

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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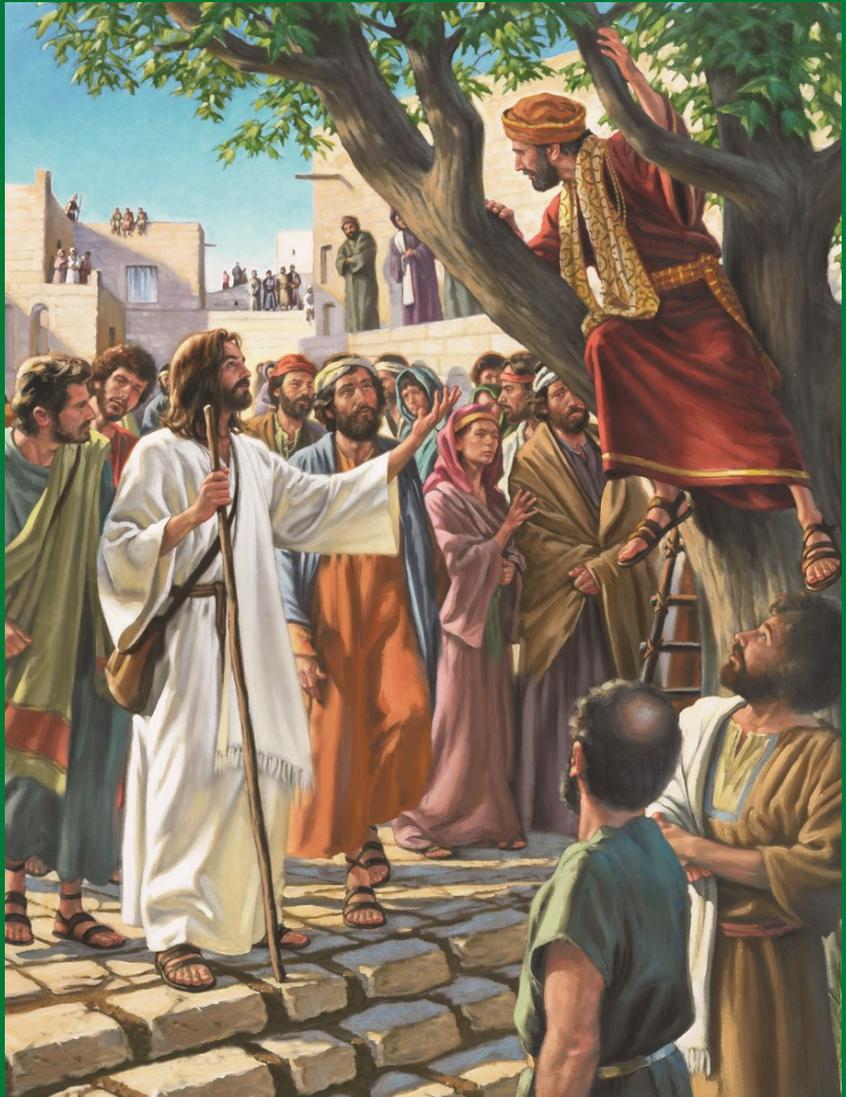
Mass Times
St. Denis Church
Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30
am
Monday-Friday: 8:00 am

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 November
9th-10th for St. Patrick Seminary**

**“Zacchaeus come down quickly, for today I must stay
at your house.” Luke 19:5**



November 3rd, 2019 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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2250 Avy Avenue • Menlo Park

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Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Recently, I have been intrigued by the cosmos, the universe. The more I learn a little bit about it the more fascinated I become. How can someone not believe in some type of intelligent being when learning about the intricacies and complexities of the universe? It is older than one can comprehend. It is a mystery. Within the cosmos, we are so minute, a speck of dust. Yet, God created us. Without a doubt, there is a God, our God. Our God made all things.

Today's first reading from the Book of Wisdom echoes this reality. Even the author had a keen insight and understanding of God who willed all things into existence. As expansive and infinite the universe is our God is all the more. It is a speck of dust before our God. The Book of Wisdom is compelling us to believe that all things are lovingly made by God. Therefore all things are dear and precious to our God and he holds them in the bosom of his heart, especially us.

Our God desires that we live in his presence for all eternity. It is no wonder then that our God is slow to anger, rich in mercy and all forgiving. Chance after chance after chance our God gives us all the way up to our very last breath. If our last thought, if our last word is sorry, God will receive us into his bosom. That is truly more magnificent and marvelous than all the stars in the universe and the universe itself.

God bless, Fr. Paul

We Believe

In contrast to the "Rich Man and Lazarus" gospel story of a few weeks ago, this week we are introduced to Zacchaeus, whose name is seemingly ironic, since it translated as "pure" or "innocent one." Initially Zacchaeus is hardly blameless in the Jewish society in which he lives. As a publican, a tax collector, Zacchaeus works in collaboration with the Roman Empire, skimming his living off the taxes he gets from the general inhabitants of the city of Jericho. His wealth is not viewed as a blessing from God, but rather a betrayal of his own people. Combined with his physical appearance of being unusually short in stature, Zacchaeus has had to fend for himself, which is what we see him doing as he runs to see Jesus and then decides to climb a tree to have a good look at the Master, hardly the actions of an elite member of Jewish society.

Jesus calls out to Zacchaeus by name and breaches a social norm by inviting himself to Zacchaeus' home for dinner. In so doing, Jesus once again places himself alongside of Zacchaeus as a societal outcast, reaffirming that Jesus salvific message is for *all* people.

Zacchaeus' conversion is as dramatic as his running and tree-climbing. By rectifying his greed and acting on his impulse to move to compassionate generosity, as formulated in the Old Testament, Zacchaeus exemplifies Jesus' words, "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God." We can harvest valuable insights by taking Zacchaeus' story to heart.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat.	Nov. 2	5:30 pm	Francois De Gery (+)
Sun.	Nov. 3	7:30 am	Michael Ryan Courtney (+)
		9:30 am	Deceased members
		11:30 am	Mildred Conley (+)
Mon.	Nov. 4	8:00 am	In gratitude
Tue.	Nov. 5	8:00 am	For artists
Wed.	Nov. 6	8:00 am	Victims of natural disasters
Thurs.	Nov. 7	8:00 am	For peacemakers
Fri.	Nov. 8	8:00 am	Blessed Mary's Intentions

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat.	Nov. 2	4:30pm	Deceased members
Sun.	Nov. 3	9:30 am	Deceased members

In your charity, please pray for...

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

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

The Faith Formation calendar and registration form are now 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.

CLASS TIMES: Parents! Please remember that our early classes begin at 9:15am!

9:15am (PreK to 4th grades)

10:30am (5th & 6th)

5:30pm (7th & 8th, select Sundays)

NO CLASSES NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 FOR VETERANS DAY

Supplies For Veterans

We are collecting for our men and women in the armed services. Toiletries in small sizes, cards and envelopes, and stationery are needed. They are being sent to a platoon overseas in an undisclosed location. We will be collecting up until Veteran's weekend.



Question Of The Week

This is a NEW FEATURE in our weekly bulletin designed to get you talking about your faith between Sundays!

Does anyone in your family need to be forgiven?

St. Denis Book Group

Spiritual Book Group: Exploring Our Faith

This lively group meets most Wednesdays from 10:00am to noon in a private home. We come together to consider a variety of topics such as personal spirituality, scripture study, and contemporary topics relating to world religions and moral dilemmas. We like to raise questions as a means of deepening our faith. We share our personal stories and we pray for personal intentions. We generally read one chapter per week.

Why not drop in for a session? Newcomers are welcome at any time. For more information, please contact Tereza McNamee at 4tereza@comcast.net or 650-323-6859.

Our reading for Fall 2019. Richard Rohr's *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For and Believe*. Richard Rohr invites us to discover the Sacred in all of Creation and to recognize Christ as continually transforming the world. Rohr offers a renewed spirituality for our challenging times.

We purchase most of our books at Kepler's. Our selections are in the Book Club section and our group members receive a 15% discount.



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

July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 (Estimated goal)	\$459,000.00
July 1, 2019 to Sept. , 2019	\$111,521.00
Monthly Goal- September 2019	\$45,000.00
Sept. 2019 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$39,870.00

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

November 5th- Senior Lunch with Communion Service at noon in the St. Denis Hall.

November 10– Veteran’s Day Brunch following 9:30am mass at Our Lady of the Wayside

**November 10– No Faith Formation
Classes today**



Thank You!!

THANK YOU * THANK YOU * THANK YOU

This week we were able to deliver a check to St. Anthony’s for \$1,195.00. As usual, our wonderful St. Denis community came through by baking and buying to benefit St. Anthony’s and their wonderful programs which help the less fortunate in our community. A special shout-out to the Confirmation Class whose baking efforts accounted for about 25% of this total. Whether you baked, bought or both your generosity is very much appreciated. We are all so lucky to be part of this community!



Upcoming events at Vallombrosa

Vallombrosa Choir Thanksgiving Performance– A prayers service with the Vallombrosa Choir, a much loved tradition November 17th at 2pm. A suggested donation of \$20.

Art is Prayer made Visible– An artistic retreat designed to help you “Find God in All Things.”

A day workshop to reconnect with our souls and pray through artistic creation. Taught by Katie Wolf MFA. Sunday November 9am to 3pm, lunch included \$45

What Are You Waiting For: Become the Christ You Were Meant to Be- Best selling author and retreat master Fr. Nathan Castle, O.P. returns on an Advent mission as we move from “regular time to extraordinary time, and help us develop in our devotion and love. Saturday November 30th –December 1st. \$150 for private room, \$140 for shared double room. Includes all meals.

For all of these please visit their website www.vallombrosa.org or call 650 325-5614 attn. David Leech

