

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



September 8th, 2019 23rd 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

Gospel Reading

Background on the Gospel Reading

In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to "hating" father or mother, but to *loving them more* than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

We Believe

...and Justice for All

In today's second reading, the Letter of Paul to Philemon, an imprisoned Paul is writing on behalf of a runaway slave, Onesimus, who faces severe punishment. His master, Philemon, is being asked to see his slave not as a servant, but as a brother in Christ. Paul is not only asking Philemon to drop legal persecution against Onesimus, but to welcome him back in the same way Philemon would welcome Paul.

This example of restoration is what is meant by the justice we so often pray for during Mass. The true practice of justice from a Christian perspective moves away from retribution to restoration. Restoring broken relationships, helping to heal within families, and editing our practices so that our natural resources can continue to provide for us are all examples of restorative justice.

Living justly means understanding the impact of our decisions. This calls for an awareness of others' needs and, as a first step, stop being complicit in the injustices we see around us. While it is unrealistic to opt out of a necessary system, we can live within it by adopting a more consistent ethic. This can take introspection, time, and patience with ourselves and others, realizing that justice is a journey to which we are all called.

The conservative-liberal divide has undermined justice in our country. Issues are labeled as belonging to different political camps. It is up to each one of us to look past the name calling and seek the truth. When Jesus said in Matthew 25:35, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat," he didn't add the disclaimer, "as long as it agrees with your political affiliation."

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat.	Sept. 7	5:30 pm	For those that need shelter
Sun.	Sept. 8	7:30 am	Barry Rosen (+)
		9:30 am	For grandparents
		11:30 am	For grandparents
Mon.	Sept. 9	8:00 am	St. Denis parishioners
Tue.	Sept. 10	8:00 am	Mary Margaret Koch (+)
Wed.	Sept. 11	8:00 am	Leo & Margaret Rodgers (+)
Thurs.	Sept. 12	8:00 am	Blessed Mary's intentions
Fri.	Sept. 13	8:00 am	Special intentions

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat.	Sept. 7	4:30 pm	For artists
Sun.	Sept. 8	9:30 am	For grandparents

Memorial Mass for Maria C Ponte

September 21st, 11am, at Our Lady of the Wayside. All are welcome to attend.

In your charity, please pray for...

Teresa Bautista, Sarah Lucas, Holly Hermansen, Pier Iglesias, Rosa Sharif, John Hunter, Anselmo Briones, Grace Kohan, Ken Newell **Names will be removed monthly unless you let the office know. Thank you.**

Faith Formation News

CATECHISTS (TEACHERS)

WANTED AND NEEDED!

Sharing your faith with others is a great way to witness to your own children. We are always looking for energetic, faith-filled people willing to share that faith with others, to be co-teachers in our faith formation programs. All our programs meet on Sundays during the school year. We provide all the materials, training and children! You supply your time, talent and faith! If you are interested, please contact Lucy Soltau anytime at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org



Faith Formation

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

The Faith Formation calendar and registration form are on our parish website www.stdenisparish.org Please take some time to check it out and register your children for our programs and classes. Just click on the Faith Formation tab to complete and submit the registration form. **NEW THIS YEAR:** Sunday classes will gather at 9:15am instead of 9:30am to give the children more time in class and give parents more time in church!

EVERYTHING STARTS TODAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Catechist gathering: Sept. 8 at 10:30am

Confirmation Parents and Teens meeting:
Sept. 8 at 5:30pm (Mass, dinner, meeting)

Catechetical Sunday Mass & Pancake breakfast:
Sept. 15 at 9:30am

Family Retreat Day:
Sat. Sept. 21 at 3:00pm (retreat, Mass, dinner, movie)

Family Retreat Day

FAMILY RETREAT DAY: SAT. SEPT. 21

Come and join us for an afternoon of fun and faith sharing!

We'll start at 3:00pm with games and activities for the whole family.

Then, we'll join the 5:30pm Mass, followed by dinner and a movie in the hall.

Come for all or part of the day.

RSVP to Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org so we know how many folks to plan for.



Faith Formation schedule

ALL CLASSES BEGIN: Sunday, September 22

9:15am (PreK to 4th grades)

10:30am (5th & 6th)

5:30pm (7th & 8th)



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

NOTE: Announcement may not appear until the next

Bulletin due to space

limitations.

Thank You!



Stewardship

July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 (Estimated goal)	\$459,000.00
July 1, 2019 to August, 2019	\$71,651.00
Monthly Goal- August 2019	\$36,000.00
August 2019 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$34,424.00

Donation Corner

"Save Time and Donate Online!"

Online Giving is available for parishioners with WeShare, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure. If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit our website stdenisparish.org, and follow the links. If you have any questions or concerns about the program or would like help setting up your account, please call WeShare at 800 950-9952.

Upcoming Events

Wine & Cheese– Saturday, September 7th after 4:30pm Mass at Our Lady of the Wayside

Catechist Gathering– Sunday, September 8th 10:30am in the St. Denis parish hall

**Confirmation Parent/Teen Meeting (with Mass & dinner) - Sunday September 8th from
5:30pm –8:00pm**

Catechetical Sunday, Pancake Breakfast- Sunday September 15th 9:30am Mass St Denis

NEW!! Family Retreat Day, with Mass, dinner, & movie

– Saturday September 21st 3:00pm to 9:00pm

Please RSVP to Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org



Bay Area Conference Of Associates And Religious

The Bay Area Conference of Associates and Religious (BACAR, Inc.) announces its 16th conference, “A Call to Engage this Chaotic and Painful World.” Saturday, September 21, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm at Notre Dame High School, 1540 Ralston Ave., Belmont. The conference will explore contemplative practice and the resulting action that is required. Prayer is not a private practice, but rather one that impels us into action. Keynote speaker is Sister Simone Campbell, SSS. Sr. Simone is a lawyer, lobbyist, and executive director of NETWORK. All are welcome to attend. General advance registration: \$60 (\$10/lunch). Student advance registration with Lunch: \$30. For information and registration, contact Kathy Noether, knoether@aol.com or bacar2.org

