

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
Retirement For Religious



December 8th, 2019 2nd Sunday of Advent

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2250 Avy Avenue • Menlo Park

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
930 Portola Road • Portola Valley

Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Every once in awhile we need a wake up call, a come to Jesus talk. It is very easy to get distracted, forget what is truly important in life and go off the straight and narrow path. We are human after all. Even the best of us can get our priorities mixed up at times.

This Second Sunday of Advent is one of those times. John the Baptist is urging us to come to Jesus. This commands that we repent of our sins, and to have a change of heart. It is never easy to admit when we are wrong or to acknowledge that our words and behavior are a detriment to others even if we do not think so. The word repent means to feel or express sincere regret or remorse about one's sin. If we do not feel something deep down, then we do not believe it to be true. Other people feel deep down the hurt and pain caused by our sin. How can that not be true? Do we not have a heart?

If our hearts are stubborn, then we will never change for the better. This coming week, let us seriously consider how our words and actions affect others. Perhaps even be bold enough and humble enough to ask people how we treat them. Accept what they say not with a grain of salt, but take it to heart. Then and only then will we change for the better thereby making the world a better place in which to live.

God bless, Fr. Paul

We Believe

ON THAT DAY

The reading from Isaiah today paints a picture of what "that day" will be like. "That day" refers to the day the Lord returns. In Advent, we take the time to imagine what that return will mean, for us and for the rest of the world. And we are supposed to be getting ready for that return.

How do you prepare for such a day, especially when you don't know when it will happen?

"a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse" refers to Jesus. He is the descendant of David who was promised. And he has all the gifts of the Spirit that are needed to judge the world with justice and put everything right.

We have the gifts of the Spirit too. The gifts of wisdom, knowledge, understanding, reverence, courage, right judgement, wonder and awe were given to us in Baptism and completed in us in Confirmation.

We have what it takes to put everything right!

Isaiah's vision of enemies getting along with each other is just a hint at what "that day" will be like.

Can you imagine a day when differences are put aside, no conflict, no harm or ruin, and everyone coming together as one?

Maybe we need to listen to John the Baptist today too: Repent! The Kingdom of God is at hand!

Yours in the Lord, Lucy

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat. Dec. 7 5:30 pm Randel William Olsen (+)
Sun. Dec. 8 7:30 am Irene Goodwin (+)
9:30 am Peter Jiso Ryu (+)
11:30 am Betty Anne George (+)
Mon. Dec. 9 8:00 am For family & ancestors
Tue. Dec. 10 8:00 am Dr. Tsau & Dr. Castro (living)
Wed. Dec. 11 8:00 am Ken Newell (+)
Thurs. Dec. 12 8:00 am For personal intentions
Fri. Dec. 13 8:00 am For the blind

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat. Dec. 7 4:30pm Stay awake. Be ready
Sun. Dec. 8 9:30 am William Alfano Sr. (+)

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

CONFIRMATION RETREAT DAY

Saturday, December 14 at Our Lady of the Wayside Church from 10:00am to 5:30pm.

Our theme is prayer. Anyone in the 7th or 8th grade is welcome to join us.

Bring your own bag lunch. We will join the parishioners for Mass at 4:30pm.

Next Retreat Day will be January 25th.



Faith Formation

CHILDREN'S CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

We will be gathering on Sunday mornings after the 9:30am Mass on Dec. 8, 15, 22 in the church to practice the songs for the Family Mass on Christmas Eve. All children are welcome to join us, but they should be able to read! So grab your donut and then come sing with us!

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)

Question Of The Week

What is your vision of a "perfect" world?

St. Denis Parish Outreach

The St. Denis Outreach has several opportunities for volunteering in the next couple of months. They include:

- 1) Serving at St Anthony's - Please contact Barb Mason at babs412@yahoo.com if you are interested. We are trying to get a group from St Denis for the 5th Saturdays for 2020 as well.
- 2) Giving Trees- We could use help gathering gifts after each Mass and getting them stored at church from both St Denis and OLW. We will also need help sorting and delivering these gifts the weekend of Dec 15th. If you are interested in helping please contact Pat Mach at patricia.mach@sbcglobal.net
- 3) We will be running a towel collection in Jan for Life Moves clients. Anyone who might be interested in helping or leading this effort please contact Pat Mach at patricia.mach@sbcglobal.net.



Poinsettia Remembrance

You can remember a loved one in a special way with a poinsettia plant labeled with your loved ones' name. We are requesting \$10 to cover the cost of each plant. We will be labeling them at both churches. If you would like to participate put your name, your loved ones name, which church, and mark on the envelope or check that you are using. Please use a separate check from the offertory monies. We will be happy to take care of the rest for you. Please hand in requests by Friday, December 20th.



Holiday Bulletin Deadline

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Deadline for bulletin articles is Monday 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 November 2019	\$179,401.00
Monthly Goal- November 2019	\$36,000.00
November 2019 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$34,051.00

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.

Advent & Christmas Mass Schedule

Monday December 9th– Immaculate Conception Mass 8:00am at St. Denis

Sunday December 15th– 3rd Sunday of Advent

Sunday December 22nd– 4th Sunday of Advent

Monday December 23rd– Simbang Gabi Celebration & Mass 7pm at St. Denis

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

St. Denis Church

Tuesday December 24th– Family Mass 4:00 & 6pm Mass

Wednesday December 25th–

7:30am Mass, 9:30am Mass, 11:30am Mass



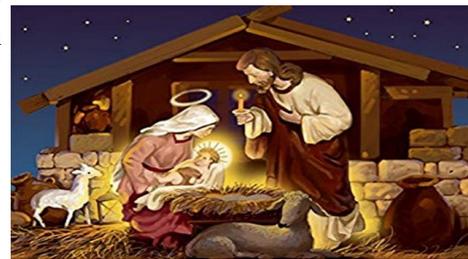
Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Tuesday December 24th– 4:30pm Mass

Wednesday December 25th– 9:30am Mass

Annual Christmas Tea

The 13th Annual Parish Christmas Tea “Finding Christ in Christmas, is on Saturday December 14th in the St. Denis Hall from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Join fellow parishioners and friends for this wonderful annual event. See flyers in the church, go to our website, stdenisparish.org, or you may contact Barbara Mason by emailing babs412@yahoo.com or by calling 650 483-4134.



Christmas Giving Trees

The Giving Trees are up ! Help us fill these wishes of those less fortunate. We are supporting St. Francis Center, Catholic Worker House, Maple Street Shelter and Hoover Preschool. All gifts will need to be returned no later than Dec 15th at 12:00pm. Please check the tags for those which need to be wrapped versus those that do not. For those who would like to contribute cash instead of gifts, there are envelopes in the back of church and these can be put in the regular collection.



Candlelight Christmas Concert

Mission Dolores Basilica Choir will be at Our Lady of the Wayside Church performing A Candlelight Christmas Concert “Known and Unknown,” this Sunday December 8th at 5pm. All are welcome to attend.

