He Is Not Here, He Has Risen!!

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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

The Parish Office will be closed next week, April 2 thru April 6th.

April 1st, 2018 Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord

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St. Denis Church (Parish Office)
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Our Lady of the Wayside Church
930 Portola Road • Portola Valley
Pastor’s Corner

Let us raise our voices in song and sing mightily the majestic words Alleluia, Alleluia. May we always praise God for his son Jesus is risen. Jesus is not dead. Jesus is alive. The risen Lord lives in our very midst. Through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus, we have eternal life. The risen Lord has conquered sin and death once and for all.

The light of the risen Lord shines ever so brightly in our lives. It empowers us to see life in a whole new perspective, and consequently enables us to live our lives with renewed purpose and meaning. Even though life may not be perfect, it is truly beautiful. Faith instills in us the belief that God is the author and creator of all there is. He is not remote or distant from us. God is intimately and personally involved in our lives for he made all things with tremendous love, and it is all good. The First Creation story reminds us of this universal truth. This is why the Easter Vigil requires the First Creation story to be proclaimed so that we may never forget how much God is actively involved in our lives. We cannot help but live our lives with unfading hope then. No matter what may happen in our lives, the risen Lord is with us always.

Belief in the risen Lord compels us to live our lives not for ourselves, but for the least of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Living for and believing in something bigger and better than ourselves brings out the very best in us. There is a willingness to sacrifice personal gain for a greater purpose because in the end we do all things for Christ whose real presence is in those we serve. May the joy of Easter lift up our spirits to forever rejoice in the risen Lord. Sing Alleluia, Alleluia.

Blessings, Fr. Paul

We Believe

The celebration of Easter is ideally a renewal of our faith. At our Lenten retreat we were reminded that going through the season of Lent to Easter is our individual and collective invitation to pass from suffering and death into life, or simply put, from doom to glory. With that in mind I would like to share this poem, Psalms of a Laywoman by Edwina Gateley.

The Sharing

We told our stories—that’s all.
We sat and listened to each other and heard the journeys of each soul.
We sat in silence entering each one’s pain and sharing each one’s joy.
We heard love’s longing and the lonely reachings-out for love and affirmation.
We heard of dreams shattered and visions fled.
Of hopes and laughter turned stale and dark.
We felt the pain of isolation and the bitterness of death.
But in each brave and lonely story God’s gentle life broke through.
And we heard music in the darkness and smelled flowers in the void.
We felt the budding of creation in the searchings of each soul,
And discerned the beauty of God’s hand in each muddy, twisted path.
And God’s voice sang in each story, God’s life sprang from each death.
Our sharing became one story of a simple lonely search
For life and hope and oneness in a world which sobs for love.
And we knew that in our sharing God’s voice with mighty breath
Was saying “Love each other and take each other’s hand.
For you are one though many and in each of you I live.
So listen to my story and share my pain and rise and live with me.”

May you all have a blessed Easter!
Dede Waters-Masters

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.
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Friendly Reminders

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STANFORD UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PROJECT: WHAT IS GOD LIKE?
Researchers in the Social Concepts Lab will be here to interview our religious ed students about their perceptions about God: What’s God like? What does God look like? What do you believe about God? They will conduct their research during class time on Sunday, April 22 with the teachers’ supervision. Parents can opt out of participating by keeping their children out of class that day, or can stay in the class to observe! For more details, please contact Lucy at lsoltou@stdenisparish.org

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION
Congratulations to Sam Alvarez, who received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion at the Easter Vigil, and to Bethany Radford and Chloe Rodriguez-Stangle who were confirmed with him! May God bless them with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit so they may continue to know, love and serve the Lord and others!

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Lenten Retreat

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