He Has Risen!

April 12th, 2020    Easter Sunday Of The Resurrection Of The Lord
Dear Beloved Parishioners,

How blessed we are to be a Resurrection People. For we undoubtedly believe in a bodily resurrection. Death as we know is certain. Yet, it is not the end. We must experience death so that we may have eternal life. This is all made possible because of what Jesus himself experienced. He suffered. He died. The most glorious thing happened though. He rose from the dead. His human body rose from the tomb. The Spirit of God, the love of God raised up Jesus from the dead. This same Spirit of God, this same love of God will do the same for us.

There is no need to fear death then. Even though we feel sad when we lose a loved one, we know that they will rise from the grave because God’s love for all of us is stronger than death itself. We know this because the Word of God emphatically proclaims this absolute, universal truth. In the gospel of John, the most important verse may be this: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whosoever believes in him may not die but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

It is my hope and prayer that everyone believes this in their hearts. That we believe we are loved by a most loving God, and that we believe whole heartedly that we are truly worth being loved. All that God desires is to love each and every one of us, and for us to live with him one day in heaven. What a glorious thing that is! May you and your family have a blessed Easter.

God bless,
Fr. Paul

Easter Blessings

We are now living in an atmosphere of inconvenience. These days and nights of confinement have altered the meaning of the world “shelter,” a word that has expanded its definition from cozy domesticity to seemingly unending imprisonment. Watching the global deaths and the Bay National hospitalization curves are punctuated by trying to get grocery deliveries and motivating oneself “to make the most of this time at home.” It seems so ironic, that while many of us have empathized with women around the world who are forced to cover their faces, we are now buying and sewing facial masks for ourselves. As a slight to the egos of the Baby Boomers that I know, due to the Corona 19 virus, children have openly identified their parents as being in the “elderly” group. It seems crazy that the most caring thing we can do is to stay away from each other! Although we were living in the spirit of the season, many people have shared that they just couldn’t focus on Lent or Holy Week this year.

So, acknowledging that it’s Easter today, spiritually and emotionally, we might be tempted to remain in the dark tombs of our own making, until this all eventually blows over. But, just as the huge stone was rolled away for Christ, we are being called forth by our loving God to step out of our tombs into the dawn light, to the grace and goodness that awaits us in each of our lives, and we can live in that glory now. Our physical emergence will hopefully be choreographed in line with public safety, but the uplifting of our hearts in hope and gratitude can begin today. We are the Body of Christ! Let us seek to be Resurrection people! Happy Easter to you!

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

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In your charity, please pray for...


Names will be removed monthly unless you let the office know. Thank you.
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 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 lsoeltau@stdenisparish.org with any questions or concerns.

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

Joy and suffering go hand in hand. How have you experienced joy in your life this week?

"My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen!"

Holy Week liturgies will be livestreamed at St. Mary’s Cathedral. The faithful may not attend in person. These prayer opportunities are available only online, through the Archdiocesan YouTube channel: youtube.com/archdioceseofsanfrancisco/live. For a full schedule of liturgies at the Cathedral, including daily Masses, see the Livestreams webpage, above. Below are listed the Triduum liturgies that Archbishop Cordileone will celebrate:

- Holy Thursday Mass, April 9, 7:30 pm
- Good Friday service, April 10, 3:00 pm
- Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday, April 11, 9:00 pm
- Easter Sunday, April 12, 11:00 am.

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.

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 support!