

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 12, 2020 The Baptism 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

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Today our faith celebrates the wonderful feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We see in Jesus' own baptism the beginnings of the sacramental life of the Church. It was necessary for Jesus himself to be baptized for this inaugurated his mission and ministry as the Messiah. It propelled Jesus to proclaim the kingdom of God, to heal the sick and to offer himself as a living oblation for our sake.

In being baptized, Jesus received the gift and fruits of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit would not remain upon and in Jesus just on the day of his baptism, but throughout his entire life. It is the same with us. We too received the same Holy Spirit as Jesus did. It remains upon and in us as well.

What a powerful force the Holy Spirit is. It compels us to live our lives for God, and to actively participate in building up his kingdom. We are called and chosen to share in the work of God. As we begin the New Year, let us not be afraid or apathetic in working to make the world a better place in which to live.

God bless, Fr. Paul

We Believe

The Baptism of Jesus

Ironically the perfection of God is revealed in the divine beckoning of the imperfect. Jesus' baptism sets the stage for his lifelong relationship with the flawed. While we believe Jesus was sinless, his personal focus was in joining himself with all of humanity, especially the outcasts of society and those perceived as sinful and unclean.

In humbling himself before John the Baptist and his congregation of atoners, Jesus' participation in the ritual of baptism expresses his ultimate desire to join himself with all of humanity. This kind of humble brotherhood is unfortunately a rarity in the expressed values of our culture. Society seems to applaud narcissism, often equating the humble with weakness; but as Sr. Joan Chittister states, "Humility is the ability to know ourselves as God knows us." Here are some Benedictine guidelines for the practice of humility:

Recognize God is God.

Seek the wisdom of the saints among us and the community around us.

1. Practice honest self-knowledge.
2. Endure hardship with grace.
3. Be authentic with others.
4. Be content with what we have.
5. Let go of false self-images.
6. Speak kindly.
7. Foster serenity.

As we ponder today's Gospel message anew, let us seek to follow Jesus' humble example so that we, too, may be pleasing sons and daughters of our loving God.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat. Jan. 11	5:30pm	Victims of fires in Australia
Sun. Jan. 12	7:30am	Victims of fires in Australia
	9:30am	Marcy Kanyuck (+)
	11:30am	Victims of fires in Australia
Mon. Jan. 13	8:00am	Matthew Stafford (+)
Tues. Jan. 14	8:00am	In gratitude
Wed. Jan. 15	8:00am	For animals affected by fires in Australia
Thurs. Jan. 16	8:00am	John & Grace Mersch (+)
Fri Jan. 17	8:00 am	For farmers

Our Lady of the Wayside

Sat. Jan. 11	4:30pm	Victims of fires in Australia
Sun. Jan. 12	9:30am	Victims of fires in Australia

In your charity, please pray for...

Janice Varvelle, Teresa Bautista, 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 4th grades)

10:30am (5th & 6th)

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

NO CLASSES NEXT WEEK, January 19, for the MLKing Jr. holiday.

Fr. Paul's First Communion group will meet again Monday January 13th, at 3:30pm

CONFIRMATION RETREAT DAY

Our next retreat day will be Saturday, January 25 from 10am to 5:30pm at Our Lady of the Wayside Church. If you have not yet attended a retreat day, this is for you!

Bring your Catholic Connections Handbook and a bag lunch.



SACRAMENT WORKSHOP

Sunday, February 2 at 1:00pm in St. Denis Church.

This is a hands-on workshop exploring the Sacraments, their symbols and rituals.

Especially for parents and kids receiving First Communion this year, but open to all!

Question Of The Week

Tell someone, "You are a child of God, and God is pleased with you!"

Look them in the eye when you say it, then ask them to say it to you!

Vallombrosa In Need Of Wknd. Host

Vallombrosa Retreat and Conference Center in Menlo Park needs a weekend host to welcome guests, answer the telephone, perform tasks involving our overnight guests and those commuters attending events by displaying a cordial and pleasant presence and be able to work with efficiency. An interested candidate would be hospitable, polite, punctual, and reliable and dress in casual business attire. The hours would be from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Saturday and Sunday. The work may be extended to longer hours with a possibility of Monday or Friday work when we have high turnover in groups. We need someone with Microsoft Office and data entry experience, Spanish bilingual in best case scenario, with an ability to meet and greet the public, answer local questions, give local directions and work with guests in a pleasant but directive manner. Please email your resume and a note as to why you would be a great fit to DAVIDL at Vallombrosa.org.



Knit & Pray

Knit and Pray starts up again Monday, January 27th at 5:30pm in the parish library. Appetizers and wine served. Please join us to learn or share your talent. We meet on the 4th Mondays.



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 December 2019	\$220,673.00
Monthly Goal- December 2019	\$45,000.00
December 2019 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$41,272.00

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.

Outreach Committee Towel Drive

Maple Street Shelter Clients are in need of towels. They can be gently used or new towels. We can provide to the clients who are leaving the shelter to start a new life in their own apartment. You may leave towels in the barrel in the church. We will collect through the end of January. Thank you for your generosity.



St. Francis Center Auxiliary Cooking Demo and Luncheon

St. Francis Auxiliary invites you to a Cooking Demonstration And Luncheon Thursday January 16th, at 11:00am to 2:30pm in the St. Denis Hall. Cost: \$30.00 RSVP with your check to Clare Thorpe 1980 Palm, Redwood City, CA 94061.. 650 368-1828.



Upcoming Events

- January 13th- Fr. Paul's First Communion Class 3:30pm in the parish library
- January 16th- St. Francis Center Auxiliary Cooking Demo and Lunch at 11am in the St. Denis in the hall
- January 25th- Confirmation Retreat 10:00am at Our Lady of the Wayside Church
- January 27th- Knit and Pray at 5:30pm in the parish library
- February 2nd- Sacrament Workshop 1pm at St. Denis Church
- February 3rd- Fr., Paul's First Communion Class 3:30pm in the parish library
- February 4th- Senior lunch with Communion service at noon in the parish hall.
- February 9th- Confirmation Class meets at 5:30pm in the 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.