

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

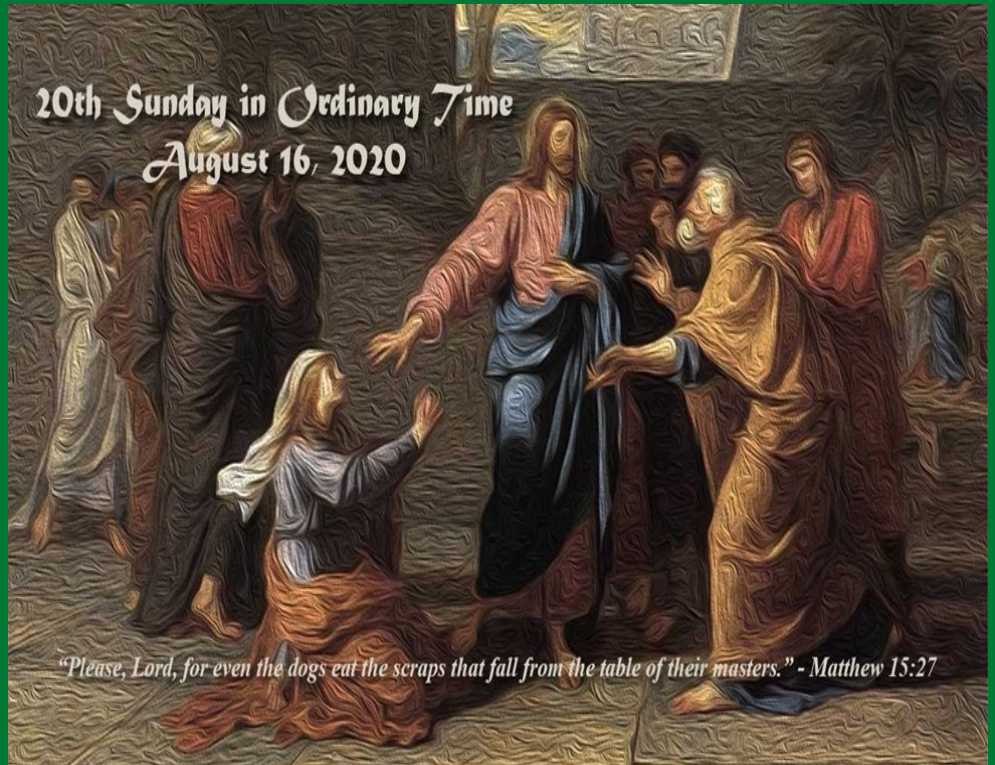
Sunday: 9:30 am (temporarily
cancelled)

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



August 16th, 2020 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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www.stdenisparish.org

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

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

Congratulations To Our Newly Confirmed!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

These young people were **CONFIRMED** on Saturday, August 15 by Fr. Paul!

You can watch the recording of the celebration on our parish website.

Gina Cline
Luke Green
Sofia Merlino
Max Mueller
Brent Valentine

William Day
Zoe Hayward
Alyssa Mosso
Arianna Salimone
Anika Wandless

Our next Confirmation celebration will be Saturday, August 29.



We Believe

In today's gospel reading Jesus gives us an example of evolving understanding that speaks to us about who we are and who we are meant to be. Jesus has journeyed outside Jewish borders and there he encounters the Canaanite woman who asks him to cure her ailing daughter.

Initially, Jesus seemingly takes on the role of a typical Jewish man, ignoring the woman's request and exercising what we could consider his "Jewish supremacy." From the standpoint of being "The Chosen People," all Canaanites were considered enemies of the Jews, and in Jesus' time all gentiles were considered inferiors, especially women. Her plea, "Lord, help me," is an act of faith--but Jesus pushes her further. Jesus bates the woman by saying, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel...It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." At this time calling foreigners "dogs" was a familiar slur for the marginalized group this woman represents, but she uses Jesus' demeaning words as her comeback, "Please Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps from the tables of their masters."

The Canaanite woman who expresses an unrelenting faith, touches the heart of Jesus, who models an immediate change of attitude for the onlookers (and us) as he exclaims, "Oh, woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as your wish." In these words, Jesus models what we are called to do--expand our own perceptions of who counts and act on it.

Culturally, amid this pandemic and hopefully beyond, we, like Jesus in this gospel, are called to move from "All about me, all about us," to "All about all." Jesus models for us the call to expand our thinking towards a deeper inclusivity, to remember, in the words of Mother Teresa, "...that we belong to each other."

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat. Aug. 15 5:30 pm George Koch (+)
Sun. Aug. 16 7:30 am National unity
9:30 am Maria Francisca Lucena (+)
11:30 am Maryann Constantino (+)
Mon. Aug. 17 8:00 am For students
Tue. Aug. 18 8:00 am For teachers
Wed. Aug. 19 8:00 am For St. Denis parishioners
Thur. Aug. 20 8:00 am Fr. James O'Shaughnessy (+)
Fri. Aug. 21 8:00 am For special blessings



Our Lady of the Wayside

Sat. Aug. 15 4:30pm For an end to Covid-19
Sun. Aug. 16 9:30am Mass temporarily cancelled

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.

Faith Formation News

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.

Question Of The Week

The woman in the Gospel asks Jesus for help, three times! And still, she persisted! What do I need to ask God to do for me?
How many times will I be willing to ask?

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 2020 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$35,633.57
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

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. Mass at St. Denis is in the patio. Mass at Our Lady of the Wayside will be in the courtyard. 9:30am Mass is temporarily cancelled at Our Lady of the Wayside. 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 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 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!

