

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



**April 5th, 2020 Palm Sunday the
Passion of the Lord**

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Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

This has undoubtedly been quite the Lenten season. It is still hard for me to fully grasp what is happening in the world. It is surreal. The Coronavirus has forced us to literally retreat into our homes. It is as if we have joined Jesus in the desert these past three weeks. Whether we know it or not, we have been undergoing the desert experience. The desert experience has a way of stripping a person bare. All the layers of a person are peeled away. The only thing a person can rely on is his or her faith in God.

It is times like these that faith is essential to get through the difficulties of life. Life as we know is unpredictable. There are so many questions surrounding the Coronavirus. We face so many unknowns as well. Like Jesus, we are to rely upon God to get through the desert experience. Faith gives us the grace and strength to endure this great challenge and test. In our moment of weakness and doubt, turn to God and pray to him. Let us pray for each other, and let us pray for all those who have been affected by this virus. God will come to us as he did with Jesus. Be strong and keep the faith. God is with us.

God bless, Fr. Paul

We Believe

Embrace

As we begin Holy Week this year, it's probably going to be emotionally a lot easier to connect our crosses with the cross of Jesus. When we hear the scriptural account of Christ's passion and death we have the advantage of knowing how this sacred scenario of injustice and human suffering turns out, but it is important to remember that Christ, as a fully human being, had to place his complete trust in God. Enduring horrible pain, betrayal, and ridicule, Christ willingly and courageously accepted his cross as the consequence of lovingly witnessing God's message of love to all humanity.

Today, followers of Christ, we are called to navigate our anxieties with God just as Jesus did. As Pope Francis states, "Embracing his cross means finding the courage to embrace all the hardships of the present time." In the recent past I have prayed for just *one* day when I could stay at home, not having to be anywhere or do anything. God has obviously and abundantly answered that prayer and I am constantly challenging myself to make this time count! But God is also challenging us to think of "we" instead of "me." Daily, amid the undeniable equalizer of the Corona Virus, we are reminded, "We are all in this together."

I am praying for all of you and I hope you are praying for me. As we continue to practice sheltering in, let us pray for those who have no adequate home, those who are selflessly working with the infected, and those who are truly alone, especially the dying. Let us all turn to God for provision and protection from fear and anguish looking forward to a resurrection of faith, hope, for and love.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sun.	Apr.	5	Jeanne Anderson (+)
Mon.	Apr.	6	Maciel, Gavello, Petit Families Living & (+)
Tues.	Apr.	7	Bridget Gallo (+)
Wed.	Apr.	8	For those affected by the virus
Thur.	Apr.	9	For care workers
Fri	Apr.	10	For medical workers

Our Lady of the Wayside

Sun. Apr. 5 For those affected by the virus

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.

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.

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

How did my Lenten plans work out?

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 May 1st. 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

11:30am Mass online

The Triduum:

Holy Thursday, April 9

11:30am Mass with benediction online

Good Friday, April 10

11:30am service with the Passion and Veneration of the Cross online
no Mass

Easter Vigil, April 11

Easter Sunday, April 12

11:30am Mass online



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!