

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

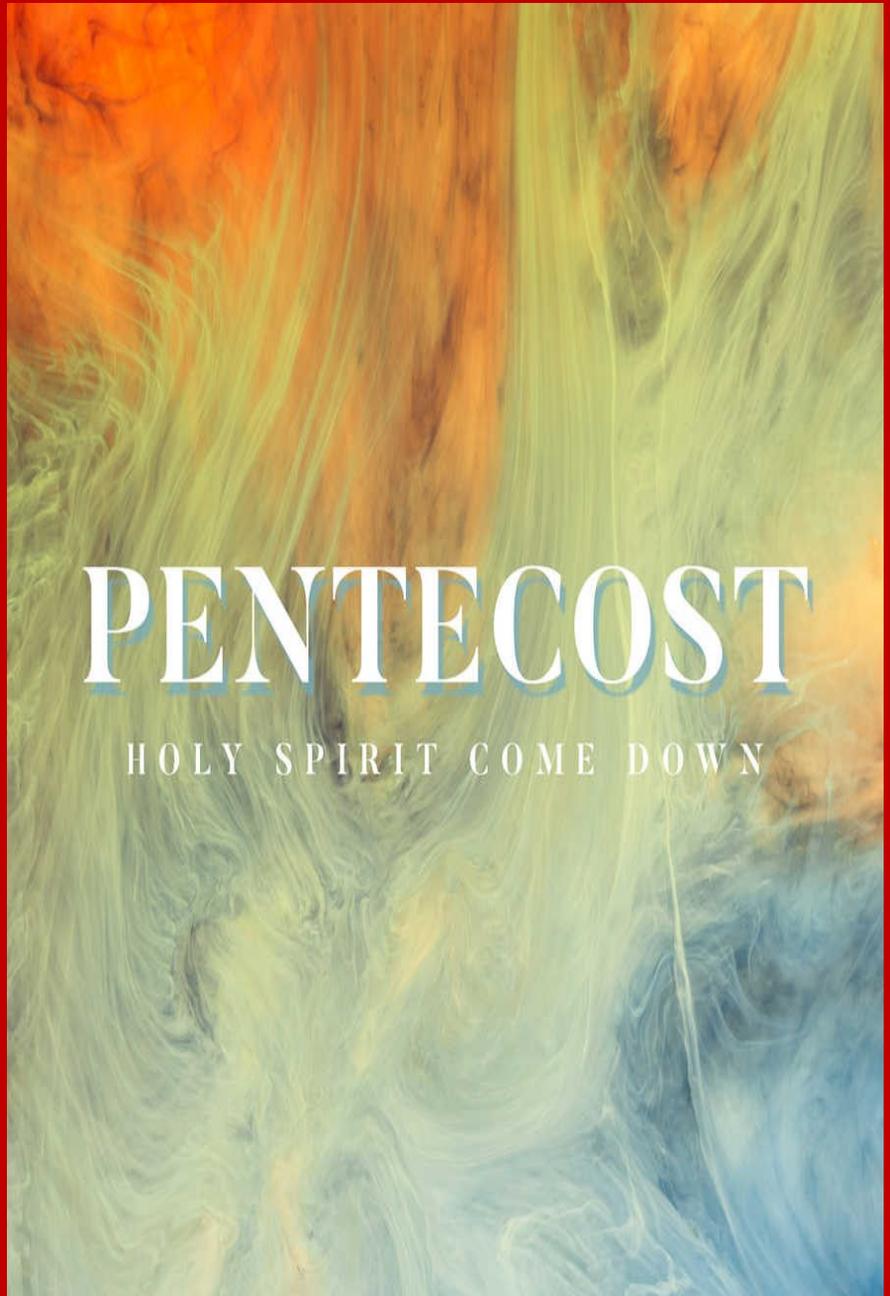
Saturday: 4:30 pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 9:30 am

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



May 31st, 2020 Pentecost Sunday

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

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
930 Portola Road • Portola Valley

Pastors Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

On this Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the birth of our Church. The birth of our Church came about by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. The power and presence of the Holy Spirit is unmistakable. It is meant to be heard and it is meant to be deeply experienced for it appeared as a strong driving wind for all to hear and it appeared as tongues of fire. What is unique about fire is that it is all consuming and it is transforming. When one touches fire, one feels its power.

The rich symbol of the Holy Spirit makes us realize and instills in us that it is alive and that it is real. It is undeniable. How can one question its existence? To question its existence then is to question our existence. Are we not alive? Are we not real? The power and presence of the Holy Spirit is not only in the world, but in us as well. We began to receive the Holy Spirit in the Sacraments of our baptism and more so at our Confirmation. Like the Holy Spirit, we have the ability to transform the world and to touch people's lives in a way that affects them deeply.

Love and forgiveness changes everything. A person is transformed by our love and forgiveness. The Holy Spirit, if we allow it, stirs and ignites and enlivens the love and forgiveness in us so that we can enflame those we encounter on a daily basis. People's hearts need to be set on fire with our love and forgiveness. That is our apostolic call, and that is how we build up our Church, the People of God. Let us go forth into the world with this call in mind.

God bless, Fr. Paul

We Believe

As we celebrate Pentecost this weekend, we focus on the dimension of God as the Holy Spirit. And this week's Scriptural account the Holy Spirit is given to the assembled Apostles through Jesus' very breath.

That same Spirit is available to each of us, presenting the graced possibility of grasping and embracing the divine significance of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, the Paschal mystery, and to live It out in our evolving understanding and love. The Holy Spirit seeks to enter our hearts, bringing our faith beyond an intellectual concept.

This divine initiative invites us to a mindful realization of divine peace and eternal presence. It is a pure and holy gift of love. God's unconditional love for humanity, ignited by the Holy Spirit, reveals the meaning of our salvation and it is "good news." As Fr. Richard Rohr puts it, "Jesus did not come to change the mind of God about humanity, but to change the mind of humanity about God."

In these days of sheltering in perhaps we can turn to the generous gifts of the Holy Spirit. This intention can help us reclaim and reaffirm the God that exists and is there for each human being, including ourselves.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis & Our Lady of the Wayside Parish

Sun.	May	31	Joseph George Koch (+) Fr. Ed Grimes (+)
Mon.	June	1	Tess Bautista (+)
Tues.	June	2	Gavello, Petit & Maciel families
Wed.	June	3	Kevin McCabe (+)
Thur.	June	4	C. Palafox
Fri	June	5	For college graduates



In your charity, please pray for...

T.J. Pryor, 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.

To Our Parishioners

We are working on procedures and plans for re-opening our churches for public Mass! While we do not know yet when that will happen, we want to be ready when it does.

If you have suggestions, concerns, ideas, please share them with us!

Just send an email to Lucy at

lsoltau@stdenisparish.org

While we wait for our church buildings to open again, please join

Fr. Paul as he live-streams 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 www.stdenisparish.org

You'll also find tips on how to fully, actively and consciously PARTICIPATE in the Mass.

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



Question Of The Week

The disciples were “sheltering in place” when the Holy Spirit blew into the room! How has the Spirit made itself known to you these past few months?

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!"



Outreach Ways To Help

If you are interested in helping with Outreach efforts we have the following opportunities available.

1) Need 40 bagged breakfasts for May 20 and May 21 for Maple Street off-site clients. Please email Pat Mach at patricia.mach@sbcglobal.net if you can help.

2) St. Francis Center needs groceries. Peanut butter, cooking oil, cans of corn, bags of beans, rice and tuna. These can be dropped off in the barrels at St Denis. Because many of these items are limited purchase at stores if you each just pick up an extra i of these when you shop it really helps.

3) June 14th we will be providing a meal for 120 clients at Maple Street. You can donate by sending checks directly to St. Denis with 5th Sunday/ Maple Street on the memo line. Thank you for all your help in these times.

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 April 2020	\$350,446.00
Monthly Goal- April 2020	\$36,000.00
April 2020 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$26,925.00
Annual Appeal 2020 Goal	\$107, 655.00
Annual Appeal 2020 Actual	\$85,325.00
Easter Total	\$19,610.00

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.

From Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone

I would like to express my gratitude to each of you ... for your commitment and understanding during this very difficult time in our community. COVID-19 has provided many challenges and much uncertainty. However, it has also been a privileged time of grace and trusting in God's providence as we seek to minister to our faithful. I know it has not been easy for you, being away from ...celebrating the sacramental life of the Church..., most especially during this Easter season. I am grateful for your patience, prudence and perseverance as we navigate our pastoral obligations amidst compliance with public health and safety regulations to stop the spread of the pandemic.

I want to assure you that our California Catholic Conference (of bishops) has been in continuing conversation with the Governor's office about opening up our parishes for public Mass, and they have been very cooperative. In anticipation of this happening, which seems imminent, I am sending to (all pastors) the safety protocols I have developed with the committee I formed for public Masses in this early stage. May God continue to bless... the people of our Archdiocese.



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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!

