

# 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)

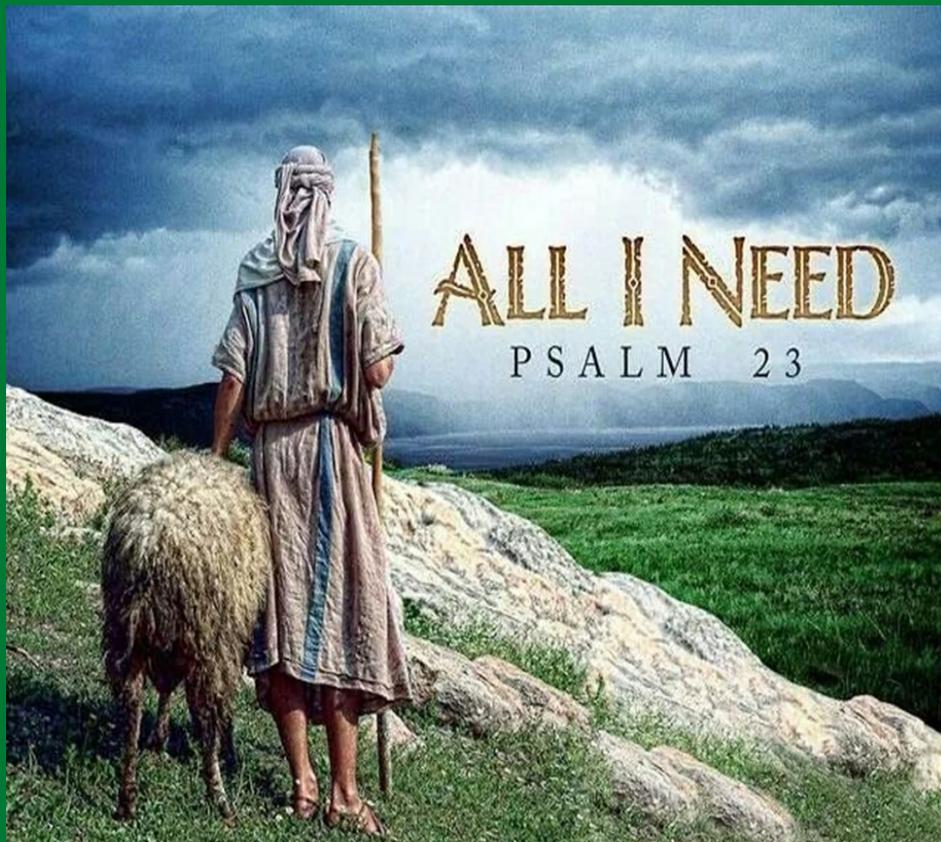
## Confession Times

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



**October 11th, 2020 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

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## Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

There is a difference between want and need. As human beings, we tend to want a lot, perhaps too much or more than we should. The more we have the more we want. Sometimes our wants cause us to lose perspective of what is truly important in life: God, family and being the best Christian we can be.

I have come to realize this truth. A man or woman who wants nothing and needs little can do great things for others. Did not Jesus live his life this way as well as the saints of the Church? One's focus and drive is not on oneself, but rather on those who are in need of our help. It takes faith and trust in God to live this way. It takes courage to believe that God will provide.

In today's second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, he writes God will fully supply whatever you need. In my own life, I have personally experienced this to be so very true. I have more than enough. The good Lord has blessed me with so much: good health, a wonderful parish, plenty of food to eat and the tremendous ability to play golf. A disciple of Jesus will experience trials and tribulations in life, but that is life. We live in the real world. Yet, be faithful to Jesus, live the faith and all will work out eventually. The Lord in his goodness will take care of us for he loves us.

God bless, Fr. Paul

## We Believe

As if we don't already have enough drama in our lives right now, and along comes this gospel! It is hardly calming! Yet, while we can examine the context in which this "Parable of the Wedding Feast" is told, there's a pretty good chance we can benefit from this allegory ourselves.

An invitation to a wedding feast in the context of the first century Mediterranean culture involved a costly, time-consuming communal response. When the invitations were extended, based on the number of guests who could accept, the host, along with several members of his community, would slaughter the appropriate number of animals. The meal would be prepared over several days and it would involve many villagers. When the elaborate feast preparations were ready, a second invitation would be extended. A refusal to attend at this point was a total slam to the host and all who worked on the feast. This negative reaction was a calculated insult and intended to shame the host before the entire community. Still, the king in Matthew's parable is set on filling the places at his table. His gracious generosity extends to everyone, the good and the bad. The king's act of inclusivity would shock Jesus' listeners because social norms of the time would be thrown into disarray.

Wedding apparel back then would mean the best linen garment that you already owned, cleaned and party-ready. Coming to the wedding feast clothed in dirty, disheveled clothing was again a sign of disrespect to the gracious king.

The king's reaction to the slovenly guest is harsh but it is Jesus' way of making a strong point to his audience, and hopefully it can lead us to question the meaning of this parable in our own lives. So moving forward, here are some questions we might like to ask ourselves:

How are we responding to the invitations that God extends to us? Are we honored by God calling us to reach out? Do we treasure God's invitations? Do we resent those people we may deem as undesirable as God's treasured guests? The function of Jesus' parables is to present the unanswered questions that God invites us to answer for ourselves.

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis

Sat. Oct. 10	5:30 pm	Kitty Collins-Hays (+)
Sun. Oct. 11	7:30 am	Isabel Garcia (+)
	9:30 am	Victor Bright (+)
	11:30 am	Maryann Constantino (+)
Mon. Oct. 12	8:00 am	Janie Mitchell (+)
Tue. Oct. 13	8:00 am	Special intention
Wed. Oct. 14	8:00 am	Mother Mary's intentions
Thur. Oct.15	8:00 am	Joseph Merkert (+)
Fri. Oct. 16	8:00 am	Lillian Durazzo (+)



### Our Lady of the Wayside

Sat. Oct. 10	4:30pm	Bill Kerwin (+)
Sun. Oct.11	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

### FAITH FORMATION MATERIALS AVAILABLE

We have lessons, parent guides and online resources for use at home or with our optional Zoom gatherings! Materials are for grades PreK to 6<sup>th</sup>. Zoom gatherings for grades 2 to 6. Contact Lucy at [lsoltau@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lsoltau@stdenisparish.org) to schedule a pick up time.



*Faith Formation*

### FAITH FORMATION ZOOM GATHERINGS HAVE BEGUN!!

If you registered your children for Faith Formation, you should have received a link to our optional Zoom gatherings. We will offer these gatherings every Sunday.

Please contact Lucy at [lsoltau@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lsoltau@stdenisparish.org) for more information.

### Pre K/Kindergarten/First Grade Families!

Dede Waters-Masters is creating videos for you to use at home whenever you want!

She offers suggestions, encouragement, project ideas, and prayer ideas for you to do with your little ones.

Just contact Lucy at [lsoltau@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lsoltau@stdenisparish.org) and we'll send them directly to you!

## Question Of The Week

Dede asks some great questions in her letter today! Check it out!

## Our Lady of the Rosary For October

Many religions use beads to keep track of prayers. Our Rosary, a circle of beads, is like a garland offered to Mary because we pray a prayer on each bead. This well-loved prayer has its roots in the 150 psalms. People who couldn't read began praying 150 Hail Marys instead, the equivalent of three of our modern rosaries covering the original three sets of mysteries.

The story of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is an interesting one. In the 16th century Pope Pius V was having trouble with the Ottoman Turks, who were a real danger to Christianity. After months of disagreements and bickering, he was able to unite Spain, Venice, and the States of the Church in a naval expedition to fight the Turks.

The two navies met in the Gulf of Lepanto in Greece on October 7, 1571. On the same day, the Rosary Confraternity of Rome was meeting at the Dominican headquarters there. The group recited the Rosary for the special intention of the Christians at battle. The Christians defeated the Turks in a spectacular victory and believed it was the intercessory power of the Blessed Virgin that won the victory. Pope Pius V dedicated the day as one of thanksgiving to Our Lady of Victory. Pope Gregory XIII later changed the name to the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The story of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary focuses on the intercessory power of Mary. It shows that when Christians are in danger, they can go to Mary. And when an individual is in pain, discouraged, or having trouble accepting God's will, he or she can also go to Mary. She will pray to her Son for anyone who calls on her. Anyone who prays to Mary no longer feels alone because she prays with them and for them. Mary encouraged praying the Rosary in her apparitions. At Lourdes when she appeared to Saint Bernadette, Mary had a Rosary. As Bernadette prayed it, Mary joined in on the Glory Be prayers. At Fatima Mary exhorted the three children who saw her to pray the Rosary for peace.

The Rosary is a deep prayer because as we recite the Our Fathers, Hail Marys, and Glory Bes, we meditate on the mysteries in the lives of Jesus and Mary. No wonder it pleases Our Lady when we pray the Rosary.

## 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 [dewm@pachell.net](mailto:dewm@pachell.net)

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

limitations. Thank You!



## Stewardship

Sept. 2020 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$29,361.00
Sept. 2020 Sunday Offertory (Goal)	\$36,000.00
Annual Appeal 2020 Goal	\$107,655.00
Annual Appeal 2020 Actual	\$105,783.00

## 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. Please maintain 6 feet distancing by following the marks on the floor, pews, and refrain from singing as tiny droplets can spread even through masks per California Public Health and San Mateo Guidelines.

Effective September 23rd, 2020— The State of California has given permission for us to move Masses back inside the church buildings at 25% capacity as San Mateo County is listed at Red Risk Level. Inside seating capacity at St. Denis is 50 people ( St. Denis offers extra seating outside) Our Lady of the Wayside is 28 people. 9:30am Mass at Our Lady of the Wayside is still temporarily cancelled. Thank you for your patience and understanding in helping us to protect parishioners and staff.

Effective since 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 patience and understanding in helping us to protect the parishioners and staff.

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.



## Upcoming Online Retreats At Vallombrosa Center

Vallombrosa Retreat Center is providing a home for many who seek comfort, contemplation, meditations, prayer and healthy discussions through its retreats. Contact David Leech [davidl@vallombrosa.org](mailto:davidl@vallombrosa.org)  
The following is a list of upcoming retreats offered online:

Christ, Our Model of Prayer with Fr. Brian Mullady, OP.

Saturday October 17th \$25 fee 10AM-4PM. (3 sessions with breaks in between)

Eventbrite Ticket link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christ-our-model-of-prayer-with-father-brian-mullady-op-tickets-119715499281>

FB event link: <https://fb.me/e/3NYVMAAnZI>

Fr. Brian Mullady uses the life of Our Lord as a basis to explain the various characteristics of Christian prayer. He will apply Christ's entry into the world and his way of life in the world as the source of detachment and acquired contemplation. He will then explain how the Passion relates to Purgation and infused contemplation. Finally he will explain how Christ's departure from the world expresses the final experience of our transformation in Christ in this world.



## 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!

