

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 29th, 2020 First Sunday Of Advent

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St. Denis Church (Parish Office)

Avenue • Menlo Park

2250 Avy

Our Lady of the Wayside Church

930 Portola Road • Portola Valley

Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

The Church ends the Liturgical year with the feast of Christ the King. As people of faith, we believe that Christ is the King of kings. Our King does not isolate Himself from others by hiding in a castle. Rather our King goes out and travels from town to town to be with his people. He eats with them. He heals the sick and the ill. He teaches us how to be better. Ultimately, our King will sacrifice Himself to save us. He died so that we may live.

The end of the Liturgical year compels us to reflect upon how we lived our life. Did we serve our King by serving others as He serves them? Did we notice and acknowledge the least of our brothers and sisters in Christ by responding to their needs? Did we put God first in our life and trust in His providential care for us even in the midst of this pandemic. It is easy to give into despair and doubt rather than putting our faith and trust in the good Lord. He is with us. He is always with us. Nothing will separate us from the love of God. Nothing can.

Be resolved to continue to pray every day. Livestream or attend mass faithfully. Respond to the needs of others. Be hopeful. Everything will be alright because our King is watching over us. He is with us. Everything is in His hands. So are we.

God bless, Fr. Paul

We Believe

In today's gospel Jesus makes a theological statement about the nature of God. God is not a distant and removed being. God is right here among us, in the chaos and hardships of life. We see the face of God when we engage with the vulnerable, the marginalized, and the weak.

Jesus instructs us on how to care for one another, calling us to ask questions within ourselves. "What do I learn about God when I connect with those who suffer?" Jesus' presence in those who are in need connects us with the sacred and calls us into an all-encompassing humanity.

This end-of-the-Church-year gospel calls us out of complicit by standing. Honestly, I don't check where or how a piece of clothing is made when I purchase it, refill my plastic water bottle instead of tossing it, or check to see what the working conditions are for those who pick the fruit and vegetables that I eat. Many people deny that they are recipients of white privilege and close their ears to relevant human histories that have recently come into view. Today's gospel calls us out of the downfall of complicity and self-centeredness and into critical observation and loving action.

As we end the Church year and begin the season of Advent next Sunday, let us take a breathing space, a time to rethink how we can all be living signs of the resurrection. As we seek to find the face of Christ in others, let us move closer to realizing the Christ that has always, deep down, existed within ourselves.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat. Nov. 28	5:30 pm	Those affected Covid-19
Sun. Nov. 29	7:30 am	Robert & Mary Hagman (+)
	9:30 am	Robert Velasquez (+)
	11:30 am	In gratitude for blessings
Mon. Nov.30	8:00 am	Kevin Jarecki (+)
Tues. Dec. 1	8:00 am	Fred Horn (+)
Wed. Dec. 2	8:00 am	For those with mental illness
Thurs. Dec. 3	8:00 am	For those that are homebound
Fri. Dec. 4	8:00 am	Louis Michael Guerrieri (+)



Our Lady of the Wayside

Sat. Nov. 28	4:30pm	In gratitude for blessings
Sun. Nov. 29	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

ADVENT FAMILY “GATHERING”!!

Please stop by the displays outside the parish office TODAY and NEXT SUNDAY for Advent ideas and supplies for families to use at home! Ideas include: the Jesse Tree, Advent wreaths and calendars, creating and blessing the Manger, paper chains, and more! Prepare your home and family for the coming of the Lord at Christmas.

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 6th. Zoom gatherings for grades 2 to 6. Stop by the parish office Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri 11am to 4pm or Sundays 9am to 3pm. Or contact Lucy at 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 and we'll send them directly to you!

Question Of The Week

**We are all waiting for God to do something!
What do you think God is waiting for?**

Stewardship

July 1, 2020 to June 30th, 2021 (Estimated Goal)	\$410,000.00
July 1, 2020 to October 31, 2020	\$123,720.00
Monthly Goal- October 2020	\$32,156.00
October 2020 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$30,542.00
Annual Appeal 2020 Goal	\$107,655.00
Annual Appeal 2020 Actual	\$107,655.00

Parish Outreach Committee Update

November: Bring new or nearly new towels and gift cards in the barrel outside of the church, to go to foster young adults who must leave the shelters moving towards their independence this month.

December: Christmas Giving Tree 2020

To simplify this annual event, we are requesting \$25 gift cards to Target, Kohl's, & Walmart— or checks (made out to St. Denis Church with memo Christmas Giving Tree.) These cards/funds will be distributed to Maple Street Shelter, Catholic Worker House, and the St Francis Center. They are needed no later than Dec. 13. Your donation can be put in the collection basket or mailed into the office. You may also adopt a needy family. Contact Pat Mach at patricia.mach@sbcglobal.net



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!



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 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 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.



Annual Advent Retreat Morning

Annual Advent Retreat Morning: “Insights into Advent”. Thursday Dec 10th at 10am

All are invited to join us virtually for our Advent Retreat Morning. There will be presentations by Dr. Mary Chan, Lucy Soltau, and Dede Waters-Masters, followed by Mass with Fr Paul. A limited number may also be able to join us in Church depending on COVID requirements at that time. We will send log in info through our weekly bulletin. Please join us!



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!

