Blessed are they who hope in the Lord….

….they are like trees planted beside the stream….

Psalm 1

February 17th, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The parish office will be closed Monday, February 18th in observance of President's Day
Pastor’s Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

As a wee lad, my mother used to say to me, “Paul, people will eventually disappoint you.” I didn’t quite understand what this meant until I got much older. When one is so young, one does not have much life experience nor experience with people in general. As a child, you rely solely upon and trust your parents. As one grows older, one relies upon and trust more people. Sometimes one can easily rely upon and trust too much in other people, especially when it comes to getting ahead professionally and career wise.

Playing the political game often works. I have never been one who plays the political game. As you can imagine, some priests do play the political game. They become part of the in group, and thus get ahead. My focus has always been on serving the People of God instead. My last assignment was no walk in the park. If my commitment to being a faithful and faith filled priest was not strong, I could have easily thrown in the towel. Most priests would have demanded to be reassigned. I solely depended upon and trusted in God's providential plan for me. I like to think that the Archbishop admired and respected my loyal service to the People of God knowing full well how difficult my assignment was. I like to think that the Archbishop could believe that I would be a decent pastor. Hence, I became your pastor.

God bless,
Fr. Paul

We Believe

A PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR

I worked in a parish in East San Jose for several years, and I was always impressed with how the poorest folks there seemed to be the most devout and prayerful too. They knew they needed God because they didn’t have much else.

Sometimes I am so self-sufficient that I forget to need God. God becomes a nice addition to my life instead of the source of everything in my life.

Maybe God has a preference for the poor because they have a preference for God!

The Beatitudes in today’s Gospel from Luke are not the familiar ones that talk about poverty of spirit and being meek and humble. These are direct, and confront our very way of life. If you have nothing now, you will have it all in the Kingdom of God. And if you have it all now, you’ll have nothing later on.

Jesus offers consolation to the poor and a warning to the rich: you won’t be poor forever, and you can’t take it with you! And Jesus shows his care for both by calling us all to practice justice and live in hope.

Lord, show me how to live with just enough, and how to depend on you for everything.

Amen!

Lucy

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

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In your charity, please pray for...

Maria da Ponte, Sarah Lucas, Holly Hermansen, Pier Iglesias, Rosa Sharif, Barbara Ham, John Hunter, Janice Varell, Peter Fulchiron
**Stewardship**

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**St. Anthony’s 5th Saturday Team**

The Outreach Committee is looking to put a team together to help out at St. Anthony’s Padua Dining Room in Redwood City for 2019.

**We are needed on the 5th Saturdays which include March 30, June 29, August 31 and November 30.**

The hours could vary, but they would like someone there between 9:00 for prep work, set-up and service to 1:00 for clean-up and grocery distribution. Lunches are served every day but Sunday from 11:00 to 1:00 and no one is turned away.

The Dining Room first opened its’ doors in September 1974 to serve the low-income elderly with a week-end meal. Since then it has expanded to provide hot, nourishing meals Monday to Saturday year-round to all who come seeking a meal and safe place to eat. They also provide groceries to take home.

For more information about St. Anthony’s [www.paduadiningroom.com](http://www.paduadiningroom.com)

For more information about joining the team contact Barbara Mason [babs412@yahoo.com](mailto:babs412@yahoo.com) or call at 650-854-2526.

**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 and okayed by Dede prior to masses. Contact her at [dede@pacbell.net](mailto:dede@pacbell.net)

**NOTE:** Announcement may not appear until the next Bulletin due to space limitations.

Thank You!

**MARDI GRAS!! PANCAKE BREAKFAST!!**

We’re celebrating Mardi Gras and getting ready for Lent with a family workshop and pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 3 after the 9:30am Mass in St. Denis parish hall.

Come and eat and take home lots of projects to help you family observe the Lenten season that prepares us the Easter celebrations. Everyone is welcome!

**CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS NEXT SUNDAY**

Our regular class will meet next Sunday, February 24 beginning with Mass at 5:30pm

Bring your journals, which should be complete thru section 5. Also, if you have your Saint report, service report or sponsor form completed, you can turn these in at any time. Our Confirmation celebration will be Saturday, May 25 at 10:00am with Bishop Robert Christian.

**FR. PAUL’S FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES**

Fr. Paul will be offering optional classes for those children preparing to celebrate First Communion in the spring. Classes will be on Mondays at 3:30pm in the parish library. His NEXT class is Monday, February 25

**NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES THIS WEEK**

There are no classes next Sunday during mid-winter break. Classes will resume Sunday, February 24
Thanks to everyone who came to dinner at Our Lady of the Wayside on Feb. 9!! Together we raised over $1500 for the Catherine Center! Next dinner: March 9 at St. Denis!

Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 24  Confirmation class meets, beginning with Mass at 5:30pm
Monday, February 25  Fr. Paul’s first communion class meets at 3:30pm
Sunday, March 3  Mardi Gras pancake breakfast and Lenten workshop at 10:30am
Wednesday, March 6  Ash Wednesday Masses at St. Denis at 8:00am and noon, with lunch and at Our Lady of the Wayside at 6:00pm
Saturday, March 9  Fund raising dinner at St. Denis at 6:30pm
Sunday, March 10  Confirmation class meets, beginning with Mass at 5:30pm
Monday, March 11  Fr. Paul’s first communion class meets at 3:30pm
Tuesday, March 26  Lent Retreat Day at St. Denis