Lost sheep….
Lost coins….
Lost people….
Found by a loving God!

September 15th, 2019   24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dear Beloved Parishioners,

We normally do not think of God as having feelings. He does though. The evangelist John proclaims God so loved the world that he gave us his only son Jesus to save us. Love is the greatest of emotions. Love is the essence of God. God experiences other feelings as well. Even God can feel betrayed, especially by his own beloved chosen people. He feels this deeply in his inmost being.

In the first reading from the book of Exodus, the Israelites turned their back on God, and had forgotten who saved them from slavery in Egypt. They worshiped a golden calf as their god. Like the Israelites, we too can turn away from our God. Money, power, prestige, sports and material things become what we worship and desire. We idolize these worldly things. We forget what God has done for us, which is loving us unconditionally. God's love for us saves us.

All that we truly desire, all that God truly desires is to be loved. Nothing more and nothing less. To not be loved is the worse feeling in the world. Jesus intercedes on our behalf whenever we do not love God as we should. He pleads for God to be patient with us, and so he is. How blessed we are to have a benevolent God who does not punish us whenever we fail, but lovingly lifts us up instead.

Fr. Paul
**THANK YOU CATECHISTS!**
We start the year blessing our catechists, so they in turn can share their blessings of faith with our children. “Catechesis” means to echo. We echo the Gospel to future generations, as those in the past have echoed the Gospel to us. And parents! You are the first catechists for your children! They hear the echo of faith from you first. We are here to help you! Through the year, there will be many opportunities to share and experience the faith as a family. Please take advantage of these opportunities, and let us know if there is anything we can do to help you be more effective echoes of the faith! Have a blessed year!

**FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION**
The Faith Formation calendar and registration form are on our parish website [www.stdenisparish.org](http://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.

**ALL CLASSES BEGIN:**
- 9:15am (PreK to 4th grades)
- 10:30am (5th & 6th)
- 5:30pm (7th & 8th)

**FAMILY RETREAT DAY: POSTPONED**
The family retreat day originally scheduled for Sept. 21 has been postponed. Please check the Faith Formation calendar on the parish website for other family activities scheduled throughout the school year. We apologize for any inconvenience.

**DONUTS! DONUTS!**
Thank you so much to Rosie McCormick, Cathy Grimm, Cari Alexander and Josephine Dorval and all the families who pick up fresh donuts for us every Sunday, prepare the coffee, serve and clean up.

This is such a vital part of our community experience!

We welcome families of all ages to sign up to help! Just click the link on our parish website homepage.

**Knit and Pray**

Monday, September 23
5:30pm
St. Denis Parish library
All are welcome!

**Friendly Reminders**

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**
The Deadline for bulletin articles is Tuesday before noon, before the weekend of publication. All announcements during Mass are to be scripted and approved by Dede prior to Masses. Contact her at dedewm@pacbell.net

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

**Thank You!**

**Stewardship**

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**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](http://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

Catechetical Sunday and Pancake Breakfast: Sunday September 15  9:30am Mass at St. Denis

Family Retreat Day (Sept. 21) has been POSTPONED

All Faith Formation classes begin Sunday, September 22  at St. Denis
  PreK to 4th grade:  9:15am (NEW TIME!)
  5-6th grade:  10:30am
  7-8th grade (confirmation):  5:30pm with Mass, dinner, then class til 8:00pm

Knit and Pray meets Monday, September 23 at 5:30pm in the St. Denis parish library

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