

# 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

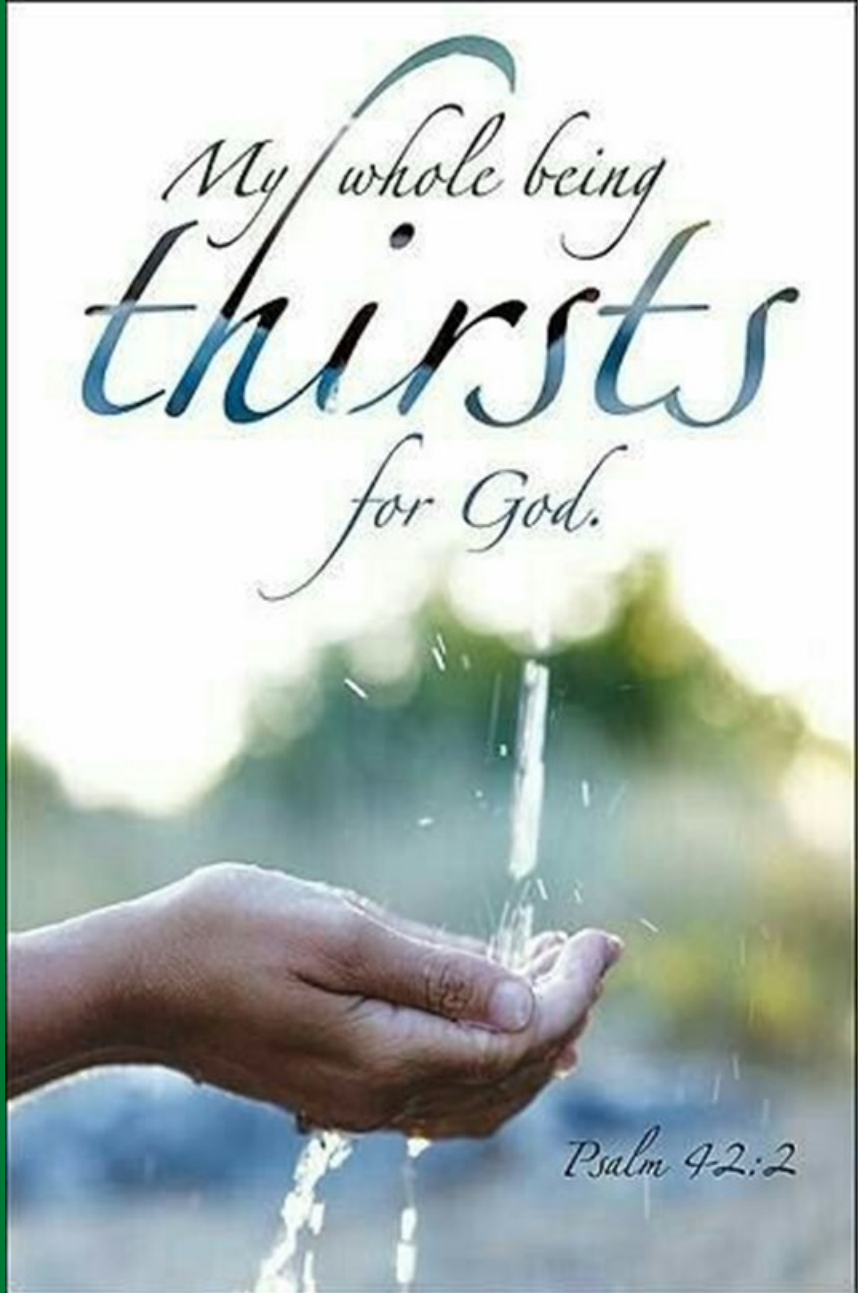
Sunday: 9:30 am (temporarily  
cancelled)

## 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 30th, 2020 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

(650) 854-5976  
[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

## Confirmation Celebration

Please join us on Facebook for the celebration of Confirmation on Saturday, August 29 at 10:00am. And please pray that the Holy Spirit will transform the lives of these young people:

Stephanie Anderson  
Luke Cooper  
Pierce Gurtner  
Malia Lamb

Will Carr  
Jack Gurtner  
Aidan Klaus  
Baird Radford



## We Believe

Last week we were reminded that Jesus re-defined the term “Messiah” from that of a militant Jewish conqueror to a healer and prophet, an ultimate Savior who willingly accepted rejection, shame, and hardship —the price one pays for structural change and a willingness to meet people where they are.

It may provide solace to be mindful of the sufferings of Christ as we journey through our own challenges. While no one willingly chooses negative afflictions, as true followers of Christ we, too, will inevitably be called to suffer along our own paths of discipleship. Just as Jesus’ willingness to give up his life for others ultimately defined him as a perfect human being and a God of unconditional love and forgiveness, our own suffering serves to define our truest selves as we learn who we really are as God’s children, made in God’s divine image and likeness.

We may have recently questioned ourselves in light of this virus, our isolation, and its subsequent consequences, about how our perceptions and priorities might be evolving. It might actually be a good time to take stock of our goals, values, and relationships and the ways we might be called to make a difference in the lives of others beyond our immediate communities.

Jesus’ suffering on earth was both personal and inclusive. He personally and physically endured rejection, physical abuse, and ultimate death, while, at the same time, he reached out to others’ needs, culminating in his heroic prayer of petition to his Father, “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.” Jesus, his life dwindling away on the cross, was concerned for the misguided and fear-driven people who killed him.

While we endure whatever these uncertain times present, both personally and collectively, let us put “Satan behind” us! Let us reach out in comfort, hope, and love within our own circles and in the broader scope of humanity. Let us commit to the belief that pain transformed is no longer pain transmitted. In the repeated words throughout the Scriptures, “Be not afraid!”

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis

Sat. Aug. 29 5:30 pm Victims of the fires  
Sun. Aug. 30 7:30 am In thanksgiving  
9:30 am Victims of the fires  
11:30 am Those affected by Covid-19  
Mon. Aug. 31 8:00 am For teachers  
Tue. Sept. 1 8:00 am For students & their families  
Wed. Sept. 2 8:00 am Robert & Mary Hagman (+)  
Thur. Sept. 3 8:00 am National unity  
Fri. Sept. 4 8:00 am Victims of the fires



### Our Lady of the Wayside

Sat. Aug. 29 4:30pm Victims of the fires  
Sun. Aug.30 9:30am Mass temporarily cancelled

*Please note St. Denis parishioner*

*Xavier De Gery died on August 4th.*

*A memorial service was held on August 14th.*

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.

## Fort Portal Water Project

### 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. At this time, we may not be able to offer in-person classes. However, we will still be offering Zoom sessions for each grade. If you register, you will receive all the materials and links you need to join the sessions with your children, or to teach them yourselves at home.

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.

### CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETING

Sunday, August 30 at 2:00pm on Zoom!

If you have a child in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade interested in preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please join us for a Zoom meeting this Sunday. We'll go over all the requirements, meet each other, and answer any questions you may have. To join the meeting, please contact Lucy at [lsoltau@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lsoltau@stdenisparish.org) and I will send you the link.

## Question Of The Week

### Question of the Week:

What is the Cross that Jesus asks you to carry?

Last Sunday, we welcomed Rev. Samuel Musiimenta, a priest of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Portal in western Uganda. With a total population of 2.6 million people, about 40% are Catholic. We have 136 priests, 310 religious brothers and sisters. Poverty remains deep-rooted in this rural diocese. Most people live on under a dollar per day. Fort Portal is also home to 100,000 refugees from Congo, Sudan and Rwanda. Our economy is not able to sustain the operations of the church and its activities. People have no clean water for drinking, hence they are prone to diseases like malaria fever, typhoid and other related diseases which come from drinking unclean water. The mission for the diocese for this year has been to have new water wells at least at the parish headquarters, but it is really expensive as one well can cost up to \$7,000 depending on the nature of the soil. Your support in this program to help our people have clean water in Fort Portal is welcome.

Please send a check payable to St. Denis Church for any amount, to the parish office. Include "Fort Portal water project" in the memo.

May God bless you all and heal our world from this pandemic.

## 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 [dewwm@pacbell.net](mailto:dewwm@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](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. 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](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.



## Catholic Charity Census 2020

Catholic Charities is a trusted messenger to our vulnerable populations as well as the wider community to complete the 2020 Census. Taking just 10 minutes of your time to answer 9 questions yields 10 years of public benefits to our families and our community. Now is the time to complete the Census. There's only a month and a half left to stand up and be counted. A complete count for Census is at risk with the shortened deadline. It will mean fewer resources for our clients, our families, our communities - and we risk losing seats in Congress - if there is an undercount. So stand up and be counted!

Please complete the Census if you haven't already, and invite your friends and neighbors to do so as well! Learn more about Census 2020 by visiting one of the websites listed above. Want to volunteer from home to help with Census?

Catholic Charities is recruiting volunteers to call individuals

to encourage them to complete the Census. Contact Carol Laughlin at [CLaughlin@catholiccharitiessf.org](mailto:CLaughlin@catholiccharitiessf.org)

## 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!

