

# 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

**Second Collection for  
Church of Latin America**

**“Come after me, and I will make  
you fishers of men.” Matthew 4:19**



**January 26, 2020 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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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,

Many are called, but few are chosen to the priesthood. In the good old days, there were plenty of young men going into the seminary. Parents would be so proud of their son wanting to be a priest. They considered it an honor. Sometimes a younger brother would follow his older brother into the seminary. Not all became priests, but many did. St. Patrick's Seminary was quite full in those days. Even when I was at St. Patrick's Seminary, we had a sizable student body. There were about 34 seminarians in my class. At the end, fifteen seminarians were ordained to the priesthood.

In today's gospel passage, we hear Jesus calling two sets of brothers to follow him. They were the original priests of Jesus. They heeded the call and they were chosen. Jesus continues to call men to the priesthood. Given the scandal of priests in our beloved Church, the priesthood and being a priest does not look too appealing. Why would anyone want to be a part of that? It is understandable. Yet, priests are needed and the call still goes out. Do not the sick and dying need to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Last Rites? Do not people need to confess their sins? Do not infants need to be baptized? Do not people want to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony? Most importantly, do not Catholics yearn and desire to receive the real presence of Christ at the mass?

The People of God have a role if not a responsibility to foster and support vocations to the priesthood. Vocations germinate from the home, and are nourished by all of us. I have been a priest a long time. Even I cannot live forever nor would I want to. In the near future, I would like to be able to retire, and play golf at all of my favorite golf courses throughout the world. God forbid the Archbishop require that I work into my nineties. If you think that a young or not too old of a man would make a good priest, encourage him. God just might be speaking through you to him. This is the kind of sign or affirmation that he needs.

God bless, Fr. Paul

## We Believe

### Mapping Revelation

Jesus' public ministry begins in Capernaum. Once John the Baptist announces the coming of the Messiah, Jesus assumes his role there as Teacher, Preacher, and Savior of the World. Located on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum was a village of fishermen and farmers that stretched for about three hundred meters along the western shore of Lake Gennesaret. This village of about 1500 inhabitants was known as the "Way of the Sea," situated along the famous Imperial Road, which started from Egypt, passed through Damascus, and led to Mesopotamia. Capernaum marked the border between Galilee and the Golan.

To understand *why* the Gospel of Matthew makes a point of Jesus' locale, it must be noted that Galilee was inhabited by Israelites considered by all as semi-pagans because they were born from the intermingling of different peoples. The Jews of Jerusalem despised them because they were considered poorly educated, ignorant of the law, corrupt in customs, and less observant of the rabbinic provisions. They were also viewed with suspicion because of their subversive tendencies in the political arena. It was the Galileans who initiated the Zealot movement that caused the bloody revolts against the Roman Empire.

It is in this region at the edge of the holy land, in this "*Galilee of the Gentiles*," Jesus begins his mission and, with this geographical choice, indicates who are the first recipients of his light, not the pure Jews, but the tainted, the excluded, and the distant. This love of the outcast continues to be affirmed throughout Jesus' life and beyond. As the Gospel of Matthew states, "*The publicans and the prostitutes are ahead of you in the kingdom of heaven*" (Mt 21:31). So, in today's gospel reading, Jesus' geographical location serves to emphasize Christ's message of love for all humanity and, in his choosing of his first followers, his preference for the undervalued "outcasts" among us.

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis

Sat. Jan. 25	5:30pm	For missionaries
Sun. Jan. 26	7:30am	Pamela Treadwell (+)
	9:30am	Natasha Souranoff (+)
	11:30am	Terry & George Edel (+)
Mon. Jan. 27	8:00am	For the disabled
Tues. Jan. 28	8:00am	St. Denis parishioners
Wed. Jan. 29	8:00am	World peace
Thurs. Jan. 30	8:00am	Joseph George Koch (+)
Fri Jan. 31	8:00 am	Laurence Foss (+)

### Our Lady of the Wayside

Sat. Jan. 25	4:30pm	Rebecca Carter (+)
Sun. Jan. 26	9:30am	For those with mental illness

## In your charity, please pray for...

J.M., G.G., 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 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)



### SACRAMENT WORKSHOP

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

(Don't worry! You'll be done before the Super Bowl starts, I promise!)

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!

Fr. Paul's first communion class meets again Monday, February 3 at 3:30pm in the parish library.

## Question Of The Week

What is Jesus calling YOU to do?  
What do you need to leave behind in order to do it?

## Grief Support Group At St. Pius

Monday, February 3, 7:00 pm St. Pius Church Parish Center, 1100 Woodside Rd., Redwood City  
650-361-0655 [griefministry@pius.org](mailto:griefministry@pius.org)

“Moving through the Loss of a Loved One” is a focused support group being offered by the St. Pius Grief Ministry. The group is intended for those who would like to participate in a support group focused on progressing through their personal grief journey. Meetings will be held on Monday evenings for eight consecutive weeks beginning February 3. For more information or to register, please contact the Grief Ministry by phone or e-mail, above. Walk-ins are welcome.



## Knit & Pray

Knit and Pray starts up this 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.



## Bulletin Deadline

### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Deadline for bulletin articles is Tuesday 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 December 2019	\$220,673.00
Monthly Goal- December 2019	\$45,000.00
December 2019 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$41,272.00
Christmas Collection (does not include Egiving)	\$36,651.00

## 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.

## 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.



## Women On A Journey Inspiring Lives A Retreat For Women

Vallombrosa Center- Friday February 7th 6pm thru Saturday February 8th 1pm  
Companionship is a key component of the spiritual life. We will consider saints and companions in our tradition and in our own lives. Who inspires us? Who gives us strength? Always, we seek to be renewed on our own journey of faith.

The retreat will include presentations, reflection time, conversation, and prayer experiences. You might wish to bring your journal if you use one.

Retreat Facilitators are Mary da Silva Abinante and Renee Duffey.  
Multiple attendance options available. Please visit [vallombrosa.org/calendar](http://vallombrosa.org/calendar) or call 650-325-5614 to Register



## Upcoming Events

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 8th- St. Valentine Italian Dinner at 5:30pm (after 4:30pm mass) at Our Lady of Wayside Church

February 9th- Confirmation Class meets at 5:30pm in the church

February 11th- Senior Lunch with Communion Service at noon in the parish hall (note date change)

February 16th- No Classes—Mid Winter Break



## 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.