

# 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

**Second collection next  
Sunday September 23rd,  
for Priests' Retirement  
Fund**

RESTORER OF HOPE Lord of Lords  
**Jesus** THE WORD Holy One  
Bread of Life Master BRANCH  
ALPHA & OMEGA Teacher  
Dayspring Prince of Peace  
Son of Man COMFORTER  
everLASTING SHILOH Anchor Light  
FATHER The Almighty  
Counselor TRUE VINE of the  
MESSIAH THE LIFE HIGH World  
Giver of Life PRIEST  
& Blessings THE BELOVED  
FAITHFUL & TRUE WITNESS Shield ROCK  
Mediator Wonderful Counselor  
The Resurrection King of Kings  
Immanuel The Amen  
LAMB OF GOD Healer I AM LIVING WATER ONLY BEGOTTEN SON  
Good Shepherd Savior Redeemer  
Advocate The Way, the Truth & the Life

September 16th, 2018 24th Sunday in ordinary time

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Our Lady of the Wayside Church  
930 Portola Road • Portola Valley

## Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

In my humble opinion, I have always believed that there is a difference between a religious person and a person of faith. A religious person goes to Church on Sundays, says his or her prayers every day, observes Holy Days of Obligation and goes to confession often. All of this is good and should be done.

Sometimes, though, we can get caught up in religiosity and miss the point of religion. The purpose of religion is to draw us into and become closer to God, and to make us care about all of God's people.

A person of faith is one that St. Paul talks about in his letter to James. Faith is expressed by doing works of mercy. In doing this, faith is alive, active and vibrant. The Church teaches that there are seven works of mercy: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the prisoners, bury the dead and give alms to the poor. Do these works not bring us closer to people and help us to create a loving bond with them? Do we not have to go out of our way, and get out of our comfort zone to truly be religious and to be an authentic person of faith?

The ideal Christian person is religious as well as being a faith filled person. It is possible to be both. We are called and challenged to be this kind of person. I know we can because I have seen and experienced countless parishioners be both.

God bless,

Fr. Paul

## We Believe

Peace Pondering

As we begin a new year of Faith Formation classes, I am looking forward to meeting my Pre-K class. When our time ends each Sunday, I am glad I am a catechist and I hope all of the volunteers and our director with whom we celebrate this Catechetical Sunday enjoy that same feeling of giftedness in sharing our faith.

One of the first things we try to learn in Pre-K is our Mass responses and actions. Just after the Our Father, we participate in the Sign of Peace, which brings me to the thought of peace and what it really means when we wish it on one another.

For this, I turn to Sr. Joan Chittister: "We are forever seeking peace and calm. At the same time, we forever forget—if we knew it—that peace is not a state of lifelessness. Life is not a lily pond; life is a bay inside an ocean. Peace is what comes to us *after* one surge at a time."

In today's Gospel Jesus foretells the tumultuous challenges he expects to face in his own life. While these predictions serve to educate his divine mission, they equally point to our shared human condition of uncertainty, pain, and suffering.

Basically we are all surfing the circumstances of life and when they surge up, we often discount their value. As Sr. Joan says, "Life doesn't come cut to size; it requires shaping." So actually the peace we wish on one another isn't a stagnant, unchanging stillness, but a peace found only in God and the belief in God's unconditional love and care as we weather the storms of life.

These thoughts are way beyond my little Pre-k class but I hope they offer us some pondering.

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis

Sat.	Sept. 15	5:30 pm	Sally Hunter (+)
Sun.	Sept. 16	7 :30 am	For catechists
		9:30 am	For catechists
		11:30 am	For catechists
Mon.	Sept. 17	8:00 am	For students & their teachers
Tue.	Sept. 18	8:00 am	For those that are discriminated
Wed.	Sept. 19	8:00 am	For our Jewish sisters & brothers
Thurs.	Sept. 20	8:00 am	For abuse survivors
Fri.	Sept. 21	8:00 am	Those affected by natural disasters

### Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat.	Sept. 15	4:30pm	In gratitude for the parishioners of Our Lady the Wayside
Sun.	Sept. 16	9:30am	Elizabeth Wheelless (+)

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 News

### 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](http://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.



### Will You Drink From The Cup?

#### REGIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH RALLY

For all teens in high school or preparing for Confirmation! Saturday, October 20 8:00am to 9:00pm St. Bede Church, Hayward

Come and join teens from around the area to pray, play and celebrate together. To register, contact Lucy at [lsoltau@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lsoltau@stdenisparish.org)



## Catholic Worker House

Catholic worker house needs bath towels for a new facility housing 5 men. You can drop your towels in the barrels that will be provided in the back of the church September 22nd/23rd. Thank you for your generosity.



### Life Moves Breakfast & Speaker

Life Moves Breakfast (Maple Street Shelter) Thursday, Sept 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30a at Hyatt Regency Burlingame featuring Anne Lamott as key note speaker.

Tickets can be purchased at [www.lifemoves.org](http://www.lifemoves.org)

### 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](mailto:dedem@pacbell.net) NOTE: Announcements may not appear until the next bulletin due to space limitations.

Thank You!



### Stewardship

July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 (Estimated goal)	\$468,000.00
July 1, 2018 to August 31, 2018	\$79,344.00
Monthly Goal-August 2018	\$36,000.00
August 2018 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$34,583.00

#### 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.

## Parish Events Held at St Denis Church

**Sunday September 16th– Catechetical Sunday, Today 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**

**Sunday October 7th- Lector training after 9:30am mass**

**Saturday October 20th- Outreach Meeting at 9:30 am (all invited) in library**

**Every Sunday after 9:30am mass donuts & refreshments**

**Tuesdays at 10:00 am. Spiritual Book Group. Call 650-323-6859 for more info.**

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## Parish Events Held at Our Lady of Wayside Church

**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**

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