

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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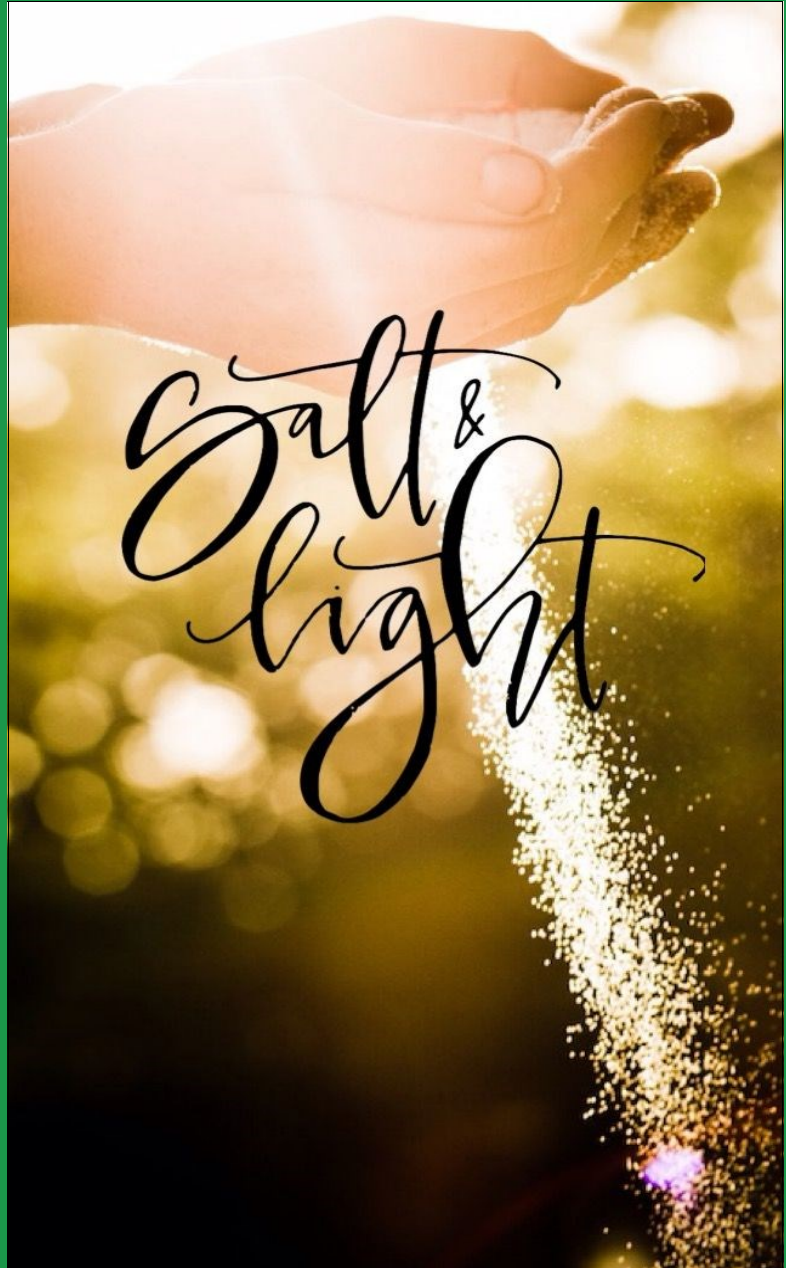
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Mass Times
St. Denis Church
Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am
Monday-Friday: 8:00am

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



February 9th, 2020 5th 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

Following upon the teaching of the [Beatitudes](#), Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavoring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual [Works of Mercy](#). When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!

Excerpt from Loyola Press "Sunday Connection"

We Believe

Salty Thoughts

When I have a day at home, it usually involves cooking and simultaneously watching one of my favorite cooking shows, "The Kitchen." There is a chef, Jeff, who always salts his dishes with a flourish, an image that flashed through my mind as I began thinking about today's Gospel, Matt 6:13-16. Jesus' salt metaphor is multi-layered.

Science tells us that all life is dependent on NaCl, the ionic compound of sodium and chloride ions. Salt's preservation and healing qualities, an important component in the development of civilization, have been valued from antiquity to the present day. Certain geographical salt roads have been established since the Bronze Age. Providing food transport and use beyond seasonal availability, salt, once quite difficult to obtain, has historically been used for trade and as currency.

Currently, the accessibility and inexpensiveness of salt has not diminished its importance. Like most food related advice of today, some doctors want folks to lay off the salt, while others are now encouraging its use. Salting your recipe calls for some discrimination. If you put too little, the food is flat, too much, and your dish is ruined. Some of the ingredients you use could already have salt in them, so you need to be mindful of this too. Complicating the salt imagery is the recollection of the Old Testament tale of Lot's wife being turned into a pillar of salt, a hardened inanimate mass of uselessness, as punishment for looking back after her family's deliverance, a reminder of her ingratitude and disobedience to God.

These "salty" musings encourage us to think about Jesus' words, "You are the salt of the earth," and to personally determine how each of us individually and collectively are called to season, preserve, and purify our lives as followers of Christ.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat.	Feb. 8	5:30pm	For abandoned children
Sun.	Feb. 9	7:30am	James Mercer (+)
		9:30am	Peter Fulchiron (+)
		11:30am	Teresa Bautista (living)
Mon.	Feb. 10	8:00am	Robert & Mary Hagman (+)
Tues.	Feb. 11	8:00am	Mary Hagman & Irene Goodwin (+)
Wed.	Feb. 12	8:00am	National unity
Thurs.	Feb. 13	8:00am	Laurence Foss (+)
Fri	Feb. 14	8:00 am	National unity

Our Lady of the Wayside

Sat.	Feb. 8	4:30pm	Our Lady of the Wayside parishioners
Sun.	Feb. 9	9:30am	For social justice

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 4th grades)

10:30am (5th & 6th)

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

CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS

Sunday, February 9 beginning with Mass at 5:30pm then dinner and class til 8:00pm.

Bring your Handbooks!!



NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES NEXT SUNDAY

There are no classes next Sunday, February 16 for the Mid-Winter holiday week.

Question Of The Week

Who has added flavor to your life?
How do you light the way for others?

Update 2019 Lenten Project– Kenya Help

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we were able to fund 6 students to attend 4 years of high school in Naivasha, Kenya. As you may recall, we worked through Kenya Help, a Menlo Park-based charity, which works with its Kenyan partner to identify deserving young people who need financial assistance for high school. The 6 students we will support have been selected and the school term started in early January. They will be the “St. Denis Scholars” and they will share their progress with us over the next few years.

In a few weeks we will provide additional information about our Scholars.



Inspire & Mentor Unaccompanied Minors

Change a life by mentoring an unaccompanied minor through the Catholic Accompaniment and Reflection Experience program, an initiative by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops Office of Migration and Refugee Services in local partnership with the San Francisco Archdiocese of Catholic Charities.

Requirements: Openness, compassion, and empathy. One year commitment, 4-6 hrs. per month including weekly contact with mentee. Monolingual English-speaking volunteers and Spanish speaking volunteers are both welcome. Adherence to volunteer screening process and all local, state, and federal laws. Contact Carlos Garcia 650 727-8428 or CGarcia@CatholicCharitiesSF.org



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

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 January 2020	\$258,056.00
Monthly Goal– January 2020	\$36,000.00
January 2020 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$37,383.00
Annual Appeal 2020 Goal	\$107, 655.00
Annual Appeal 2020 Actual	\$6,270.00

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.

Upcoming Events

February 11th– Senior Lunch with Communion Service at noon in the parish hall

February 15th– Italian Dinner at 5:30pm after 4:30pm mass at
Our Lady of the Wayside Church

February 23rd– Confirmation Class meets at 5:30pm in the church

February 24th– First Communion Class with Fr. Paul at 3:30pm in the library

February 24th– Knit & Pray at 5:30pm in the parish library

February 26th– Ash Wednesday Mass times: St Denis 8:00am mass &
12:00pm mass (with soup lunch afterwards)

Our Lady of the Wayside 5:00pm mass

March 1st– Mardi Gras pancake breakfast and Lent Workshop at 10:30am in the hall

March 8th– Confirmation Class meets at 5:30pm in the church

March 9th– First Communion Class with Fr. Paul at 3:30pm in the library

March 10th– Senior lunch at 12noon with Communion Service in the hall



Why Register In A Parish?

Whether it's your first time here or you have been coming to Mass here for years, we invite you to register with St. Denis & Our Lady of the Wayside Churches.

There are many reasons to register:

It is a commitment to practice your faith.

In times of joy and in times of struggle, it is comforting to have the support of a faith family.

Being part of our parish community.

Gives the parish a way to connect with you.

Registration forms are available in our website stdenisparish.org and the back of the church.

