

# 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)

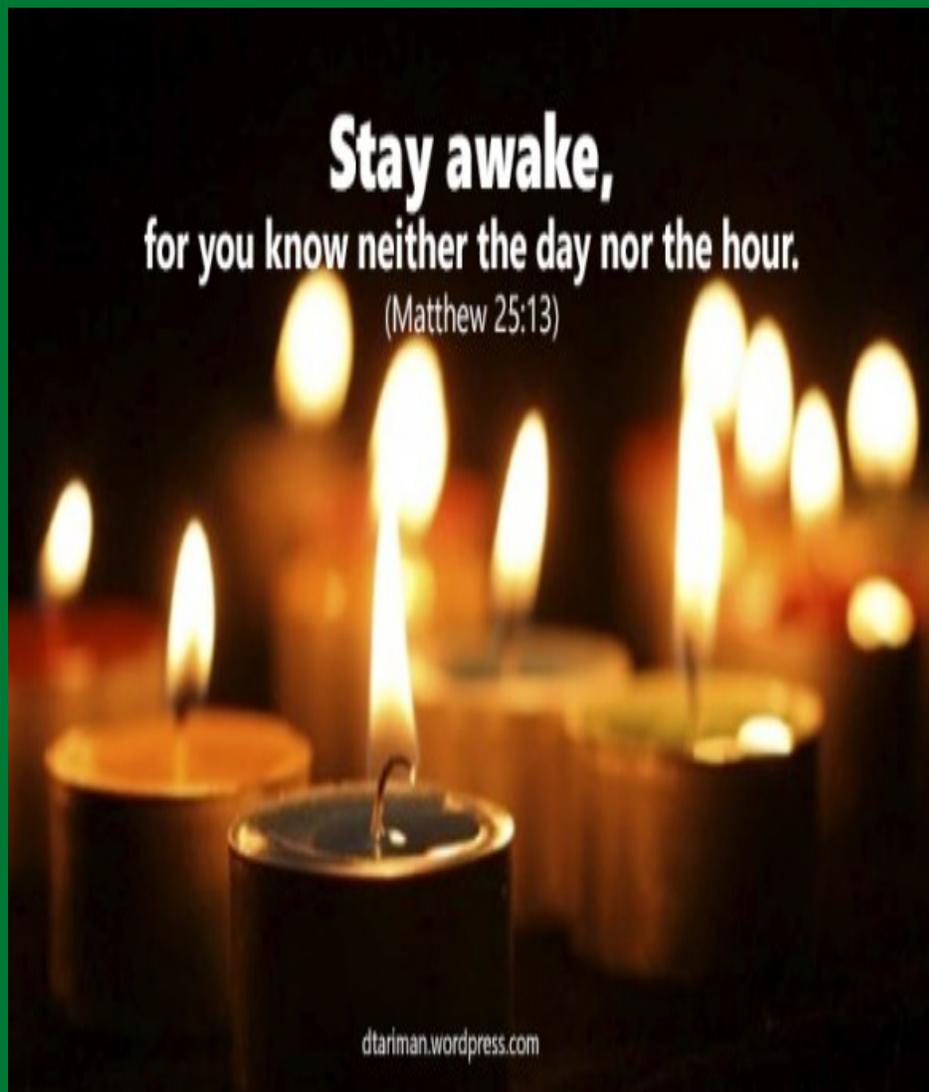
## Confession Times

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 8th 2020 32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time**

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## Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

We have a saying in the military, "Good to go." It basically means being prepared and ready always, especially for war. Have your affairs in order. Have your i's dotted and your t's crossed. One never knows when the President might give the order to go to war. It happened to me after the tragedy of 911. My Commanding Officer called me one Friday night around 9:30pm to inform me that I was being called up to active duty. She told me that I had to report to Miramar Air Station on Monday. I didn't have a choice. I had orders. Shortly after arriving at Miramar, I flew out with a small Marine unit to Bahrain.

As disciples of Jesus, that is how we are called to live each and every day of our lives. We are to be squared away and good to go. To be always prepared and ready to meet the Lord whenever He gives us marching orders. We do not know when He will give the order for us to go from this life to the next, hopefully to heaven. It takes military discipline to live this way. Perhaps that is why I am your pastor. Consider me your Marine Corps drill instructor who is training and whipping you into spiritual shape. My love for you is tough love.

It is easy to become lax and complacent. To not take our spiritual life as serious as we should. Having a good to go mindset will undoubtedly enable us to meet our Almighty Creator in good standing. So say your prayers, attend mass and help those in need of our help. By doing these things, St. Peter just might let us through the pearly gates.

God bless, Fr. Paul

## We Believe

Realizing that the ten virgins in this week's parable would be about 12 years old doesn't help me overcome the harshness of this story. But I remind myself that parables are not to be taken literally. They hopefully encourage us to think of their multiple meanings and the intention Jesus had for telling them.

In Jesus' time weddings incorporated many phases and traditions. By the time the bridegroom arrives, the ceremonies would be winding down. The bridesmaids (or virgins) were considered a support to the couple. They were representing the community that would stand with the newlyweds. The bridesmaids waiting in the dark of night would be distinguished from wedding crashers by their torches and vessels of oil. Common sense would dictate that you had to be present and prepared to participate in the wedding at this stage.

But half of the bridesmaids weren't prepared for their roles. They hurriedly joined the other girls without bringing their own replenishment of oil. Having forgotten the appropriate supply, they left their group, thereby deserting their primary role of waiting for the groom (and bride). When they returned they were excluded from the party.

We are challenged to figure out what meaning this parable has for us. An obvious conclusion is to be prepared. Whenever Christ makes his presence known, as believers, we are called to attentiveness. Secondly, even if we have made mistakes (like forgetting oil), we should still remain focused on Christ and not be distracted (like going into town to purchase the oil we forgot). Finally, look at the "big picture." The main purpose of the bridesmaids was to lend support. As believers, our goal should be to give witness to the meaning of Christ in this world and the next, to focus on letting our light shine as the beloved of God.

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis

Sat. Nov. 7	5:30 pm	Susan Keady (+) (+)
Sun. Nov. 8	7:30 am	Rosa Sharif (living))
	9:30 am	Frank Vitale (+)
	11:30 am	For an end of Covid-19
Mon. Nov. 9	8:00 am	Special blessings
Tue. Nov. 10	8:00 am	The Pope's intentions
Wed Nov. 11	8:00 am	Those with mental illness
Thur. Nov.12	8:00 am	For those with Covid-19
Fri. Nov. 13	8:00 am	Rosario Bautista (+)



### Our Lady of the Wayside

Sat. Nov. 7	4:30pm	Bill Kerwin (+)
Sun. Nov. 8	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.

Stop by the parish office Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri 11am to 4pm or Sundays 9am to 3pm.

Or contact Lucy at [lsoltau@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lsoltau@stdenisparish.org) to schedule a pick up time.

### 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](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 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

Wisdom comes when we learn from our experiences. What experiences have given you the most wisdom?

## Parish Outreach Committee Update

**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!



## 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](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.

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.



## 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!

