

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 19th, 2020 2nd Sunday of Easter

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

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
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Gospel Reading

The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.

Taken from Loyola Press "Sunday Connection"

We Believe

My Lord and My God

Thomas is the Hebrew name for Didymus, the Greek version. This Galilean was most likely a builder by trade, but his contribution to God's revelation built up the faith in the very beginnings of Christianity.

Like many of us today Thomas sought transparency and truth. While he undoubtedly suffered shared guilt from his abandonment of Jesus at the cross, when he re-joins Jesus' followers still he cannot swallow their incredible story that Jesus rose from the dead. Wanting tangible proof not only demonstrates Thomas' doubt, but because Thomas knew the exact wounds inflicted on Jesus at the cross, he obviously encountered eyewitnesses to Jesus' execution.

When Thomas sees the words of Jesus he makes the profound acclamation, "My Lord and my God." Not only does this spontaneous declaration signify Thomas' belief, but it demonstrates his' epiphany that the Risen One is more than a holy Prophet. Jesus Christ is truly God!

Did Thomas' verbal acknowledgement further clarify the mission of all those apostles sheltering in? Did these first followers finally realize that their mission, like the one of Jesus Christ, was a divine mandate to bring forth the Kingdom of God on earth? Like Thomas, many of our doubts have the potential to lead us to deeper insights, deeper faith.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis & Our Lady of the Wayside Parish

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| Sun. | Apr. | 19 | Michael Ryan Courtney (+) Donald A Lucas (+) |
| Mon. | Apr. | 20 | Ann Begley (+) |
| Tues. | Apr. | 21 | For those affected by the virus |
| Wed. | Apr. | 22 | Ann Begley (+) |
| Thur. | Apr. | 23 | Germaine de Gery (+) |
| Fri | Apr. | 24 | 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 at least 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 Facebook page at [St. Denis and Our Lady of the Wayside Parish](#) and join the group! If you are not on Facebook, you can watch the video later on our website.

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

What do you have doubts about?

What do you have NO doubts about?

Prayer During Spiritual Communion

"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!"



Live Streamed Liturgies At The Cathedral

Daily liturgies are 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.



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



Stewardship

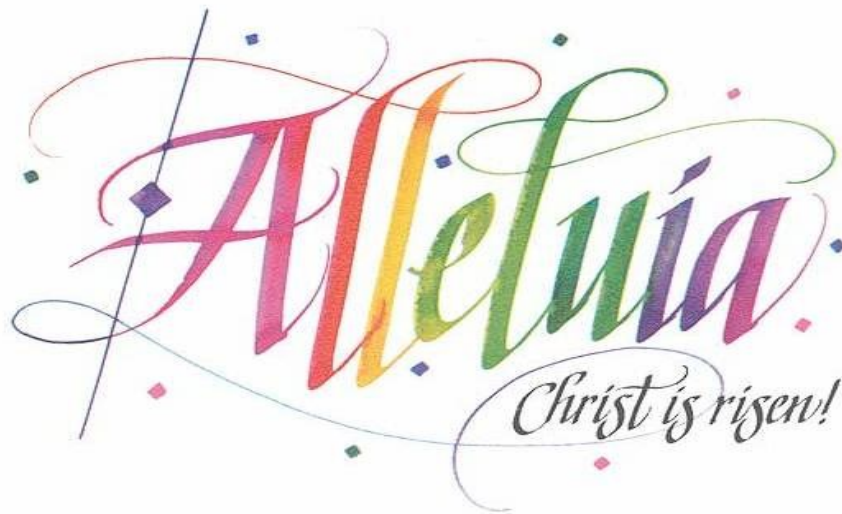
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| July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 (Estimated goal) | \$459,000.00 |
| July 1, 2019 to March 2020 | \$323,521.00 |
| Monthly Goal- March 2020 | \$45,000.00 |
| March 2020 Sunday Offertory Collections | \$26,793.00 |
| Annual Appeal 2020 Goal | \$107, 655.00 |
| Annual Appeal 2020 Actual | \$80,325.00 |

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.

Christ Is Risen!

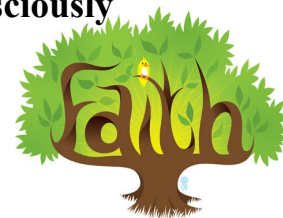


To Our Parishioners

To slow the spread of the Covid-19 virus, the church will be closed until further notice. All events are CANCELLED, including masses. Fr. Paul will be live-streaming the Mass on Facebook every day at 11:30am (except Saturday.)

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www.stdenisparish.org 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!

