

# 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

## Matthew 14:13-21



**August 2nd, 2020 18th 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 we jump ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel to Chapter 14. Last week we heard Jesus conclude his discourse with the crowds about the Kingdom of Heaven. In Matthew's narrative, Jesus then leaves the crowds and returns to Nazareth, where he is rejected. Matthew then recounts the story of John the Baptist's arrest and execution at the hands of Herod. Today's Gospel reading begins at this point.

Upon hearing the news of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus seeks to withdraw, but the crowds follow him. Jesus reaches out to them in compassion and heals the sick. At the end of a long day, the disciples encourage Jesus to send the crowds away so that they might find provisions for themselves. Jesus again responds with compassion for the crowd. Jesus tells his disciples to provide food for the crowd. The disciples reply with a report of the meagerness of their own provisions—five loaves and two fish. The result is the very familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Matthew's Gospel tells us that 5,000 men were fed, and this number does not even include the women and children.

Jesus' blessing brought abundance from the meager provisions of the disciples. In this action, Jesus offers us a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven that he has been teaching about in the parables. A feast results from the smallest of portions—remember the mustard seed and the yeast. In this miracle we witness an example for Christian life and ministry. Even the smallest of offerings can produce abundant results when placed in the service of the Kingdom of Heaven.

We find the story of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fish in each of the four Gospels. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus performs this same miracle on two separate occasions. The story of this miracle is an anticipation of the Eucharist in which we are fed by the abundant grace of God. The importance of the Eucharist has been a defining element of Christian life from the very beginning.

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## We Believe

### Loaves and Fishes Today

Hopefully, amid our own personal fears and frustrations during the current times, we, like Jesus, have been genuinely touched by the sadness and inequality experienced by others. In caring about the multitude of strangers who followed Jesus as he was seeking some solitude to mourn his cousin John the Baptist's beheading, we find the perfect example of reaching out to others in spite of one's own personal grief.

"...When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them."

All four Gospels contain some version of the miracle of the "loaves and fishes." Without the willingness of those who shared, those who distributed and collected, and Jesus who cared for those making the long journey to hear him, this miracle would not have happened.

Those who have recently taken a stand against racism, those who have acknowledged the bravery of first line workers, those who have really reached out to those in need during this pandemic, are all examples of people moving beyond their own circle of problems to alleviate the suffering of others. Prior to the virus many of us could admit to being more focused on our own lives, those of our immediate family, and our neighborhood community. Many still have, in the words of Mother Theresa, "...forgotten that we belong to each other."

In our own lives we may echo the sentiments of Dorothy Day who said, "What good can one person do?" "She goes on to say, "They cannot see that we must lay one brick at a time, take one step at a time. We can be responsible only for the action of the present moment." As believers, we are called to see and reach out to the calls of the present moment. If we foster that increase of love and awareness in our hearts, we know that God will take our sincere efforts and multiply them like the loaves and fishes.

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis

Sat. Aug. 1 5:30 pm Victims of Covid-19  
 Sun. Aug. 2 7:30 am Franklin Bautista (+)  
 9:30 am Betty O'Rourke (+)  
 11:30 am MaryAnn Constantino(+)  
 Mon. Aug. 3 8:00 am Doroteo Carrasco (+)  
 Tue. Aug. 4 8:00 am For religious women  
 Wed. Aug. 5 8:00 am For medical workers  
 Thur. Aug. 6 8:00 am Victims of Covid-19  
 Fri. Aug. 7 8:00 am For frontline workers



### Our Lady of the Wayside

Sat. Aug. 1 4:30 pm Victims of Covid-19  
 Sun. Aug. 2 9:30 am Victims of Covid-19

In your charity, please pray for...

T.J. Pryor, J.M., G.G., Janice Varvelle, 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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

**God provides, but what is God asking ME to provide to 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.

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](http://stdenisparish.org) and go to WeShare for giving, 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](mailto: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](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.

## 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](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 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](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!

