’ll be staying at a local retreat center and working on service projects selected for us by the local diocese. The cost is $290 per person (not including transportation).

Space is limited! Contact Lucy at [lsoltau@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lsoltau@stdenisparish.org) for more information.

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**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

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**Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast & Workshop**

**MARDI GRAS!! Pancake breakfast and Lenten workshop**

Sunday, February 11 at 10:30am at St. Denis parish hall. There will be crafts and activities for everyone and FREE pancake breakfast! Everyone is invited!

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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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**Wedding Anniversary Mass**

The Archdiocese of San Francisco will offer our annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on February 3, 10:00am, at the Cathedral. Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone will be the principal celebrant.

All couples celebrating ‘5 year anniversaries’ (5 years, 10, 15… 35, 40) or over 40 years, in 2018, are invited to celebrate with us.

More information/registration is at [www.anniversarymass.net](http://www.anniversarymass.net) or please call (415) 614-5680
Upcoming Events

January 22nd  First Communion Class with Fr. Paul (optional) 3:30pm
February 4th  Confirmation Class at St. Denis 5:30pm
February 5th  First Communion Class with Fr. Paul (optional) 3:30pm
February 11th Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast & Lenten Family Workshop
               10:30am in the St. Denis Parish Hall.
February 14th Ash Wednesday Mass Times: 8:00am mass at St. Denis,
               12 noon mass at St. Denis followed by Soup lunch in the hall,
               6pm mass at St. Denis.
February 16th Stations of the Cross every Friday (During Lent) after the 8:00am
               Mass with refreshments in the St. Denis Parish Hall afterwards.

St. Vincent de Paul Winter Drive

Winter Drive for St Vincent de Paul Redwood City Homeless Help Center
We are collecting "Healing Socks" for the people served by St Vincent de Paul. Place inside a
pair of new white men's athletic or crew socks the following items: toothbrush, toothpaste
dental floss, and travel-sized shampoo, soap, and/or lotion.
Bring your gifts of goodwill to the bins at the back of the church between Jan 20th and
Jan 28th so they can be delivered to the Redwood City Homeless Help Center.
Thank you for your support.