

# 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

**5th Sunday Collection**  
**January 30th/31st for**  
**Kenya Help**



January 24th, 2021 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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[www.stdenisparish.org](http://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,

I imagine that we are familiar with the words guru and sage. They are holy men and women who are wise beyond us. Some of us seek out and consult with them to acquire advice and guidance. They are very helpful to us in their own given way. Yet, they are human beings just like the rest of us.

St. Peter once said to Jesus, "To whom shall we go. You have the words of eternal life." As far back as I can remember, I have always gone to Jesus. I have never had to seek Him out. Jesus has always been right there, right there by my side on my journey of faith and in my life in a personal and intimate way. Whenever I needed guidance and advice, I took a moment or two to pray to Him. Jesus has always listened and He has always responded to me.

For me all I need is Jesus. He is not only human, but divine as well. Why would I seek out anyone else? In the words of St. Francis, "My Lord and my all."

God bless, Fr. Paul

## We Believe

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does write that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?

In last week's gospel we heard Jesus words of invitation to his disciples, "Come and see." These words are equally meant for us. Jesus may be asking some of us to suspend our prejudices, political biases, and resentments while some of us are being asked to let go of the temptations of "I told you so's" and the need for vengeance. While we have to distinguish the darkness from the light, let each of us recognize our own responsibility in creating the world in which we live. When Jesus healed the sick and hurting, he didn't say, "Your correct doctrine, your orthodoxy, your righteousness, or your political affiliations have healed you." It was their simple faith that made them whole. As believers we are asked to begin (often over and over again!) by embracing our faith and one another as children of our loving God, accepting the fact "that we are all in this together."

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis Church

Sat. Jan. 23 5:30pm Covid-19 vaccine availability  
Sun. Jan. 24 7:30am End of Covid-19  
9:30am Patrick Goodenough (+)  
11:30am Melba Elvin (living)  
Mon. Jan. 25 8:00am Christian unity  
Tues. Jan. 26 8:00 am Christian unity  
Wed. Jan. 27 8:00 am Melba Elvin (living)  
Thurs. Jan.28 8:00 am For students  
Fri. Jan 29 8:00 am Christian unity



### Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Jan. 23 4:30pm Covid-19 vaccine availability  
Sun. Jan. 24 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 Zoom Resumes!

All elementary classes resume today, January 24 at their usual times.

Use the Zoom links you already have.

If you need the link, please contact Lucy at [lsoltau@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lsoltau@stdenisparish.org)

Class materials are available during office hours.



## Faith Formation

### FREE STUFF!

There are 2021 Calendars and current missalettes available on the benches by the door of the church. Stop by anytime and help yourself!

## Outreach Committee Opportunity

The Outreach Committee provides a monthly meal to the Maple Street Shelter at 1580 Maple Street in Redwood City. Volunteers prepare/buy the food according to a menu and the meal is delivered to the shelter for distribution by their staff. Please contact Pat Mach if you would like to help with this at [patricia.mach@sbcglobal.net](mailto:patricia.mach@sbcglobal.net).



## 5th Sunday Collections

Aside from specific fundraisers we sponsor throughout the year, the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Collections support the following local charities: Catholic Worker House, St. Francis Center, Maple Street Shelter, St. Anthony's Dining Room, St. Vincent de Paul/Catherine Center. We are adding Kenya Help, which funds a Catholic High School for girls to this list. Thank you for your continued local and international support.

## 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!



## Question Of The Week

Repent means more than just being sorry.

We have to try to change too, to avoid the sin in the future.

What do I need to change? Where is repentance needed in my life?

## 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

## 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 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.

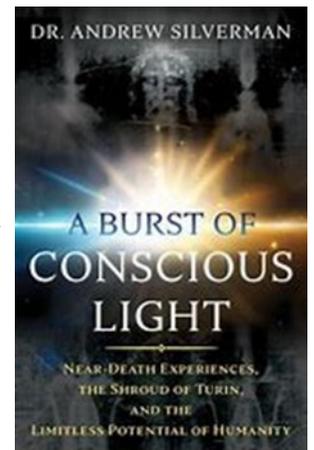
Effective since July 2020—with the increased outbreak of Covid-19 the California Department of Health guidelines are mandating no singing in public gatherings, including churches. We will have instrumental music.

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](http://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.

## Retreats At Vallombrosa

A Burst of Conscious Light: Shroud of Turin & Science with Dr. Andrew Silverman A Vallombrosa Online Event Sunday, January 31, 2021 10:00 - 11:30 am

A medical doctor with a background in physics, Dr. Andrew Silverman has been conducting research on the ‘mind-matter continuum’, near death experiences and the Turin Shroud for over thirty years. More recently his findings have been presented in peer-reviewed scientific papers and at international scientific conferences. He is widely recognized as one of the leading experts on the Shroud and is currently in collaboration with other major scientists from around the world to solve the riddle of this unique object and how the image was formed. In his new book 'A Burst of Conscious Light' Dr. Andrew Silverman provides evidence that human consciousness can never be reproduced and exposes the perils of artificial intelligence. [www.vallombrosa.org](http://www.vallombrosa.org)



## 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!

