

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 18th, 2020 29th Sunday In Ordinary Time
World Mission Sunday**

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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,

Monotheism means belief in only one God. In today's first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, God speaks. He is proclaiming that there is no other god, but Him alone. Only the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God Jacob exists. It is this God who delivered the Israelites from the bandage of slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. It is this God who promised to send the Messiah to free His people.

It is this God of the Old Testament that we believe in as well. Our God, our Father so loved the world that He gave His only beloved Son Jesus to us. There is no other god that I know of who did this for us. It is our God, our Father who willed that His Son Jesus experience tremendous suffering and an excruciating and humiliating death, death on a cross as the sign of ultimate love for us. There is no other god that I know of who did this for us.

Our God, our Father forgives us of our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. No matter what sin we may commit, even if it is the most unspeakable sin we could ever commit, our God, our Father forgives us if we go to confession. There is no other god that I know of who does this for us. This is why I believe in the God of the Old and New Testament. I know of no other god to which I would want to commit and give my life.

God bless, Fr. Paul

We Believe

In today's gospel we find Jesus face-to-face with his enemies who present him with a tricky question meant to label him as either Jewish protestor acting against Rome or one who was an idol worshipper recognizing Caesar as the supreme deity. At this particular time, with the celebration of Passover and the potential for zealot uprisings within the city of Jerusalem, the setting for this gospel is especially poignant. Talk about a no-win situation!

But Jesus' artful response takes advantage of this sinister questioning to impart insightful teaching. Jesus makes the point that paying taxes is not idolatry, but a citizen's obligation, but he subtly overrides that response by reminding his audience of God's indelible stamp on everything and everyone. Without incriminating himself, Jesus outsmarts the Pharisees and they leave the scene, failed in their attempts to snare this popular Jewish prophet.

On October 22, 2017, Pope Francis spoke on today's gospel, (Mt. 22:15-21) to those gathering in St. Peter's Square, reminding all believers to commit "...concretely to human and social realities, without opposing God and Caesar." The relevance of this gospel for us is a profound affirmation that we are made in "the image of God." This fundamental belonging should influence all aspects of our lives including citizenship.

As believers we are called to repeatedly ask ourselves, "To whom do I belong?" In answering this question we re-examine our values, actions, and engagement with the world in which we live, ever seeking to align our lives with the will of our loving God.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat. Oct. 17 5:30 pm Phil Horsley (living)
Sun. Oct. 18 7:30 am Teresa Bautista (+)
9:30 am Jean Zonner (+)
11:30 am Bob & Arlene Lindblom
50th wedding anniversary
Mon. Oct. 19 8:00 am Randel Olsen (+)
Tue. Oct. 20 8:00 am Randel Olsen (+)
Wed. Oct. 21 8:00 am James Bruno (+)
Thur. Oct. 22 8:00 am Randel Olsen (+)
Fri. Oct. 23 8:00 am Randel Olsen (+)



Our Lady of the Wayside

Sat. Oct. 17 4:30pm Hilary Donohoe
(living)
Sun. Oct. 17 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 6th. Zoom gatherings for grades 2 to 6. Contact Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org to schedule a pick up time.

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 for more information.

PreK/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 and we'll send them directly to you!

Questions About In-Person Classes

Many have been asking when we will be able to have in-person classes for the children in our Faith Formation program. We are following the lead of the local school districts and watching to see how their plans work out. Many parents are hesitant to send their children to classes, and I understand. At this time, we're planning to offer limited in-person classes after Christmas. We will probably continue to offer the Zoom classes and parents can also continue to teach their children at home. We'll keep you posted!

Question Of The Week

What belongs to God, and how do I repay it?

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 dedewm@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	\$107,655.00

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. 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 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.



Faithful Citizenship

"We strongly urge all parishioners to register, to become informed on key issues, and to vote. The Church does not support or oppose any candidate, but seeks to focus attention on the moral and human dimensions of issues. We do not authorize the distribution of partisan political materials on parish property."

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



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!

