

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: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am
Monday-Friday: 8:00am

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

Gaudete Sunday



December 15th, 2019 3rd Sunday of Advent

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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

Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Rejoice I say. I say rejoice. Let us rejoice on this Third Sunday of Advent. For that is what we are urged to do for we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, Rejoice Sunday. The Lord is coming soon. He will do great things for us. All that our hearts desired will come true.

As proclaimed in today's Responsorial Psalm, the Lord will secure justice for the oppressed, give food to the hungry, set captives free, give sight to the blind, protect strangers, and sustain the fatherless and the widow. He will do all these things because he loves us. As excited as we may be for the coming of the Lord, he is as well to be with us.

The Lord will instruct us in his way and teach us all that we need to know. He will delight in the hope that we will carry on his legacy of caring and loving all those he came to serve. He will go and be in peace knowing that we will carry on his mission and ministry in his absence, and do all things in his name. From above the good Lord will guide us and show us the way. He will be there for us in our time of need. More can be accomplished in and through us than ever before. With our hearts on fire with faith, let us go forth rejoicing to do the work of the Lord.

God bless, Fr. Paul

We Believe

The Gaudete Recipe

Originally the Season of Advent began with the Feast of St. Martin, November 11, and was called "St. Martin's Lent" since the 5th Century. This period before Christmas was modeled on the 40 days of Lent and was of the same duration and penitential spirit. It wasn't until the 9th century that the Season of Advent was reduced to the 4 weeks we have now and it really wasn't until Vatican II in the 1960's that Advent differentiated itself from Lent by embracing a variance of the Lenten purple and a more hopeful anticipatory theme. This weekend we have come to the Third Sunday of Advent known as "Gaudete" Sunday, a time of rejoicing as we near the Christmas season. The official liturgical color is rose and there is a pinkish candle on the Advent wreath to mark the shorter time between now and Christmas.

The overall triune themes of Advent focus on the Scriptural history leading up to Jesus' birth, his presence in our lives today, and how our salvation plays out through Christ's life, death, and Resurrection. John the Baptist enters the scene and models for us the salvific role we, as believers, share through our thoughts, words, and especially, our actions in proclaiming the message of Christ. While this role in living the Good News is intended to be one of joy, which we are especially challenged to recognize in the season of Advent, it can be, at times, a monumental task of juggling all the "have to's" we tend to put upon ourselves in these next two weeks. In his 2014 Gaudete Sunday homily, **Pope Francis** said that Gaudete Sunday is known as the "Sunday of Joy", and that instead of fretting about "all they still haven't" done to prepare for Christmas, people should "think of all the good things life has given you." That is probably the best holiday recipe we could want.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat. Dec. 14 5:30 pm St. Denis parishioners
Sun. Dec. 15 7:30 am Michael Ryan Courtney (+)
9:30 am Ann Carey (+)
11:30 am Christian Unity
Mon. Dec. 16 8:00 am Our Mother Mary's intentions
Tue. Dec. 17 8:00 am For artists
Wed. Dec. 18 8:00 am Victims of human trafficking
Thurs. Dec. 19 8:00 am Juan Sumulong (+)
Fri. Dec. 13 8:00 am For those that need shelter

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat. Dec. 14 4:30pm Our Lady of the Wayside parishioners
Sun. Dec. 15 9:30 am Our Mother Mary's intentions

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

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 4:00pm at St. Denis.

All school age children are invited to participate in our Family Mass!

For details, please pick up a flyer in the back of the church.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

We will be gathering on Sunday mornings after the 9:30am Mass at St. Denis on Dec. 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!



Faith Formation

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)

There are NO CLASSES December 22 and 29 for the Christmas holidays

Question Of The Week

What needs healing in your life?

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.



Parish Outreach Committee

We will be running a towel collection in January for Life Moves clients. Anyone who might be interested in helping or leading this effort please contact Pat Mach at

patricia.mach@sbcglobal.net.



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

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-
4:00pm Family Mass & 6:00pm 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 9:30 Mass

Christmas Giving Trees

All gifts are due this weekend December 15th. We could use help gathering gifts after each mass and getting them stored at both St. Denis & Our Lady of the Wayside. We will also need help sorting and delivering. Contact patricia.mach@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you for your generosity!



Vallombrosa Choir Concert

Vallombrosa Choir : A Christmas Celebration today
Sunday December 15th 3pm at St. Raymond Church,
1100 Santa Cruz Avenue in Menlo Park.

Admission is free. Donations are gratefully accepted.

