

# 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



**January 5, 2020 The Epiphany of the Lord**

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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

## Gospel Reading

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod..."

The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. God is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically, several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John and his first miracle at Cana.

Loyola Press Sunday Connections

## We Believe

### EPIPHANIES

Epiphany means to have a new awareness of something. It's like that "Ah-hah!" moment, or the lightbulb going on in your head!

In the Church, Epiphany refers to the Magi searching for the newborn King of the Jews, Jesus. They may have had an idea of who they were searching for, but when they found him, the reality of who they found was a new awareness that Jesus was not only the King of the Jews, but the promised Messiah and Savior of us all. The Magi represent all people who seek the truth.

But their story also includes a difficult journey, dealing with leaders who have ulterior motives for helping them, and fear for the safety of the family they find.

These are very familiar issues for us today. And I am sure it is not an accident that this is also National Migrations Week! We are asked to think about and help those families fleeing violence and poverty. Migration, for whatever reason, is a universal human right that needs to be protected.

We are called to remember that the Holy Family were refugees once, and that wise people searched for them and protected them.

Happy New Year!

Lucy

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis

Sat. Jan. 4	5:30pm	In thanksgiving for blessings received
Sun. Jan. 5	7:30am	Michael Ryan Courtney (+)
	9:30am	Iva Arant (+)
	11:30am	In thanksgiving
Mon. Jan. 6	8:00am	for immigrants
Tues. Jan. 7	8:00am	for seniors and caregivers
Wed. Jan. 8	5:30pm	for refugees
Thurs. Jan. 9	8:00am	for the Pope's intentions
Fri Jan. 10	8:00 am	for the Blessed Mother's intentions

### Our Lady of the Wayside

Sat. Jan. 4	4:30pm	In thanksgiving for blessings received
Sun. Jan. 5	9:30am	In thanksgiving

## 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

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

9:15am (PreK to 4<sup>th</sup> grades)

10:30am (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>)

5:30pm (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, select Sundays)

**CLASSES RESUME TODAY!!Welcome back!**



# Faith Formation

## Question Of The Week

**What new thing  
has God revealed to you lately?**



## Vallombrosa Upcoming Retreats

Vallombrosa Retreat Center, 250 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park David Leech 650-325-5614 [davidl@vallombrosa.org](mailto:davidl@vallombrosa.org) [vallombrosa.org/calendar](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.

## Happy New Year!!

From the Parish Office of St. Denis & Our Lady of the Wayside Churches wishing all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year !

Fr. Paul, Gina, Lucy, Dede, & Manuel



## Upcoming Events

January 5th– Religious Education Classes resume

January 7th– Senior Luncheon with Communion Service 12 noon in the St. Denis parish hall.

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.