

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

Matthew 18:21-35



September 13th, 2020 24th Sunday in 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

Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

To love is to forgive. To forgive is to love. One cannot have love without forgiveness and one cannot have forgiveness without love. Love and forgiveness are inseparable. Out of love for us, Jesus forgave us of our sins. To forgive someone because he or she made a mistake is easy. To forgive and love someone who intentionally hurts us is another thing.

Left on our own, we find it impossible to love and to forgive someone who willfully tries to ruin, destroy or harm us. We need God's grace to do this. God's grace is truly amazing if we open our hearts to it. It empowers us to do the unimaginable and the impossible which is to love and forgive our enemies and persecutors.

With eyes of faith, we begin to see and understand that those who wrong us may not know what it is like to be loved. Perhaps they have not been loved. Perhaps they believe no one loves them. I have come to believe not being loved is the root of the problems in the world. It is up to us to be what we are called to be which is to be the light of love to others for they will know we are Christians by our love.

God bless, Fr. Paul

We Believe

At one time or another, we have all lived with the side effects of non-forgiveness. These symptoms of non-forgiveness can be divided into two groups.

The first group of symptoms involves our holding grudges against others for years, replaying the faults of others over and over again in our minds, allowing our feelings of revenge and anger to overshadow any of the goodness around us, and using the sins of others to justify our own sinful actions or reactions. These avenues of coping with the wrongs done to us by others lead to ongoing suffering and stagnation in our lives.

The second group of symptoms involves a more personal relationship with forgiveness. The inability to personally *accept* forgiveness from our loving God and those who we have wronged, the wallowing in an overload of self-guilt and regret, letting our past sins negate the present and future, and denying the help and grace to move on and learn from our mistakes. These actions are proofs that we have not fully digested the teachings of Jesus and the promise we make every time we say the Our Father.

In the Lord's Prayer we affirm the need of forgiveness for others as well as ourselves. When we seek to accept forgiveness for ourselves and render it to others we reflect God's goodness and we see through God's eyes. "Seventy times seven" is 490 times, a scriptural way of saying no limit. Forgiveness is an ongoing practice that is fueled by love for God, ourselves, and others. As Richard Rohr so aptly put it, "You are a conduit and your only job is not to stop the flow." (Yes, And...Daily Meditations.)

Dede Waters Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat. Sept. 12 5:30 pm Victims of the fires
Sun. Sept. 13 7:30 am Dr. Barry Rosen (+)
9:30 am Mary Gemmell (+)
11:30 am Victims of the fires
Mon. Sept. 14 8:00 am Those who follow Jesus
Tue. Sept. 15 8:00 am Victims of the fires
Wed. Sept. 16 8:00 am For catechists
Thur. Sept.17 8:00 am Victims of the fires
Fri. Sept. 18 8:00 am Victims of the fires



Our Lady of the Wayside

Sat. Sept. 12 4:30pm Bill Kerwin (+)
Sun. Sept.13 9:30am Mass temporarily cancelled

*St. Denis Parishioner of many years
Joan Feeney passed on August 27th.*

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

PICK UP SUNDAY!!

Sunday, September 13 is PICK UP day for families to pick up your Faith Formation teaching materials! The office will be open from 9:00am to 2:00pm to stop by and pick up whatever you need to teach from home. Even if you are not yet registered, please stop in and pick up materials for your children.

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.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Please pray for these folks who have taken on the ministry of catechesis, and for all the parents who have taken on that role in a new way this year!

Dede Waters-Masters
Michelle Donatelli
Patty Dewes
Lisa Cooper
Yvonne Schmidt
Mark Leake
Yolanda Cheung

Question Of The Week

Question of the Week:

It is said that holding a grudge only hurts the one holding it!

What old hurts do you need to let go of?

Donut Update

Since as of writing this we are still in the State “purple zone.” We are postponing the donut and coffee distribution after the 9:30am mass. Since the purpose of this event is to enhance our St. Denis and Our Lady of the Wayside communities, and since we are asked to disperse immediately after mass, we do not want to be at cross purposes. For that reason we have decided to delay doughnuts and coffee just a few more weeks.

But Be Assure We Will Be Back As Soon As We Get Into A Safe County Zone.

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@pachbell.net

NOTE: Announcement may not appear until the next bulletin due to space

limitations. Thank You!



Stewardship

August 2020 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$30,565.00
August 2020 Sunday Offertory (Goal)	\$45,000.00
Annual Appeal 2020 Goal	\$107,655.00
Annual Appeal 2020 Actual	\$100,655.00

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.



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

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!

