

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

Luke 24:13-35



April 26th, 2020 3rd Sunday of Easter

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Gospel Reading

On most Sundays during the Easter season in Cycle A, our Gospel is taken from the Gospel of John. This week's Gospel, however, is taken from the Gospel of Luke. As in last week's Gospel, today's Gospel shows us how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In these stories we gain insight into how the community of the Church came to be formed.

When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist.

We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them.

Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God.

In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others.

From Loyola Press "Sunday Connection"

We Believe

Emmaus Thoughts

Perhaps relating to Cleopas and his journeying companion is an easier task this year. The experiences of fear, loss, death, isolation, and despair are common threads of emotion in this week's gospel to which we can readily relate in our current pandemic situation.

On the road to Emmaus we find two disillusioned disciples leaving Jerusalem, too brokenhearted to believe the story of Jesus' resurrection. Their decision to leave town is undoubtedly filled with conflict, questions about the future, and disappointment. With the execution of their beloved Jesus, they know their world will never be the same again.

Yet, in spite of their despair, they open up to the chance meeting with the traveling stranger. They speak of their pain—and then they listen. Moved by what they hear, the disciples reach out to this stranger with an invitation of hospitality, an invitation that results in a revelation that changes everything. They realize that Jesus is alive.

It's really the same for us. Christ's presence in the "breaking of the bread" is the realization that our Lord is equally present with each one of us, especially now in this time of crisis. Although times are uncertain, let us be people of hospitality and openness, meeting Christ as our own story unfolds in the coming months. How we embrace the collective challenges before us will tell us who we are and just where the resurrected Christ can be found.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis & Our Lady of the Wayside Parish

Sun.	Apr.	26	Sophie Daszkiewicz(+)
Mon.	Apr.	27	Ann Begley (+)
Tues.	Apr.	28	Greg & Sarah Sand (living)
Wed.	Apr.	29	Matthew & Sylvia (living)
Thur.	Apr.	30	Chris & Robin Donohoe (living)
Fri	May	1	John M. (living)

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

How have you encountered Jesus lately?

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

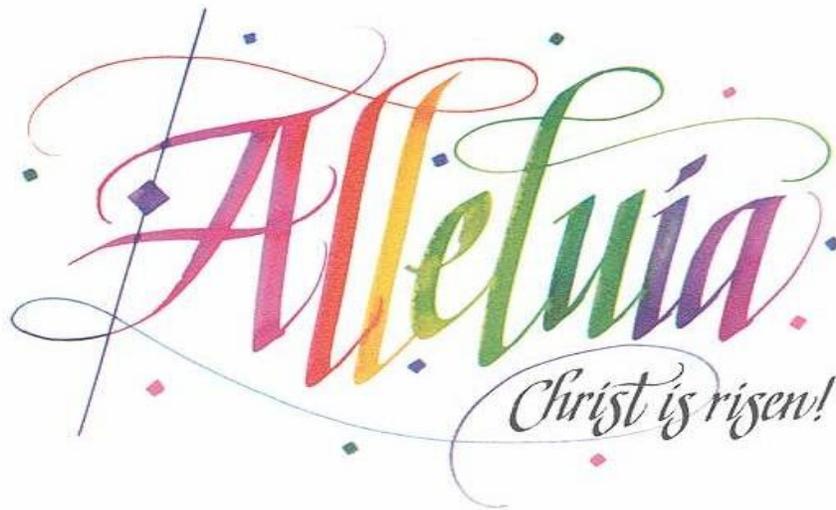
July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 (Estimated goal)	\$459,000.00
July 1, 2019 to March 2020	\$323,521.00
Monthly Goal- March 2020	\$45,000.00
March 2020 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$26,793.00
Annual Appeal 2020 Goal	\$107, 655.00
Annual Appeal 2020 Actual	\$80,325.00

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!

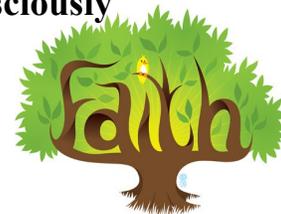


To Our Parishioners

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!

