

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

Mark 1:29-39



February 7th, 2021 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Gospel Reading

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus cured Simon's mother-in-law, and she immediately began to serve Jesus and his disciples. Jesus also cured many others who were brought to him, healing their illnesses and driving out demons. As we will see throughout Mark's Gospel, Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew his identity and would have revealed it to those who were present.

On the morning after this busy day, Jesus retreated in prayer, but was pursued by Simon and others who brought news that many people were looking for him. At this point in Mark's Gospel, we begin to see a distinct role for the inner circle of Jesus' disciples—they act as intermediaries between Jesus and the people. Jesus reports to his disciples that they need to leave Capernaum to preach in other places.

Today's Gospel completes a picture of Jesus' ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus did this throughout Galilee.

Jesus' compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

In today's Gospel we also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus' daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives.
Loyola Press "Sunday Connection"

We Believe

Today's gospel is a revealing follow-up to the Jesus we saw last week in the synagogue. There we saw him publicly preaching, teaching, and healing in front of the gathered Capernaum men. Today Mark's gospel tells us that Jesus and his followers retreated to Peter's home where Peter informed Jesus that his mother-in-law was down with a serious fever. Jesus responded immediately by going to her bedside. He took her by the hand, a gesture that broke with Jewish law on two fronts: touching a female non-relative and "working" on the Sabbath.

The healing of Peter's nameless mother-in-law is significant enough to be mentioned in all three synoptic gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Like the raising of Lazarus, this healing was more of a personal nature since Jesus was now personally connected to Peter and his family and rested at his home after a long day.

This miracle demonstrates Jesus' own empathy for this woman, his role as healer, and his awareness of Peter's concern for his family member, but this healing has something more to teach us. Peter's mother-in-law has an immediate response to her restoration—service. Realizing her role in her household, she rendered hospitality towards her son-in-law, Jesus, and his followers. What better way to express her gratitude right then and there!?

Perhaps the memory of this miracle would help all of Peter's family understand the depth and dedication of Peter to Christ's call as time went on. Perhaps the recall of healings and blessings in our own lives can help us serve in the various ways in which we are called as well.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. Feb. 6 5:30pm Peter Fulchiron (+)
Sun. Feb. 7 7:30am Xavier De Gery (+)
9:30am Peter Fulchiron (+)
11:30am George & Terry Edel (+)
Mon. Feb. 8 8:00am End to human trafficking
Tues. Feb. 9 8:00 am For those with mental illness
Wed. Feb. 10 8:00 am For children and their families
Thurs. Feb.11 8:00 am For the sick
Fri. Feb. 12 8:00 am Emma Broyles (living)



Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Feb. 6 4:30pm National unity
Sun. Feb. 7 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

Use the Zoom links you already have.

If you need the link, please contact Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org

Class materials are available during office hours.

There are no classes Feb. 7 (Lent workshop) and Feb. 14 (Presidents' Day)

LENTEN WORKSHOP

PRAY more and better,
FAST, or give something up,
GIVE to charity.

On Sunday, February 7 and 14, there will be Lenten materials available outside the parish office after all Masses. Pick up your Rice Bowls, Little Black Books, craft projects for the kids, and other ideas for celebrating Lent at home.

Then join us via Zoom for:

VIRTUAL MARDI GRAS!!

Sunday, February 14 at 11:00am

We'll have videos, crafts, and music!

Everyone is invited!

Use this link to join us:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89139106871?pwd=ZXk1d05XTE9Nd2xkRWxSdEhqWkdUUT09>

Question Of The Week

Jesus teaches and heals, and he goes where the people are. Jesus comes to me, where I am, and heals me, and teaches me.

What have I learned, and in what ways have I been healed?

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.



5th Sunday Collections

Aside from specific fundraisers we sponsor throughout the year, the 5th 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@pachell.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 January 31, 2021	\$212,767.00
January 2021 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$26,021.00

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.

Upcoming Lenten Schedule

Sunday February 7th & 14th– Lent Workshop. Materials are available to take home. See more information in the bulletin under Faith Formation News.

Wednesday February 17th– Ash Wednesday Services: 8:00am mass & 6pm mass at St. Denis

Every Friday During Lent at 8:00 am at St Denis Church– Mass, Stations of the Cross in the garden



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!

