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

The Office Will Be Closed Monday, September 3rd, In Observance Of Labor Day.

September 2nd, 2018  22nd Sunday in ordinary time
Dear Beloved Parishioners,

As human beings, it is easy to fall into the trap of having the attitude of rules are meant to be broken or rules do not apply to me and I am above the law. A stop sign is on a corner for a reason. This past year, I am seeing more and more cars making a rolling stop, and drivers going before their time at an intersection. Do we not have stop signs to prevent accidents and to provide order? All sports have rules to create fair play, and to protect players from bodily harm.

As people of faith, we too have laws to follow. The laws that we are called to adhere to are not man made though. They come from a higher power, the Lord our God. God’s laws are not meant to be overbearing. They are meant to create community united in faith, love and respect for God and for each other. God creates his laws to draw us into him and into each other. The Ten Commandments of the Old Testament and Jesus' command to love God and each other are the greatest and most important laws for us to follow.

The problems of the world are the result of us not applying God's law in our lives. How often do we hear of violence, racism, sexism, and human trafficking to name a few in the news? Every week it seems. We have only ourselves to blame. God does not force us to listen to him. The world can be better if we so choose to live God's way of life in our lives. May we always love God and our neighbors from the heart.

God bless,
Fr. Paul

Living an Authentic Faith

Today’s Gospel talks about hypocrisy. The Pharisees’ view of the religious law is narrow and legalistic, while Jesus emphasizes one’s interior intention when adhering to religious regulations. In this Gospel Mark is setting the stage for eventual unity between Jew and Gentile. As the narrative unfolds, Jesus is leaving Galilee and moving toward Gentile territory, places where rules of ritual purity and contamination do not hold, but opportunities for unity and faith-sharing do.

If we are immersed in our culture, the dilemma of literally adhering to our religious laws and norms has to be worked out. Unless one surrounds themselves with people who believe exactly the same as they do, these norms can sometimes be challenging. In our multi-faceted society we, as a faith-filled people, have to continually and conscientiously question ourselves as to the authenticity of what we do and why we do it. Not discounting the guidance we receive from the Church, I think Jesus wants us to mainly figure this out for ourselves.

We do not want to fall into the tunnel vision of the Pharisees in Mark’s Gospel nor do we want to be hypocritical as confessed Catholics either, doing one thing but internally thinking another. So how can we navigate the practice of our faith in a way that expresses the best of ourselves? Maybe a key word here is practice—truly following Christ in our lives takes practice.

When I was taking a theology class at Santa Clara, I had a Jesuit professor that gave me a way to handle life’s choices in a way that could express my innermost convictions and concerns and cut to the heart of just about any matter. He said that whenever you are confronted with a decision or dilemma, you simply ask yourself one simple Christ-centered question, "What is the most loving thing to do?" When true love, compassion, and caring enters into our decision-making process, our interior intentions become focused on living an authentic faith.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

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In your charity, please pray for...

Robert Roger, Holly Hermansen, Pier Iglesias, , Mila Wright, Rosa Sharif, Barbara Ham, John Hunter, Janice Varell, Peter Fulchiron
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.

Grades PreK thru 4 meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30am, grades 5/6 meet Sundays at 10:30am.

Grades 7 and up, please see Confirmation preparation details.

All classes and programs begin September 23.

CATECHIST GATHERING

We will have a short gathering for catechists to check in, pick up their materials and just say Hi on Sunday, September 9 after the 9:30am Mass in the parish hall. Please stop by!

And we still need a few spirit-filled people to share their faith with the kids as catechists! Contact Lucy if you are feeling inspired!

PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

If you will be in the 7th grade or older this coming school year and are interested in preparing for Confirmation, please go to our parish website www stdenisparish.org and register! Classes are a couple of Sundays a month, beginning Sunday, September 23, and include Mass and dinner together. You would be confirmed at the end of 8th grade, or older.

There will be a Parent/Teen information meeting, with Mass and dinner, on Sunday, September 9 at 5:30pm.

If you cannot come to the information meeting, I would be happy to meet with you before.

Just contact Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org and schedule an appointment.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND OUTDOOR MASS

Everyone is welcome to celebrate the beginning of the school year with an outdoor Mass and pancake breakfast in the gardens at St. Denis on Sunday, September 16 at 9:30am.

In addition, we will bless our catechists and the teens who participated in the Hawaii Mission Trip will be sharing slides and stories of their trip! Come join the celebration!

Recognition of OLW Volunteers

The parish staff is hosting a party and hereby extending an invitation to all of our Our Lady of the Wayside Volunteers for Saturday, September 15 following the 4:30pm Mass. No matter how large or small your contribution has been over the years, YOU ARE INVITED. Please join with us as we celebrate you. Please RSVP to Dede at 650 854-5976 press 4, or dedewm@pacbell.net

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!

ONLINE GIVING WITH WESHARE

New to online E-Giving? 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.

Stewardship

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Parish Events Held at St Denis Church

Sunday September 9th– Catechist Gathering at 10:30am

Sunday, September 9th- Confirmation Information meeting at 5:30pm
   includes Mass and dinner! Parents and teens invited.

Sunday September 16th– Catechetical Sunday, Outdoor 9:30am mass and
   pancake breakfast

Sunday September 23rd– ALL Faith Formation classes begin!!

Monday September 24th– Knit & Pray at 5:30pm in the library

October– TBA Training for new lectors will take place after 9:30am mass in early
   October once we get a few sign ups. Please let Dede know if you are
   interested in becoming a lector or Eucharistic minister

Every Sunday after 9:30am mass donuts & refreshments

Parish Events Held at Our Lady of Wayside Church

Saturday September 15th– Recognition of OLW Volunteers after 4:30pm mass

Sunday October 14th– Liturgical Minister Training after 9:30am mass

Saturday October 20th– Song Birds at 4:30pm mass with reception to follow

Every Sunday after 9:30am mass donuts & refreshments