

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

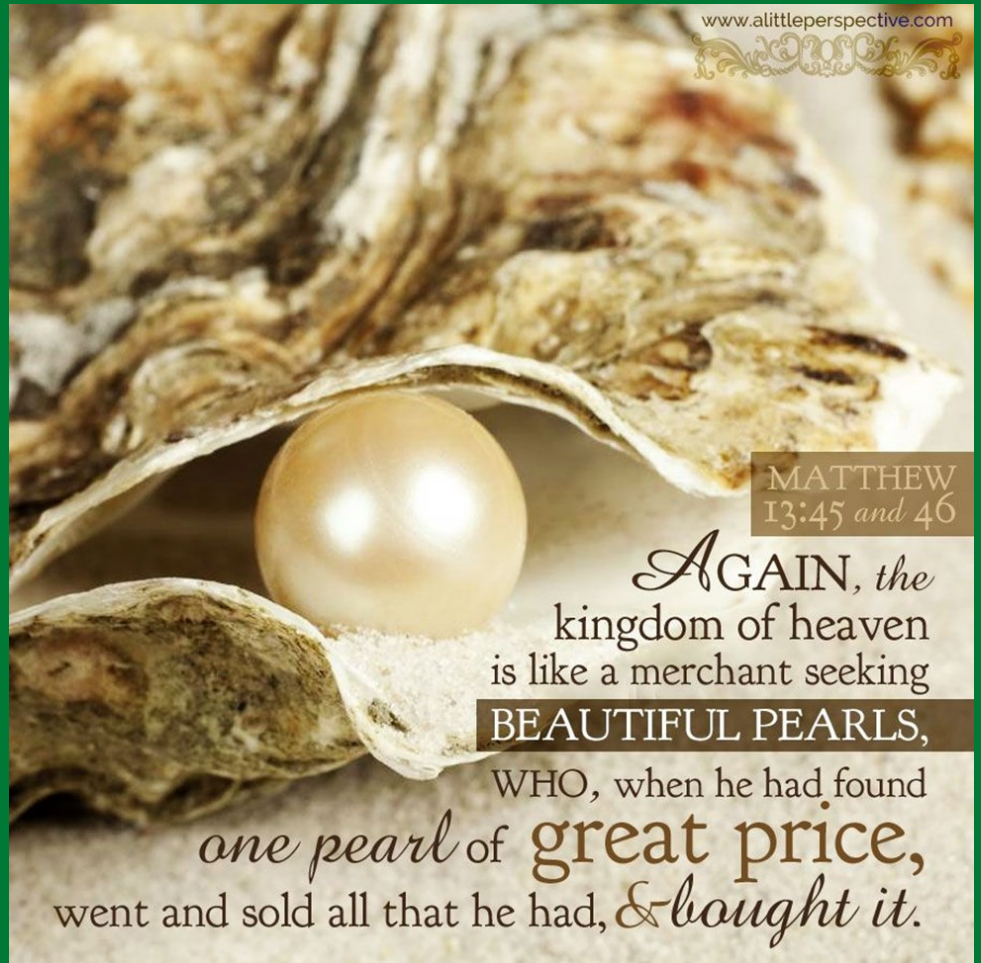
Saturday: 4:30 pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 9:30 am (temporarily
cancelled)

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



July 26th, 2020 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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

Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.

Loyola Press "Sunday Connection"

We Believe

The Treasure "... who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from the store room new things as well as old."(Mt:13:52)

In this week's gospel reading we hear about the treasure of the Kingdom of God. God's kingdom is brought about through us. The discernment of who we really are and who God means us to be is a lifelong pursuit that supports our connection with God, ourselves, and others.

Perhaps the COVID 19 Sheltering-In experience has given some of us an unforeseen opportunity to reevaluate some aspects of ourselves, our faith, and our relationship to others. Whether we have found ourselves in the front lines or enclosed in the confines of our homes, we have had to adjust to change and to reconcile within ourselves how we deal with it. As each of our individual frustrations, disappointments, and struggles is confronted, we are constantly being made aware of the sufferings of others. Sr. Joan Chittister gives us some great insight:

"Life, everybody's life," is an excursion from dark to light, from contradiction to hope, from one circumstance and stage to another—all of them meant to stretch us to the fullness of ourselves and to the real meaning of what it is to be fully alive... As a result, it is the way we deal with the dark and difficult moments that makes all the difference as to how they affect us in the long run... Life, in the end, is really about coming to live it deeply, coming to live it well, beginning to live it as a spiritual experience rather than as a perpetual burden or an eternal Disneyland."

Today's gospel invites us to bring out "new things as well as old." Within ourselves we have the power to cope, to give thanks, to offer comfort, to make necessary changes, and to hope. Seeking to retrieve these inner resources within ourselves brings forth the treasure of the Kingdom of God. Let us strive to remember:

"Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, or anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God."

(Romans 8:38-39)

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat. July 25 5:30 pm For and end to Covid-19
 Sun. July 26 7:30 am Sinforosa Ferinin (+)
 9:30 am Rose Leone (+)
 11:30 am George & Terry Edel (+)
 Mon. July 27 8:00 am Betty O'Rourke (+)
 Tue. July 28 8:00 am For all mothers
 Wed. July 29 8:00 am For peace makers
 Thur. July 30 8:00 am For medical workers
 Fri. July 31 8:00 am For those with mental illness



Our Lady of the Wayside

Sat. July 25 4:30 pm Ginocchio & Banchemo families (+)
 Sun. July 26 9:30 am For and end to Covid-19

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

REGISTER NOW FOR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS!!

We will be offering the full Faith Formation program for children in grades 1 to 8, including Sacrament preparation. We will have two sessions of classes, during the 9:30am and 11:30am Sunday Masses, ZOOM sessions during the week, and a home study version for parents to use at home that includes online resources that all parents can use! Parents can sign up for either classroom, ZOOM or home study.

The Faith Formation calendar for 2020-2021 and the NEW registration form is now on the parish website at

www.stdenisparish.org You will see some major changes due to the ongoing pandemic. We hope to be able to offer some family gatherings during the year, provided we can do so safely within county guidelines. Please check out the calendar and revised registration form, and contact Lucy Soltau at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org if you have any questions.

We are also looking for VOLUNTEERS to teach in the classroom/ZOOM sessions. We have safety protocols in place, and children spend a very short time in the rooms. If you are planning to register your own children for classes, please consider volunteering. Contact Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org for more information.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Every summer, we offer the Liturgy of the Word for children during the 9:30am Sunday Mass. We will take the children into the garden at the beginning of Mass, and they will return at the collection. Children should wear masks.

Question Of The Week

What are you willing to "pay" for the chance to live in God's Kingdom?

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.

St. Francis Center needs groceries. Peanut butter, cooking oil, cans of corn, bags of beans, rice, and tuna. You can drop these items off in the barrels that are outside of St. Denis Church.

You can donate for the various charities that we give to which are St. Francis Center, St. Anthony's, Maple Street Shelter, St. Catherine Center, and Catholic Worker House by dropping off or mailing a check made out to St. Denis Parish with 5th Sunday collections in the memo or you may go to our website stdenisparish.org and go to WeShare for egiving, choosing 5th Sunday collections for a one time donation or monthly donations. Thank you for your generosity.



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

limitations. Thank You!



Stewardship

July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 (Estimated goal)	\$459,000.00
July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020	\$427,031.00
Monthly Goal- June 2020	\$36,000.00
June 2020 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$35,284.00
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, 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.

Our Evolving Covid-19 Precautions During Mass

We welcome you back to our churches for in-person Masses. There are a few 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 3 should wear a face covering (covering nose and mouth)

Use the hand-sanitizers at the entrances.

Please maintain 6 feet physical distancing by following the marks on the floor and pews. 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.

Effective July 2020—with the increased outbreak of Covid-19 the California Department of Health guidelines are mandating no singing in public gatherings, including churches. We will have instrumental music.

Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation as we fight this pandemic together.

We will continue to live-stream the Mass Monday thru Friday at 8:00am and Sunday at 9:30am. It will be available on our parish website 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 and being able to worship face to face, in community, with the Sacrament. Thank you for your faithfulness and prayers during this unusual time.



St. Denis & Our Lady of the Wayside Spiritual Book Group

The Spiritual Book Group is announcing our summer Stay-in-Place reading, *Healing the Heart of Democracy: The Courage to Create a Politics Worthy of the Human Spirit*, by Parker Palmer. Originally written in 2011, Palmer's book speaks to our present moment. He invites us to look beyond the political divisiveness that disempowers us, and shift to a heart-centered perspective on the issues. Palmer's discussion is based in faith, and individual and community action. He shows us how our expanded knowledge and simple acts can create a whole new reality.

Everyone is welcome to join at any time. We are reading the 2014 edition, available online. Our weekly discussions begin on Wednesday, July 15 at 10:00 am to 12:00 noon on Zoom. Our group has members of various persuasions, so we honor differences without engaging in conservative/liberal arguments. Please call Tereza McNamee, 650-323-6859 for further information.

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!

