

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

**The Parish Office will be closed
Monday, February 17th in
observance of Presidents Day**



February 16th, 2020 6th 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

Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

I cannot help but think that we sometimes cause our own misery and misfortune. God has given us the gift of freewill. As human beings, we have the capacity to make decisions and choices in our lives. God does not force us to do anything. We are not puppets on a string. We choose the path before us. Therefore, we are responsible and accountable for our actions and life.

Do we not constantly hear in the news the horrible events in the world. Road rage; professional athletes cheating by taking ban performance drugs and teams willing to do anything to get a competitive edge; and parents going over the line to get their child into college to name a few. As disciples of Jesus, we are called and challenged to make all decisions and choices in light of faith. The teachings of Jesus and his way provide a moral standard to help us make the right choices and decisions in life.

Basically, do our choices and decisions hurt others and ourselves or do they help others and ourselves. The first reading from the Book of Sirach has some wise words for us to reflect upon: "If you choose you can keep the commandments. Before men are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him." Jesus was all about helping others and putting the interests of others before himself. We are to do the same.

God bless, Fr. Paul

We Believe

GO BEYOND THE MINIMUM

"I'm giving up _____ for Lent"

Why?

I have always wondered about the purpose and benefit of fasting. For me, giving something up only made me more focused on that thing. It didn't seem to help me focus more on God, or my prayer. It was just a distraction.

But now I realize that giving up something that makes me happy in *this life* can remind me that only my relationship with God can make me truly happy for *eternal life*. By experiencing some little sacrifice of temporary happiness, I can better appreciate the eternal happiness that is waiting for me.

And I *should* give up something that makes me happy, like chocolate or wine, nor some negative thing that I should give up anyway, like anger or smoking (I don't smoke, it's just an example!)

In today's Gospel, Jesus puts the Commandments into context for us. He encourages us to go beyond the Commandments, go beyond the minimum expectations. Do more than offer your sacrifice. Be reconciled with others first, then your sacrifice will really mean something!

The Commandments should not just be about what NOT to do, but should lead us to an alternative way of living that goes beyond the minimum.

What am I giving up for Lent, and what will I be doing instead?

Yours in the Lord, Lucy

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat.	Feb. 15	5:30pm	St. Denis parishioners
Sun.	Feb. 16	7:30am	In thanksgiving
		9:30am	Teresa Bautista (living)
		11:30am	Teresa Bautista (living)
Mon.	Feb. 17	8:00am	National unity
Tues.	Feb. 18	8:00am	Christian unity
Wed.	Feb. 19	8:00am	In gratitude
Thurs.	Feb. 20	8:00am	Laurence Foss (+)
Fri	Feb. 21	8:00 am	Those suffering mental illness

Our Lady of the Wayside

Sat.	Feb. 15	4:30pm	Betty Bowers (+)
Sun.	Feb. 16	9:30am	Our Lady of the Wayside Parishioners

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 23 beginning with Mass at 5:30pm then dinner and class til 8:00pm.
Bring your Handbooks!!

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES TODAY

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



LITTLE BLACK BOOKS FOR LENT

The Little Black books are a simple way to help you pray more and better during the season Lent. There are reflections for every day, and a schedule of parish events on the cover. And there are Little Purple books for the kids. Please take one home today!

MARDI GRAS PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND LENTEN WORKSHOP

Sunday, March 1 at 10:30am in St. Denis Hall.
Come and eat pancakes, pick up your Lenten supplies, and try some of the crafts and games to get us into the spirit of the season, leading up to the great feast of Easter.
Everyone is welcome!

Question Of The Week

**I know what God wants me to STOP doing,
but what does God want me to START doing instead?**

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

Mass times for Ash Wednesday, February 26th are as follows:

St. Denis Church 8:00 am mass

12 noon mass followed by a soup lunch in the hall.

Our Lady of the Wayside Church 5:00 p.m. mass



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 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



St. Francis Center Bridge Tournament

Save the Date - Friday, March 20, 2020 for the "Queen of Hearts" bridge tournament and luncheon to benefit St. Francis Center. The event will take place from 9:30-2:30 p.m. at St. Francis' Siena Youth Center, 2625 Marlborough Ave., Redwood City. For your invitation, please contact Ellen Jones at 650 704-3666 or email emcjones@hotmail.com

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.

