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

August 12th, 2018  19th 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
### God’s Word Our World

**What does Jesus mean when he says that if we eat the living bread we will live forever?** The Jews were skeptical and complaining about Jesus in today’s Gospel reading. They questioned what salvation was all about. Many of us find ourselves with the same question. In an effort to assert independence, we might find ourselves pushing away from family, questioning the traditions or beliefs we grew up with. We might find ourselves questioning our faith too. That might make you feel guilty, but it shouldn’t. Asking questions is part of growing in faith. Having some questions, even really big questions, in your heart doesn’t mean that you are rejecting God or expressing nonbelief. It means that you are engaged in your spiritual journey. Abandoning faith means abandoning even the questions. Welcome and stay engaged with any questions that you might have. They are opportunities for you to find fulfillment and grow in faith as you live into the answers.

Know that God already sees everything that is in your heart, and be honest. Admitting confusion or even doubt is OK. Acknowledging the things that you don’t know or feel uncertain of will help you to grow in faith. Some questions might have easy explanations, while other questions might take more time as you sort through their answers in prayer.

### We Believe

**OKAY, NOW I’M CONFUSED!**

“I am the bread that came down from heaven.”

**What?**

These readings from John about the Bread of Life are so familiar that we sometimes don’t really pay attention to what Jesus was actually saying.

Jesus came from heaven. He gives us himself, as real food. The bread he gives will keep us alive forever.

**What?**

We eat other food, but our bodies die anyway. But when we ‘consume’ Jesus, our true selves live forever.

We consume Jesus in many ways, including the Eucharist.

We also take him into ourselves through prayer, Sacraments, the Scriptures.

This is the real food that keeps our souls alive!

Yours in the Lord,
Lucy

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### 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, Janice Varell, Peter Fulchiron

The List has been updated. Names will be removed monthly unless you let the office know. Thank you.
LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN
All summer long, during the 9:30am mass, we will be offering our Liturgy of Word program for children. At the beginning of Mass, the children are blessed and sent to hear the Gospel and share with each other about its message. Then we return to the Mass during the collection. All children are welcome to join us anytime!

FAITH FORMATION: REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
Registration information and forms are now available on our parish website.

You’ll find a calendar for next school year, details about our programs, sacrament requirements and more! Just go to www.stdenisparish.org and click on the Faith Formation tab.

All classes and programs begin September 23.

FAITH FORMATION DAY FOR CATECHISTS AND PARENTS
Saturday, August 25 at 9:00am to 4:00pm HERE at St. Denis Parish. Meet other catechists and parents! Share ideas! Free lunch! Workshops include: parents as catechists, praying with children at home, lectionary based catechesis, and a report about the National Study of Youth and Religion results. All interested adults are invited to join us. RSVP to Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org

Did you know God gives you spiritual gifts to help you to be effective at your work and a more effective witness to your faith in the workplace? If you wonder how you are called to be a channel of His love and provision at work or in your community and begin to discern your unique mission in life.

Come join us on Friday Sept 14th from 7-9 pm and Saturday, September 15th from 9-5 for the Called and Gifted Workshop lead by Fr. Xavier Lavagetto, OP. Everyone is invited to participate. To register or for more information, go to www.straymondmp.org or call the church office at (650) 323-1755 for more information.

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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.
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 14th Vigil mass at 6pm at St. Denis
August 15th mass at 8am at St. Denis

Revelations 12:1
First reading for the Feast of the Assumption

I had vision of Heaven:
I saw a woman bathed in sunlight with the moon under her feet.
On her head she wore a crown which sparkled with twelve stars.

Upcoming Events Our Lady of the Wayside & St. Denis

Sun. Aug. 12  Our Lady of the Wayside Events Planning Meeting at 10:30am
Tues. Aug 14  Holy day of Obligation vigil The Assumption of Mary at St Denis 6pm mass
Wed. Aug 15  Holy day of Obligation The Assumption of Mary at St Denis 8am mass
Sat. Aug. 18  Our Lady of the Wayside Wine & Little Bites after 4:30pm mass
Sat. Aug. 25  Faith Formation Day at St. Denis, all day
Tue. Aug. 28  Senior Lunch at St. Denis at 12 noon in the hall
Sun. Sept.  9  Catechist gathering at St. Denis, 10:30am
Sun. Sept. 16  Catechetical Sunday, outdoor 9:30 am mass and pancake breakfast at St. Denis
Sun. Sept. 23  ALL Faith Formation classes begin!