

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

**Second Collection December
12th/13th for Retirement For
Religious**

**Immaculate Conception of Virgin
Mary December 8th (Holy day of
obligation) 8:00am mass**



November 6th, 2020 Second Sunday Of Advent

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Avenue • Menlo Park

Our Lady of the Wayside Church

930 Portola Road • Portola Valley

Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Parents want their children to be happy. Happy with themselves and happy in life is what parents desire for their children. God our Father desires the same for us. We are His sons and daughters in Christ. On a deeper level, peace is God's gift to us. In today's Responsorial Psalm, God proclaims peace to His people.

To proclaim something is to believe with one's whole heart, and for all to hear. Equally as important is for us to believe also with our whole heart. Peace involves the absence of sin. Sin ravages the heart. It puts the heart in turmoil. The heart is restless with sin. The only thing that stills the heart is to confess one's sins, and to live a life of faith.

The good Lord gives us the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We encounter and experience God's mercy and forgiveness. It does the heart good when we face Christ face to face represented by the priest. The priest is persona Christi, the person of Christ. I always feel better whenever I confess my sins to a fellow priest. I feel a deep sense of God's peace in my heart. On this Second Sunday of Advent, may we resolve to confess our sins in preparation of Christmas.

God bless, Fr. Paul

We Believe

While last Sunday's gospel for the First Sunday of Advent focused on the end times, this Sunday we are brought back to the Prologue of Mark. In this prologue, Mark introduces John the Baptist. We know that John was raised in the wilderness, was about 6 months older than his cousin, Jesus, and, in Mark's gospel, he takes on the role of messenger. Clothed in camel's hair and surviving on locusts and honey, his austerity points to his role as prophet in changing times. Preaching repentance and offering a ritual baptism to signify such conversion, John the Baptist enabled believers to respond to God, both in their hearts and with a one-time ritual cleansing of their bodies.

The repentance that believers were called to was more than regret or sorrow for past sins, it was a change of direction, a "metanoia," a new way of seeing things. John the Baptist is shown to be facilitating human response to the forthcoming presence of Jesus and this announcement is good news.

This new and renewed response is what Advent is all about in the present times in which we live. Usually Advent gets somewhat lost in the "Christmas rush." But perhaps this year, a year of so many lifestyle changes, we can let go some of the items on our "Christmas To-Do" lists and take some precious time to delve into our own hearts, taking an inventory of where we stand with the presence of God in our midst. Instead of immersing ourselves in gift-giving and other seasonal activities, we might be called to uncover the abundance of love, the Emmanuel spirit, the "God with us" and to share that presence with others through prayer and good works. Advent is a time of hopeful expectation, and if ever our world called for that, it is now.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat. Dec. 5	5:30 pm	For an end of Covid-19
Sun. Dec. 6	7:30 am	Tad Daszkiewicz (+)
	9:30 am	Victoria Noceti (+)
	11:30 am	For and end of Covid-19
Mon. Dec.7	8:00 am	For students
Tues. Dec.8	8:00 am	Robert & Mary Hagman (+)
Wed. Dec.9	8:00 am	For those needing shelter
Thurs. Dec.10	8:00 am	Those with mental illness
Fri. Dec. 11	8:00 am	Those affected by Covid-19



Our Lady of the Wayside

Sat. Dec. 5 4:30pm Bill Kerwin (+)

Sun. Dec. 6 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

ZOOM sessions begin again TODAY!

2nd grade at 2pm, 3 /4 grades at 1pm and 5 /6 grades at 11am.

If you need the Zoom links to join us, contact Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org

Parents! If you would just like the lessons to teach them yourself, we have plenty!

Just come by the office on Sunday from 9am to 3pm.

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!

CONFIRMATION RETREAT: Prayer

For those preparing to be confirmed this spring (7th and 8th graders), our retreat is Saturday, December 12 at 3:30pm in the garden at St. Denis. We'll look at ways to pray, especially using the Lord's Prayer. Then we'll join the parish for Mass at 5:30pm. Dress warm, wear a mask!

Question Of The Week

John the Baptist calls us to "Repent and Prepare"! The Lord comes to us every day, in many ways, but we don't notice.

What can we do to be more aware of his presence and prepare to welcome him?

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

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@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, 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 November 29th, 2020– Due to The State of California Health compliance for San Mateo County masses will be outside only. Mass at St. Denis is in the patio. Mass at Our Lady of the Wayside will be in the courtyard. 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.

We look 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

Join us for our 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.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88470946798?pwd=VHJDM3ZwM3ZuaFdKS1VGdXh4cEZUZz09>

Meeting ID: 884 7094 6798 Passcode: 303054

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!

