

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



March 29th, 2020 5th Sunday of Lent

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Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Please know that you have been in my thoughts and prayers these past several weeks. Ever since the shelter in place has taken effect, I have been praying for your health and well being in my daily private masses. It is times like these that we rely upon our faith in the good Lord. Our faith in Jesus will give us the grace we need to face this pandemic together. As the People of God, we are united even though we are separated. God is with us in all of this. Recall the Footprints poem. At the end of the poem reads this, "He whispered, my precious child, I love you and will never leave you never, ever during your trials and tests. When you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you. St. Paul reminds us that nothing will separate us from the love of God.

It rained on the first day of shelter in place. The sun came out later in the afternoon. I happened to open the door of the rectory and saw a glorious sign of hope and God's presence. It was a full rainbow right in front of our church. It was a spectacular thing to see in the midst of what all of us are going through.

As people of faith, let us pray for those who have died that they rest in peace, for those who have the coronavirus that they have a speedy and full recovery and for scientists and medical professionals that they find an immediate cure for it. My staff and I are here for you. Please do not hesitate to call us if there is anything we can do to support you. Be strong in faith and stay healthy.

God bless, Fr. Paul

We Believe

God's Time Line

In John 11, it is important to note that Mary and Martha's messenger made a two day journey from Bethany to Perea. Upon hearing of Lazarus' illness, Jesus stayed in Perea another two days, saying, "The sickness is not unto death but for the glory of God, that the son of God may be glorified through it." Why does Jesus say this?

Surprisingly Jesus stays on in Perea two more days and makes his two-day journey to Bethany. Why did Jesus delay in coming to his beloved friends' aid? Mary and Martha believed in Jesus' ability to raise the dead but in the case of Jairus' daughter and the widow of Nani's son, Jesus, being present, raised them in their first day of death, so the sisters' sense of urgency is understandable.

To understand Jesus' reason for delaying his return it is important to note the popular Hebrew view of death. It was believed that upon death, a deceased person's "nefesh," his soul, hovered over his body for three days. Because the body would fall into rapid decay by the fourth day, the "nefesh" would depart and the finality of death began. Fearful that Jesus was the Messiah, the Jewish establishment sought to explain away Jesus' raising miracles as coma recoveries. But Jesus' late arrival to Bethany and his raising of Lazarus after four days could not be explained away. There could be no denying of Jesus being the Messiah, and the raising of Lazarus is the signal to the Jewish establishment that their power was threatened. The groundwork for Jesus' arrest and execution was being laid.

A little over two weeks ago, I had the privilege of being in the site of Lazarus' tomb. Now I can't help but think that that powerful experience was a sort of foreshadowing of the tomb of isolation we are all feeling now, but let us remember that our loving God will also raise us up (and out) all in God's time line. Meanwhile let us seek to have as much faith in God as God has in us.

Dede Waters Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat.	Mar. 28	For those affected by the virus
Sun.	Mar. 29	Braulio & Rosario Bautista (+)
Mon.	Mar. 30	Irene Goodwin (+)
Tues.	Mar. 31	For those affected by the virus
Wed.	Apr. 1	For St. Denis Parishioners
Thur.	Apr. 2	For those affected by the virus
Fri.	Apr. 3	For medical workers

Our Lady of the Wayside

Sat. Mar. 28	For those affected by the virus
Sun. Mar. 29	Lillian Durazzo (+)

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 Kohen
Names will be removed monthly unless you let the office know. Thank you.

Faith Formation News

The Archdiocese has ordered that ALL faith formation programs be CANCELLED for the remainder of the school year due to concerns about the COVID-19 virus.

Class materials are available on the publisher's website: www.pflaum.com

Since the school closures are now extended to May 1, First Communion and Confirmation celebrations and rehearsals will have to be rescheduled. We are in touch with the archdiocese, and will keep you posted.

All other parish events, including the Easter Egg hunts and the Outdoor Mass and Pancake breakfast are also cancelled.

Fr. Paul will be live-streaming the Mass on Facebook every day at 11:30am (except Saturday). Please check our NEW Facebook page at [St. Denis and Our Lady of the Wayside Parish](#) and join the group! You'll also find tips on how to fully, actively and consciously PARTICIPATE in the Mass.

Please contact Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org with any questions or concerns.

Pray for each other and for all effected by this virus. Stay safe and healthy!

Question Of The Week

Like Lazarus' sisters, do I really believe that Jesus is the Savior?
What in my life needs saving?

Lenten Parish Project

This year the Outreach Committee is sponsoring a few parish Lenten projects that connect with the St. Francis Center in Redwood City. First, Sr. Christina wants a few clarinets for her 3rd and 6th graders. Unfortunately each clarinet costs \$600. Do you by chance have a clarinet or a little money to help Sister out? If so, please mail a check in any amount, or take the clarinet to St. Francis Center. All checks should be made out to the St. Francis Center. Please consider helping these kids!



Outreach Food Drive

The Outreach Committee is collecting non perishable food items such as canned goods, dried pastas, etc. There will be barrels outside of St. Denis Church.

We thank you in advance for your generosity!

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 February 2020	\$296,728.00
Monthly Goal- February 2020	\$36,000.00
February 2020 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$38,672.00
Annual Appeal 2020 Goal	\$107,655.00
Annual Appeal 2020 Actual	\$76,880.00

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.

To Our Parishioners

To slow the spread of the Covid-19 virus, the church will be closed until at least April 7th. All events are CANCELLED, including masses. Fr. Paul will be live-streaming the Mass on Facebook every day at 11:30am (except Saturday). Please check our NEW Facebook page at St. Denis and Our Lady of the Wayside Parish and join the group! You'll also find tips on how to fully, actively and consciously PARTICIPATE in the Mass. If there's anything that Fr. Paul can do to help and support you & your family during this unusual time you may call him directly at 415 686-9951. We are praying for you. Please pray for us.



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 5

procession with palms at all weekend Masses CANCELLED

The Triduum:

Holy Thursday, April 9

7:00pm Mass with benediction

Good Friday, April 10

noon service with the Stations of the Cross,
Adoration of the Cross, and Communion

Easter Vigil, April 11

7:00pm Mass with Sacraments of Initiation

Easter Sunday, April 12

regular Sunday Mass schedule



Holy Week

Supporting Your Parish During These Difficult Times

Please continue to financially support your parish so that we can continue to provide the ministries that everyone relies on. You may mail your donations to the parish office, or you may give online through WeShare. Go to the parish website, stdenisparish.org to find the links to set up your donation or you may call WeShare at 800 950-9952, press 3, then press 2 or email weshare@4lpi.com. We thank you for your continued support!