

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



December 22nd, 2019 4th Sunday of Advent

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St. Denis Church (Parish Office)
2250 Avy Avenue • Menlo Park

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
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Pastors Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

As we near the end of the Advent season, we begin to hear more about a certain child to be born soon into this world. For some, it is just another child coming into a world that is fragmented, divided, dark and gloomy. Some may ask, "Why would anybody want to bring a child into this world?"

It takes faith to want to bring a child into this world. A child has an unique way of ushering in hope and wonderful possibilities. What is this child going to be eventually? Artists, musicians, doctors, nurses, scientists, engineers, teachers, social workers and even an Irish pastor have changed the world and made it better.

The child of Mary and Joseph has done the same, yet so much more. Their child not only brings hope, but transforms the world by its mere presence. For their child is the long awaited Emmanuel. God is with us at last in the infant Jesus. He is what all the Old Testament prophets talked about and what John the Baptist prepared us for. Jesus is the Promised One, the Messiah and the Savior of the world. God's promise is fulfilled in the birth of Jesus. We will be free at last, free from the corruption of sin that destroys and ruins our world that God created for us. All of us and even the least of us have a role in making the lives of others better for that is why we were born into the world. Each and every one of us is God's hope to do his work in the name of his son Jesus.

God bless, Fr. Paul

We Believe

A DIFFERENT KIND OF JOY

Lord, the jolly jingle's all around -but not in every heart...
Red and green are everywhere -but some folks just feel blue...
The rushing 'round to buy and wrap disheartens lonely souls...
Plans for Christmas Eve leave out all those who'll be alone...
This merry month will be for some the hardest time of all...

Mary and Joseph faced difficulties when they were starting out.

They faced scandal, hardships and danger.

But they knew that cooperating with God's plans would bring them peace and joy.

They knew that God could be trusted.

They knew that God would be with them, no matter what.

Then, help me, Lord, I pray...

Help me hear the tears that fall as Christmas bells are ringing...

Let me see the shades of blue that cloud a neighbor's joy...

Help me wrap my love to share with those who'll be alone...

On hearts that ache and know the pain this season often brings,

Let your touch come, Lord, with grace to heal with peace on Christmas day...

Amen.

If this prayer describes someone I know,
how will I reach out to that person this Christmas?

If this prayer describes me,
how will I respond to those who reach out to me?

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat.	Dec. 21	5:30 pm	Sibylle de Suzannet (+)
Sun.	Dec. 22	7:30 am	James Mercer (+)
		9:30 am	Patrick Cimprich (+)
		11:30 am	Our Mother Mary's intentions
Mon.	Dec. 23	8:00 am	Tonette Corpus (living)
Tue.	Dec. 24	4:00 pm	Maureen & John Geaghan (+)
		6:00pm	Adoracion Bernabe (living)
Wed.	Dec. 25	7:30am	World Peace
		9:30 am	World Peace
		11:30am	World Peace

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat.	Dec. 21	4:30pm	Our Mother Mary's intentions
Sun.	Dec. 22	9:30 am	Our Mother Mary's intentions
Tue.	Dec. 24	4:30 pm	World Peace
Wed.	Dec. 25	9:30am	World Peace

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.

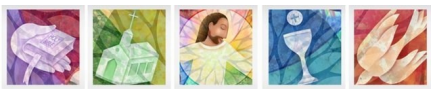
All school age children are invited to participate in our Family Mass!

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

There will be ONE REHEARSAL for ALL children participating on Monday, December 23 at 11:00am in 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. 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?

What difficult thing is God asking me to Cooperate with?

Vallombrosa Upcoming Retreats

Vallombrosa Retreat Center, 250 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park David Leech 650-325-5614 davidl@vallombrosa.org vallombrosa.org/calendar For complete information and registration deadlines, visit the Calendar of Events at the website, phone or e-mail.

Engaging the Heart: A Marriage Preparation Workshop
January 18, February 15, & March 7.

Women on the Journey: Inspiring Lives A one-night retreat for women with Mary da Silva Abinante February 7.

Mandala Art Workshop with Artist Sarah Dwyer Come learn and make your own March 14

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

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

Upcoming Events

January 1st– Solemnity of Mary Holy Day of Obligation 5:30pm mass St. Denis

January 5th– Religious Education Classes resume

January 13th– Fr. Paul's First Communion Class 3:30pm in the parish library

January 25th– Confirmation Retreat 10:00am at Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Beware Of Email Scams

The scammers are out in force this holiday season. Churches and pastors throughout the Bay Area are experiencing a tremendous increase in attacks wherein parishioners receive an email or text message from a priest asking for emergency help in the form of cash or gift cards. These are NEVER real requests. If you think your pastor is asking for help via email or text, CALL YOUR CHURCH, even on the weekends or at night. Please spread the word to others in your parish to prevent anyone from being taken advantage of.