

# 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 (temporarily  
cancelled)  
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

**“Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”**

**Matthew 14:27**



**August 9th, 2020 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

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[www.stdenisparish.org](http://www.stdenisparish.org)

**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 directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in [Chapter 8](#) of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with [last week's Gospel](#) about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.

Loyola Press "Sunday Connection"

## We Believe

### So Can We

In today's gospel Jesus went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone. Jesus needed the opportunity to restore himself through quiet contemplation and prayer.

We learn about the subsequent storm and the peril experienced by the Apostles. These men were understandably shocked when they saw their leader walking on water. Jesus calms them by saying, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Jesus then summons Peter to "Come." Peter gets out of the boat and begins to walk on the water towards Jesus. It is important to note that, initially, Peter succeeds (Little does this impulsive fisherman know that his faith will be tested again and again in his future!)

Peter represents us. We want to fully believe, but sometimes we are overcome with doubt. Instead of focusing on Christ, we look at our circumstances which swallow us like the sea starts to swallow Peter. For Jesus, Peter's "little faith" was enough, despite his flaws and feelings, for Jesus to later trust him with the founding of the community of faith. Peter, for a limited time, dared to leave the tried and true. Focusing on Jesus, Peter took a risk. Jesus' invitation to "Come" is meant not just for Peter, but for us. As long as Peter focused solely on Christ, he could do the impossible. So can we.

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis

Sat. Aug. 8 5:30 pm Victims of Covid-19  
 Sun. Aug. 9 7:30 am Victims of Covid-19  
                   9:30 am Betty O'Rourke (+)  
                   11:30 am Victims of Covid-19  
 Mon. Aug. 10 8:00 am For the people of Beirut  
 Tue. Aug. 11 8:00 am James Bruno (+)  
 Wed. Aug. 12 8:00 am Mary Hagman (+)  
 Thur. Aug. 13 8:00 am For world peace  
 Fri. Aug. 14 8:00 am For young adults



### Our Lady of the Wayside

Masses are temporarily cancelled due to new San Mateo guidelines of compliance effective August 1st 2020 due to physical space limitations.

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.

## Question Of The Week

What does God have to do to prove I can trust God?  
How many storms in my life has God already calmed?

## 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 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](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

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 provided.

Effective August 1, 2020– Due to the State of California Health compliance for San Mateo County masses will be outside only. Seating is available in the St. Denis Church patio. Masses are temporarily cancelled at Our Lady of the Wayside due to physical space limitations. Thank you for your patience and understanding in helping us to protect parishioners and staff.

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. 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!

