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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
March 31st Catholic Relief Services

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.

The Barren Fig Tree  Luke 13:1-9

March 24th, 3rd Sunday of Lent

(650) 854-5976
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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
Dear Beloved Parishioners,

There is perhaps no better scene in the Old Testament than God appearing in a burning bush to Moses. God’s presence is so intriguing and curious to Moses that he cannot help but want to see and find out for himself what the burning bush is all about. Moses is drawn to God. God has a unique way of alluring us to himself.

The almighty presence of God is before Moses. God speaks. At last, the very voice of God is heard by a human being. It is a voice unlike any other. It is clear. It is understandable. It is commanding. There is no mistaking that it is the very voice of God. God commands Moses what to do.

God makes His name known. I Am. It is a name without beginning or end. It is a name that is eternal. It is a name that will last forever. More importantly, it is a name we can call out to in our time of need. When called, God will come. God will come to us as He did to the Israelites to rescue them from slavery in Egypt. Call to God. You will not mistake His presence. It burns for love of you. You will feel His presence, and you will hear His voice in your heart and soul. Do what God commands and you will be set free at last.

God bless, Fr. Paul

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**Mass Intentions**

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**We Believe**

**Moses and Us**

The mysterious encounter between Moses and the burning bush renders much about the nature of God.

- God’s covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob matters.
- God hears the cries of God’s enslaved people.
- God is willing to intervene through Moses on behalf of the suffering.
- God knows that Moses will encounter difficulty in agreeing with God’s request.
- God favors a relationship between two people, Aaron and Moses, to supply the mission’s needs.
- God runs on God’s clock.
- Unquestionably God’s power will overcome Egypt, the greatest world power at this time.

We also learn about the nature of Moses: he is content with his wife and family having given up his past lives as a pampered Egyptian prince and then a renegade Israelite. Did he ponder the twists and turns his life had taken up to that point while tending his flocks in the solitude of the dry fields? Perhaps this dessert respite prepares Moses for the challenge God presents. Moses is mindful of the great challenge God gives him.

We too are invited into a 40 day respite, the season of Lent, not to escape the call of God, but to be spiritually ready for it. When the call comes, whether subtly or with a spectacular burning bush kind of “WOW,” we will have God on our side. We will find others to support us. We will be mindful of God's continual presence in our lives, past, present, and future. We will find the grace and courage to say yes, as Moses did, and we will work to help the needy, where we are shown by our merciful God to find them. We, too, will humbly encounter a burning bush of caring and love. It will again be holy ground.

Dede Waters-Masters

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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
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, March 25.

CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS NEXT SUNDAY
Sunday, March 31 beginning with Mass at 5:30pm then dinner and class til 8:00pm.
Bring your journals and folders and any paperwork you have ready to turn in.

The Outreach Committee, along with Father Paul, has selected the organization Kenya Help as our Lenten Project for this year. Kenya Help built a girls Catholic high school several years ago in Navisha, Kenya, and they are looking for help to fund scholarships for the students both at the boys and girls high school level. The cost is $800 per student per year and we would like to make sure we can cover all 4 years of high school for as many students as possible. Many of the board members will be here for discussion and to showcase the crafts from Kenya, after Masses on April 6-7 (Saturday and Sunday at St. Denis, Sunday only at Our Lady of the Wayside). We hope you will take the time to listen, discuss and help with this very worthwhile project. Thank you as always for your generosity.

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
NOTE: Announcement may not appear until the next Bulletin due to space limitations.
Thank You!
Parish Lenten Retreat

Our Lenten Retreat is March 26th, beginning with coffee and snacks at 9:30am and ending with lunch at noon. The day will include a presentation by Sr. Sharon and Mass. The theme is “Come Back to Me with All Your Heart—God and the Prodigal Daughter.”

Please RSVP to Dede at 650 854-5976 or dedewm@pacbell.net. We hope to see you there!

Knit & Pray

It’s time to get your knitting and crochet materials out again. Come join fellow parishioners on the 4th Mondays at 5:30pm in the St. Denis hall library. Our next gathering is this Monday, March 25th.

Upcoming Events

Monday, March 25       Fr. Paul’s First Communion class meets at 3:30pm
Monday, March 25       Knit & Pray at 5:30pm in the St. Denis hall library
Tuesday, March 26      Lent Retreat “Come Back to Me with All Your Heart—God and the Prodigal Daughter” meets at 9:30 am at St. Denis
Sunday, March 31       Confirmation class meets, beginning with Mass at 5:30pm

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES ON APRIL 7, 14, 21 for Spring break, Holy Week, and Easter