

# 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**

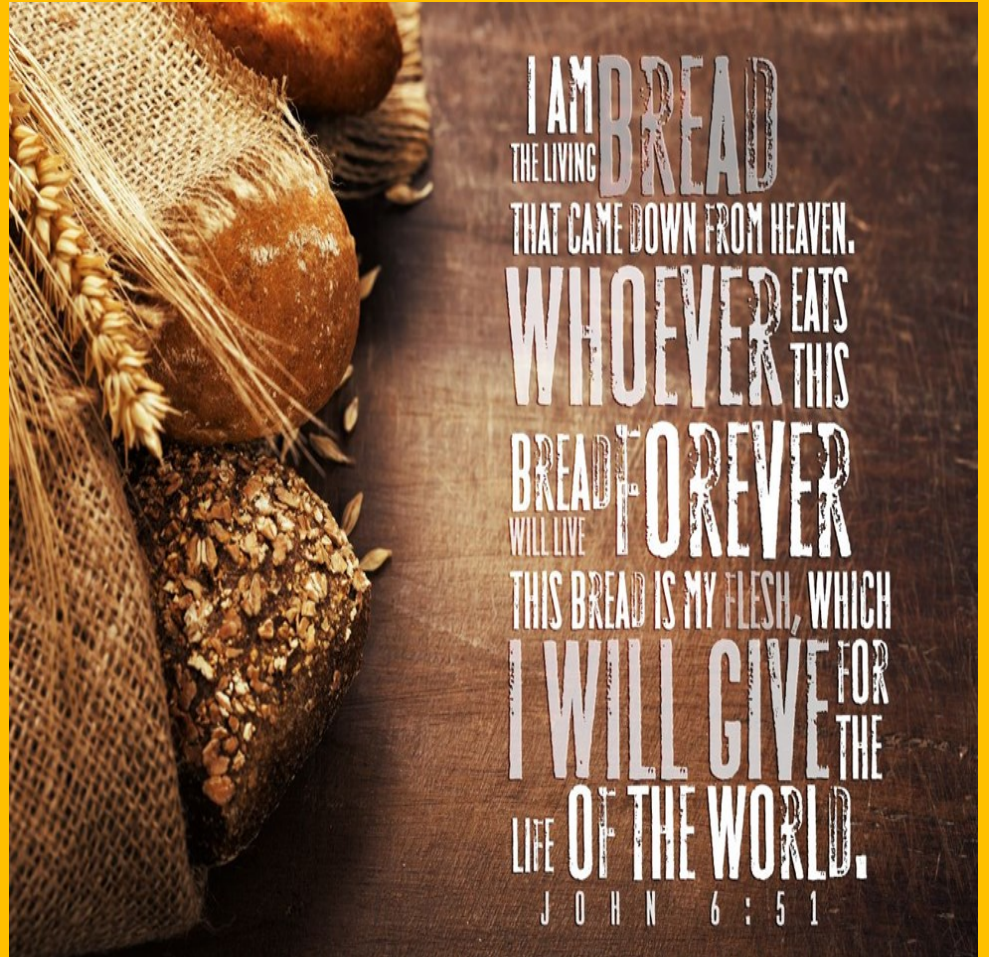
Saturday: 4:30 pm (Vigil)  
Sunday: 9:30 am

## 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



**June 14, 2020    The Most Holy Body And  
Blood Of Christ**

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2250 Avy Avenue • Menlo Park

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930 Portola Road • Portola Valley

## Gospel Reading

This Sunday we celebrate a second solemnity during this period of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This day was once called *Corpus Christi*, which is Latin for “Body of Christ.” In the revised Lectionary the name for this day is expanded to reflect more completely our Eucharistic theology.

Today’s Gospel is taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading is part of a discourse between Jesus and a crowd of Jews. The discourse comes shortly after the miracle of Jesus’ multiplication of the loaves and fishes. In John’s Gospel, miracles such as this are identified as “signs” through which people come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. These signs are followed by dialogue, or discourse that interprets and explains the miracle. In John’s Gospel, Jesus’ multiplication of the loaves is said to have occurred near Passover, thus linking it to the Exodus story and God’s saving action toward the Israelites.

Having seen Jesus multiply the loaves and fishes, the crowd pursues him, perhaps seeking more food but also looking for another sign. Jesus tells the crowd that he is the bread of life. He explains that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. It is in this context that Jesus repeats those words in today’s Gospel and tells them again that he is the living bread that came down from heaven.

Jesus’ words are not well understood by the crowd; they argue that Jesus is not from heaven but born of Mary and Joseph. The crowd also has trouble understanding how Jesus could give them his flesh to eat. Jesus tells them that when they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will remain forever connected to him. These are difficult words, but they are important because they seek to show us our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus’ Body and Blood are truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ’s Body in the world.

From Loyola Press “Sunday Connection”

## We Believe

Thirty years ago I had a dear friend diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. When she was near death our pastor went every few days with Communion for her. Judy made a request of Father John when he arrived at her bedside. Rather than taking all the host herself, she wanted Father to share half of it with her, which he obligingly did. For Judy Eucharist meant breaking and sharing the Holy Bread together.

On this Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, known formerly as Corpus Christi, we revisit the importance of Eucharist to our faith. Acknowledging the importance of Communion is a very poignant point after so many weeks of sheltering-in, and the ability to physically receive Communion now is treasured by many. For those who must remain at home because of the Corona threat, we know your spiritual reception is equally treasured. Near or far, we celebrate together.

Today’s feast and Jesus’ words in the Gospel of John reminds us that each Eucharistic celebration is really a “rite of passage,” a transformational experience that binds us to Christ and one another, no matter how we participate, at home or in church. If we define a Sacrament as an outward sign or object that symbolizes and validates an inner spiritual experience, then our understanding and participation in the Eucharist must change us, and thus the world in which we find ourselves. A good preparation to participate could include questions such as, “what am I bringing to the Eucharistic table today?” And “How am I being changed by my participation?”

As we deal with the problems caused and revealed during Covid-19, our participation in the Eucharist can strengthen and guide us through changes that will undoubtedly occur as we navigate situations in ourselves, our families, workplaces, community, country, and world. In this global and personal threshold of new beginnings, let us remember Jesus’ words,…”The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” Let us open ourselves to that life.

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis

Sat. June 13 5:30 pm Rosario & Teresa Bautista (+)  
Sun. June 14 7:30 am Robert & Mary Hagman (+)  
9:30 am Fr. Ed Grimes (+)  
11:30 am Those affected by the virus  
Mon. June 15 11:30 m Those affected by the virus  
Tues. June 16 11:30 am David Selb (living)  
Wed. June 17 11:30 am Marlene Bell (living)  
Thur. June 18 11:30 am Joan Haynes (living)  
Fri June 19 11:30 am Isabel Garcia (+)



### Our Lady of the Wayside

Sat. June 13 4:30 pm Those affected by the virus

In your charity, please pray for...

Betty O’Rourke, 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

Now that public Masses are resuming in a limited way, we have begun scheduling First Communion celebrations. First Communion families can choose any scheduled weekend Mass starting June 21. Only 2 families per Mass will be scheduled and one row for each family will be reserved. Please join them in prayer!

We are still waiting to hear about rescheduling our Confirmation celebration for our young people. The Archbishop's office is working on it and will let us know soon.

The adults who have been preparing to celebrate their Sacraments of Initiation will also be rescheduled sometime soon! So much to celebrate, but with caution and little by little!  
Please keep them in your prayers.



## Question Of The Week

We are the Church, the Body of Christ.  
How have you been Christ for others?

## 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) 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.
- 2) 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](mailto: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 May 31, 2020	\$391,747.00
Monthly Goal- May 2020	\$45,000.00
May 2020 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$41,301.00
Annual Appeal 2020 Goal	\$107,655.00
Annual Appeal 2020 Actual	\$85,325.00

## 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](http://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.



## Welcome Back!

We have good news! We welcome you back to our churches for in-person Masses this Saturday, June 13 and Sunday, June 14, the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ!

We have been preparing the facilities for your return by removing missals, cleaning all surfaces, installing hand-sanitizers and marking for physical distancing.

There are a few other things you should know before you come:

If you are at risk, either by age or health concerns, or if you are not feeling well, please do not attend. The archbishop has extended dispensation from Sunday obligation.

Everyone over the age of 4 should wear a face covering and use the hand-sanitizers at the entrances.

Please maintain 6 feet physical distancing by following the marks on the floor, pews and refrain from singing as tiny droplets can spread even through masks per California public health and San Mateo County guidelines, however feel free to softly hum. To keep these distances, we will need to limit the number of people inside the church. At St. Denis, there will be extra seating on the patio and wifi available in the parking lot.

The Mass Schedule will be: 4:30pm Saturdays at Our Lady of the Wayside, 5:30pm Saturdays at St. Denis, and 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am Sundays at St. Denis. Daily Masses will return to 8:00am Monday thru Friday, beginning June 22. We will not be able to offer Sunday Mass at Our Lady of the Wayside at this time as there are no extra priests available.

We will continue to live-stream the Mass every day (except Saturday) and it will be available on our parish website [www.stdenisparish.org](http://www.stdenisparish.org) immediately following the Mass.

Communion will be distributed after the dismissal in the church and on the patio.

We ask that everyone leave the parish grounds immediately after receiving communion.

We are excitedly looking forward to seeing you again and being able to worship face to face, in community, with the Sacrament. Thank you for your faithfulness and prayers during this unusual time.



## 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](http://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](mailto:weshare@4lpi.com). We thank you for your support!

