

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)

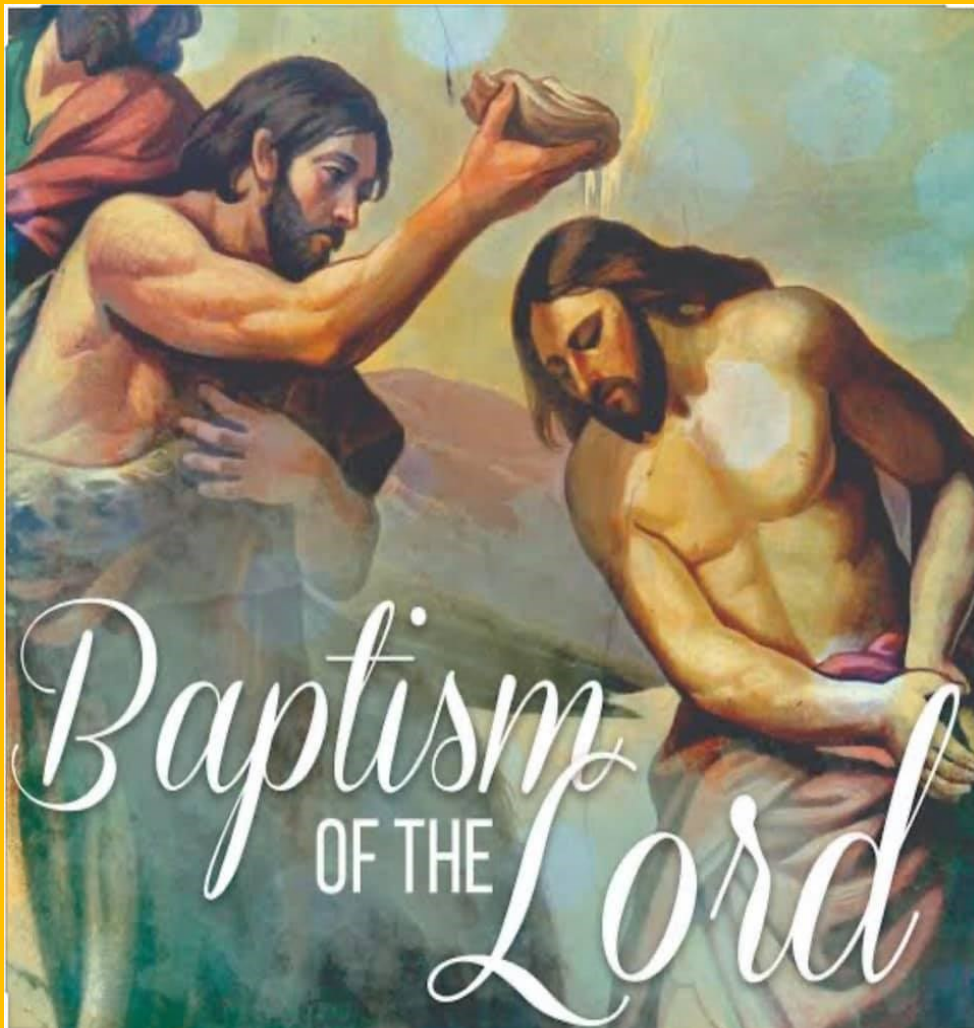
Confession Times

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



January 10th, 2021 Baptism of the Lord

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St. Denis Church (Parish Office)
2250 Avy Avenue • Menlo Park

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
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Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

We end the Christmas season with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It is believed that Jesus was fully submerged in the waters of the Jordan River. For the evangelist Mark writes on coming up out of the water... This seems to imply that Jesus was fully under the Jordan River for His baptism. There is something powerful about Jesus being completely submerged in the waters of baptism. It is as if Jesus' old life of being the son of a carpenter is stripped away from Him. In coming up out of the baptismal waters, Jesus' previous life is no more. A radical change has taken place.

Now Jesus' true identity is revealed by God Himself. "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Jesus is charged and entrusted with a new mission and ministry in life. As the very Son of God, Jesus will do His true father's work: Proclaiming the Word of God, healing the sick, and performing many miracles to instill faith in people.

We too have been baptized. We have been baptized into Christ Jesus. Our lives have been changed as well. We too go forth to share in the very work of God. For me, it is being a priest. For others it is being in the medical or law profession, education, entrepreneur, business or science. All of us play a critical role. Every individual is needed. Each and every one of us has something worthwhile to offer the world. That is how we live our baptismal promise of living the faith in Christ Jesus.

God bless, Fr. Paul

We Believe

Even though not many people came to see it, this year I filled my home with Christmas decorations. The task of taking it all down and putting it up in the attic by myself weighed upon me last week until I finally gave into the call and started the three-day task of organizing it and putting it all away before today. Liturgically speaking, this is jumping the gun. I made that mistake here at Church last year when we took all the Christmas decorations down too early.

Today, as we celebrate the "Baptism of the Lord," we recognize the last day of the Christmas season. While this biblical event marks the beginning of Jesus' public life, it also completes the story, the revelation of who Jesus is for us. On Christmas day we see Christ's human birth, the Incarnation, and witness the tangible "Emmanuel," the physical expression of "God with us." Going forward to the Feast of the Epiphany we see Christ in relationship with all the world, symbolized by the three kings. Today's Feast of the Lord's Baptism really completes the message of Christmas. It is revealed that Jesus as a human being is one with his Father and the Holy Spirit, loved and affirmed by the words, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

It is especially important to note that these famous words are divinely spoken *before* Jesus has ventured out in his public life. His Father expresses his unconditional love as the Spirit hovers over the One who represents all of us before God. We, too, are unconditionally beloved and we don't have to "earn" it. How many of us are fortified with this belief as we seek to live out our lives as believers?

As we begin this new year and hopefully experience our slow recovery after this pandemic experience, let us journey in mindful awareness of God's unconditional love for us. If we falter on some of our New Year's resolutions it will help to remember that "God does not love us because we are good. God loves us because God is good." (Rohr)

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. Jan. 9 5:30pm Peace in our nation
Sun. Jan. 10 7:30am National unity
9:30am Richard Clarke (+)
11:30am National unity
Mon. Jan. 11 8:00am Marjorie Bruno (+)
Tues. Jan. 12 8:00 am For those that live in poverty
Wed. Jan. 13 8:00 am Matthew Stafford (+)
Thurs. Jan.14 8:00 am For and end to Covid-19
Fri. Jan 15 8:00 am For first responders



Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Jan. 9 4:30pm Peace in our nation
Sun. Jan. 10 9:30am Mass temporarily cancelled

In your charity, please pray...

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 Classes

Our Zoom classes will resume January 10, including our next Confirmation class. There will be NEW MATERIALS to pick up starting this Sunday, so watch your email for details. If you are not registered but would like materials to teach your children at home, contact Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org and we'll take care of you!



Faith Formation

PreK/Kindergarten/First grade Families!

Dede has finished another great video for you to share with your little ones! She tells the four stories of Christmas and offers suggestions for celebrating at home. Contact Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org and we'll send them directly to you.

FREE STUFF!

There are 2021 Calendars, current missalettes, and "Magnifikid" packets for children available by the door of the church. Stop by anytime and help yourself!

Question Of The Week

Through our baptism, we are all beloved children of God! Look at yourself in the mirror, or look at your spouse or your children, and say:

"You are a child of God, and God is pleased with you!"

Stewardship

July 1, 2020 to June 30th, 2021 (Estimated Goal)	\$410,000.00
July 1, 2020 to November 30, 2020	\$156,005.00
Monthly Goal- November 2020	\$40,195.00
November 2020 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$32,285.00
Annual Appeal 2020 Goal	\$107,655.00
Annual Appeal 2020 Actual	\$107,655.00

Outreach Committee

Happy New Year All. We wanted to let you know that, once again, the generosity of our St. Denis & Our Lady of the Wayside family has warmed our hearts. Without even having to do a Bake Sale we were able to raise just over \$1,500 for St. Anthony's. That along with two generous checks from parishioners has made Max at St. Anthony's and all his people very happy and has helped them to continue their dedication to feeding the hungry.

Thank you – Thank you – Thank you.



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 and Holy days of 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 December 18th, 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 patio. 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.

Private Retreats At Vallombrosa

AN ISLE OF PEACE IN A CRAZY WORLD

VALLOMBROSA RETREAT CENTER INVITES YOU TO COME BACK AND TO ENJOY A MOMENT OF REPOSE FROM TODAY'S COVID WORLD.

We offer private single rooms for either a day stay, or up to a week. These private rooms offer business class wifi and a writing desk, an en suite restroom, open access to lovely gardens, and, if you wish, Spiritual Direction. Or maybe you just need a break from the house, children and spouse to write a few emails and reflect.

Our prayerful atmosphere is what we hope can bring back the presence of mind and heart you miss. Take advantage of our lush ten acres of gardens; cozily nestled in the quiet neighborhood of Nativity Church and Corpus Christi Monastery.

We call these peaceful times away "day retreats". A private room is available at \$300 for a five-day week from 7am until 5 pm. Or, you can opt for overnight retreats - a minimum of three nights for \$300. There may be other ways we can accommodate what you may have in mind, so just reach out to us.

Please email David at davidl@vallombrosa.org to learn more.

Space is limited due to safe distancing requirements.

We hope to see you soon! - Your Friends at Vallombrosa



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!

