

# 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)

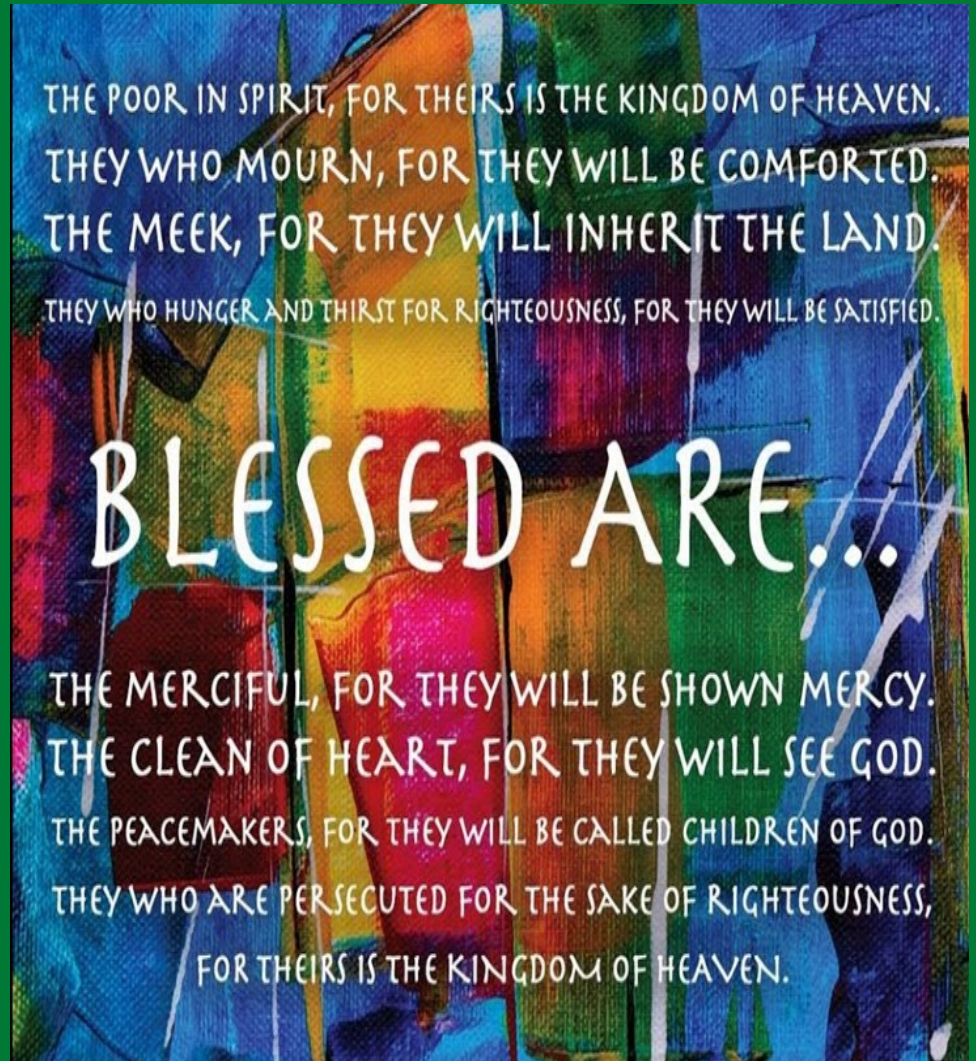
## Confession Times

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



**November 1st, 2020 31st Sunday In Ordinary Time  
Feast of All Saints**

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Avenue • Menlo Park

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## Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

How wonderful it is to be able to celebrate the wonderful feast of All Saints this weekend. It gives us the opportunity as a community to remember and celebrate all those who lived the faith with great courage and commitment. It is not easy to live a holy life, yet all are called and challenged to do so. I have come to believe that Saints are not born but made.

Remember in chemistry class when we had to purify the crucible over the Bunsen burner before we could do any experiments with it. The intense flame from the Bunsen burner sterilized the crucible. If you were like me, I kept the crucible over the flame a little bit longer. I think that captures the lives of the Saints. They allowed God to purify them with the flame of faith and with the fire of the Holy Spirit. It is an experience few dare to undergo.

Praying for one's enemies and persecutors, turning the other cheek, giving without expecting anything back, completely forgiving those who wrong us from the bottom of one's heart, seeing tremendous beauty in the poor and the homeless, being humble are some of the hallmarks of the Saints. Perhaps taking the first few steps of becoming a Saint involves letting go of our pride and ego, and to wear the sandals of our brothers and sisters in Christ. The process of being made a Saint is by no means easy. All Saints, though, were human just like us. They walked through the crucible experience. Do we dare to follow?

God bless,

Fr. Paul

## We Believe

While the Ten Commandments are steadfast rules for living, the Beatitudes are attitudes for being. Without significant attention to the values put forth in the Beatitudes, adherence to the Commandments can result in feelings of superiority, our egotistical need to be "right" or better than others. It is our engagement with the ultimate meaning of the Beatitudes that prevent us from trying to fit the Gospel into the existing cultural agenda.

The Beatitudes encompass a universal attitude of productive humility. Jesus' teaching overturns trust in conventional power, the striving for increased possessions, and personal prestige.

The Sermon on the Mount proposes an attitude that promotes our willingness to humbly love and be loved and a surrender of narcissistic behavior. When taken seriously, this blueprint for Christian living beckons us to ask the questions, "How do I envision my God?" and "How is that God manifested in me?" The answers to these questions are key to our relationship with God, ourselves, and others.

If we seek to open ourselves, graced by faith, to see a God of unconditional love, we can relinquish our attempts at being our own god, and humbly recognize that the God of love lives not only in each one of us, but in every other person, place, and thing.

The Beatitudes call us to be productively self-critical, a self-disclosure that saves us from perfectionism, hypocrisy, and self-righteousness. Striving to live out these Christ-centered guidelines is not meekness, but calls on a powerful strength of character that is no longer bound by ego, but motivated by contributing as co-creators to the Kingdom of God.

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis

Sat. Oct. 31	5:30 pm	Rosario & Braulio Bautista (+)
Sun. Nov. 1	7:30 am	Clarita Delacruz (+)
	9:30 am	Dean M. Robinson(+)
	11:30 am	All souls
Mon. Nov. 2	8:00 am	Rosario & Braulio Bautista (+)
Tue. Nov. 3	8:00 am	Social justice
Wed. Nov. 4	8:00 am	Special Blessings
Thur. Nov. 5	8:00 am	Special intentions
Fri. Nov. 6	8:00 am	Jae Young Hwang (+)



### Our Lady of the Wayside

Sat. Oct. 31 4:30pm National unity

Sun. Nov. 1 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

Time to pick up your NEW SET of lessons and 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 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!

### 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

Today is All Saints day, when we celebrate those souls we KNOW are in heaven with God. Tomorrow is All Souls day, when we celebrate those souls we HOPE are with God. But why wait? What can I do to make heaven happen right here, right now?

## 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

## Parish Outreach Committee Update

**October:** Since we can't have our Annual Fall Bake Sale, we ask for donations to go to St Anthony's Dining Room who now provide 500+ meals daily to the needy in our county. Make checks out to St. Denis Church with St Anthony's on the memo line.

**November:** Bring new or nearly new towels and gift cards to the back of Church to go to foster young adults who must leave the shelters Moving towards their independence this month. (We are Still searching for our Missing bins!)

**December:** Stay tuned for updates on our modified Giving Tree Program.



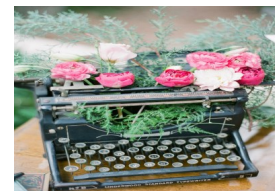
## Bulletin Deadline

### 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](mailto:dedewm@pacbell.net)

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

limitations. Thank You!



## 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 October 28th, 2020– The State of California has given permission for us to move Masses back inside the church buildings at 50% capacity (maintaining 6 feet separation) as San Mateo County is listed at Orange Risk Level. Inside 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.

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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.



## Remembrance Book

Our tradition of having a “Book of the Dead” honoring our deceased members at both churches will continue this month. If you would like to remember a beloved deceased, recent or in the past, please send me the names, indicate which Church, Our Lady of the Wayside or St. Denis, and I will inscribe their name(s) in the appropriate book this year, due to the Corona virus. Please email any names to [dedewmpacbell.net](mailto:dedewmpacbell.net). Thanks!



## 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!

