

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

**See inside bulletin for
Ash Wednesday
Mass times.**

Bless the
Lord
oh my soul



- PSALMS 103 -

February 23rd, 2020 7th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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St. Denis Church (Parish Office)
2250 Avy Avenue • Menlo Park

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
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Pastor's Corner

When we think of holiness, we may think of monks who are secluded and isolated from the world and others. They devote themselves to a life of prayer and to God. That may be true. When I think of holiness though, I think about single mothers or fathers who have to work several jobs to put a roof over their children's head, food in their stomachs and clothes on their backs. Yet, they make the time to help their children with their homework after an exhausting day, and attend their sports games. I also think of those who put their lives in harms way every day to protect and serve others. Most importantly, I think about us.

We are all called and challenged to be holy. For that is what God expects from all those who believe in him. In today's first reading, God commands Moses to tell the Israelites, "Be holy, for I the Lord, your God, am holy. To be holy is definitely not easy. It is hard. It is very difficult indeed. God gave his Chosen People the Ten Commandments as the way to be holy. Jesus taught us his greatest teaching: Love God and your neighbor as yourself. Love is expressed in many different ways.

Jesus expressed love as turn the other cheek, pray for your enemies and persecutors, forgive always, give without expecting anything back, serve the least of your brothers and sisters in Christ and to pray constantly. We know all too well how difficult that can be. Yet, that is what Jesus did and that is how he lived his life. That is the way to holiness. A famous saint once said, "Lord, make me holy, but not now." As human beings, we tend to put off things, especially when it is not comfortable. Perhaps that is why we do not see enough holy people around.

God bless, Fr. Paul

We Believe

A Spiritual Pilgrimage

This Wednesday we begin the season of Lent. Following our noon Mass and Soup Luncheon, I will kick off this season by hopping on a plane to begin a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, led by Fr. James Martin, S.J. In preparation for this 10-day trip we are required to read Fr. Martin's bestseller, Jesus: A Pilgrimage, which I heartily recommend as a perfect Lenten read. In this book Fr. Martin states that visiting the Holy Land is like visiting the family of a good friend. No matter how well you know the person, you'll understand your friend a lot better if you encounter their roots. This is why the Holy Land is often called the Fifth Gospel. I am so grateful to have this opportunity and will bring you with me in spirit as you begin your own Lenten journeys.

How might we all create our own Fifth Gospel?

Pilgrimage involves travel to a meaningful destination that separates us from the routine of our lives. How could we all make a spiritual pilgrimage this Lent? The obvious answer is breaking our routines through meditation, reading, prayer, and service. Going deeper involves some real soul-searching and quiet listening, really paying attention to all our relationships: with God, with one another, and within ourselves. Wishing you a meaningful Lent!

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat.	Feb. 22	5:30pm	Angela U Chua (+)
Sun.	Feb. 23	7:30am	Carmen & Jose Sulse (+)
		9:30am	Heather Crawford (+)
		11:30am	Teresa Bautista (living)
Mon.	Feb. 24	8:00am	Bob Phillips (living)
Tues.	Feb. 25	8:00am	Special intentions
Wed.	Feb. 26	8:00am	For all who follow Jesus
Wed.	Feb. 26	12:00pm	For all who follow Jesus
Thurs.	Feb. 27	8:00am	For our enemies
Fri	Feb. 28	8:00 am	For special blessings

Our Lady of the Wayside

Sat. Feb. 22	4:30pm	Our Lady of the Wayside Parishioners
Sun. Feb. 23	9:30am	For national unity
Wes. Feb. 26	5:00pm	For all that follow Jesus

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 Cohen

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!!



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!

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

Who is my enemy, and how can I show them Love?

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



Lenten Soup Luncheon

Following the Ash Wednesday noon Mass, there will be a soup luncheon in the parish hall at St. Denis. All are welcome!



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	\$40,392.00

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 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– 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.

