

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

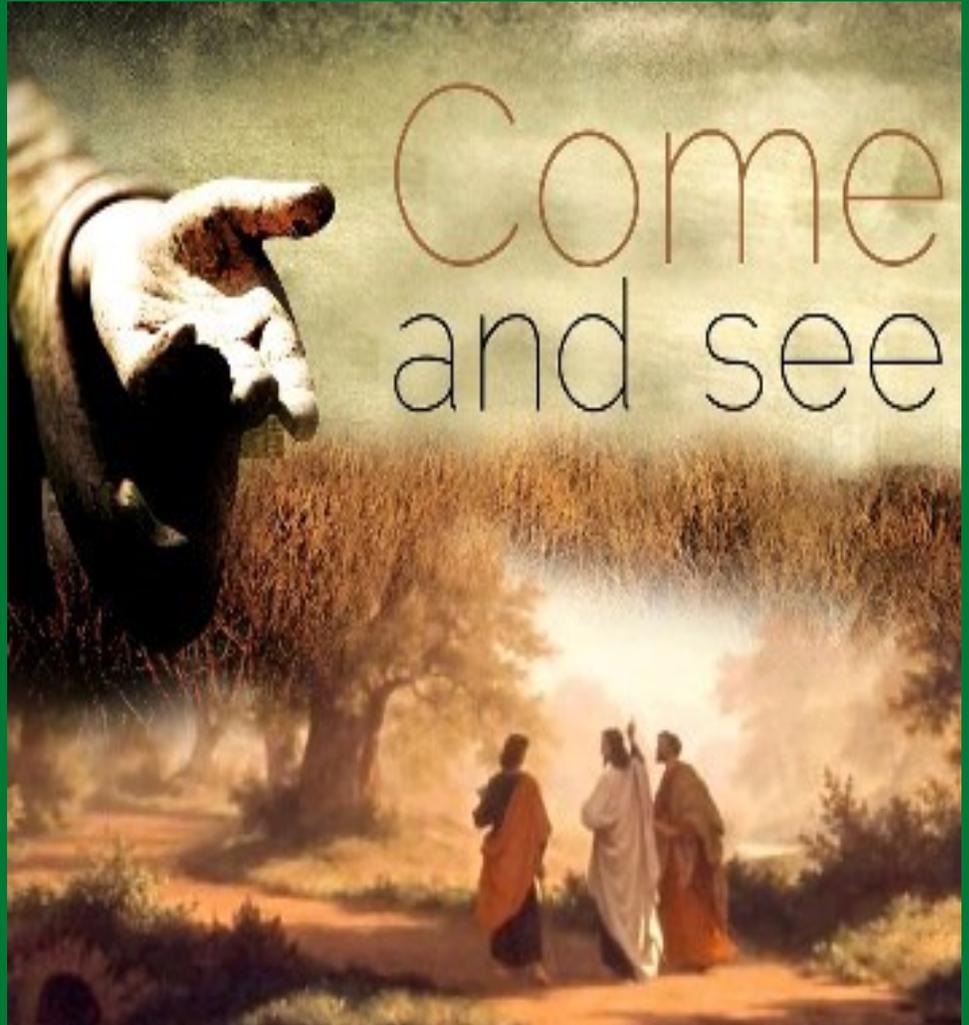
Saturday: 4:00 pm, Our Lady of the
Wayside

Saturday: 5:00 pm, St. Denis

Office Hours

M-F, 9:00 am—2:00 pm

**Parish Office Closed Monday
January 18th in Observance of
Martin Luther King Jr. Day**



January 17th, 2021 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(650) 854-5976

www.stdenisparish.org

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

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
930 Portola Road • Portola Valley

Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

“Here I am. You called me.” These words are from Samuel. The Lord called to Samuel in the middle of the night. It could have been very easy for Samuel to dismiss the voice calling to him and go back to sleep. He did not though. Every time the Lord called Samuel he responded eagerly. Perhaps the Lord was testing Samuel to see if he was a man of faith. Samuel's last response was “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

Just like Samuel, the Lord calls to us as well. When I was a wee lad, I would occasionally hear a woman's voice. It was not loud. It was just above a whisper. I thought it was my mother. I would go to her and ask if she called me. My mother told me it was not her. Many years later I came to believe, after much reflection, that it was Mother Mary. Through Mary, God was calling to me. It was the beginning of the call to the priesthood for me.

Wouldn't it be great if we responded like Samuel. That we go to the Lord and respond, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” Samuel was an important prophet in the Old Testament, and played a key role in the establishment of Israel's monarchy. He anointed and counseled Israel's kings like Saul and David. Imagine if Samuel went back to sleep instead. Israel would be so very different. Perhaps the world is the way it is because not enough people are responding to the Lord's call. They would rather fall back to sleep and not be bothered. Therefore, wake up. There is work to be done.

God bless, Fr. Paul

We Believe

In today's gospel John the Baptist identifies Jesus as the “Lamb of God.” This is a surprising title since John knew that Jesus was the promised Messiah, a leader sent from God expected to fill the roles of prophet, king, and deliverer. Under the oppression of the Roman Empire, Israel was hardly looking for a man who could be identified as a sacrificial lamb.

Still, John the Baptist's insightful identification alerts bystanders to follow Jesus. Upon seeing them, Jesus asks them, “What are you looking for?” The followers respond with their own Jesus identification, calling Jesus “Rabbi,” meaning teacher. Their question response, “Rabbi, where are you staying?” is really translated as “Jesus, where do you dwell?”

Jesus answer, “Come and see,” is really the heart of today's gospel message.

Dede Waters Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. Jan. 16 5:30pm Young Chang (+)
Sun. Jan. 17 7:30am End of Covid-19
9:30am National unity
11:30am Covid -19 vaccine availability
Mon. Jan. 18 8:00am Peace in our nation
Tues. Jan. 19 8:00 am Christian unity
Wed. Jan. 20 8:00 am Melba Elvin (living)
Thurs. Jan.21 8:00 am Medical workers
Fri. Jan 22 8:00 am Respect for all life



Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Jan. 16 4:30pm National unity
Sun. Jan. 17 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 Classes

There are NO Zoom classes today because of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

We will resume again next Sunday.

There are NEW MATERIALS available for pick up all week, 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

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! Stewardship Donation Corner

Question Of The Week

Have you ever wondered what God was calling you to do?

Outreach Committee Opportunity

St. Denis & Our Lady of the Wayside Parish serves a meal each month for the 100 clients at Maple Street Shelter in Redwood City. We are required to cook everything in our homes and drop it off ready for serving by the staff, as no one is currently allowed into the Shelter due to Covid-19. We provide this meal on the second Sunday of each month. If you are interested in helping please contact Pat Mach at patricia.mach@sbcglobal.net to be added to our notification list.

Each month the weekend prior to the second Sunday an email will be sent out with the menu and requests for help. If you would like to help that month just respond to all with whatever you would like to cook. You cook/buy the food and then drop it off at 1580 Maple Street in Redwood City. When you get to the Shelter you call 650 364 1150 and they will send someone out to your car to get the food. It really is an easy way to help the homeless here in our area.



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!



Stewardship

July 1, 2020 to June 30th, 2021 (Estimated Goal)	\$410,000.00
July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020	\$186,746.00
December 2020 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$30,741.00
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, 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!

