

# 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

**Monday February 15th**  
**Office Closed In Observance of**  
**Presidents Day**

**“I do will it. Be made clean”**

**Mark 1:40**



**February 14th, 2021 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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2250 Avy Avenue • Menlo Park

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## Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

In today's second reading from the New Testament, St. Paul urges the early Christians to live their lives and to treat others in a certain way. The same goes for us who are modern Christians. After all these years since the early Church days, it seems as though we human beings have not changed all that much. They offended their brothers and sisters in Christ as we do today. Perhaps the reason why we as human beings have not changed that much is because we see people through our own eyes.

When we see others through our own eyes, we see the color of one's skin and one's hair. We see how much people weigh, thin or fat. We see things about people we dislike if not disdain. If we are truly honest with ourselves, we just might admit that we do not like individuals who are different than ourselves. We judge others by the way they look physically and even sound when they speak, and consequently we treat them accordingly.

St. Paul in his letter gives us sound and practical advice, "Avoid giving no offense, whether to Jews or Greeks. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." This is how a Christian is to live his or her life whether two thousand years ago or today. A Christian sees others through the eyes of Christ. Jesus saw people with His heart. He had love for all of God's people and He treated them accordingly. We are called and challenged to do the same. By doing this we change how the world can and should be. The way Christ meant it to be.

God bless, Fr. Paul

## We Believe

Today's gospel is a reminder of the isolation of illness combined with poverty. The Book of Leviticus spells out the laws governing lepers over two chapters, 13 and 14, and back then any unresponsive skin ailment was labeled leprosy. Forbidden to associate with others, leprosy meant a life of loneliness, humiliation, and begging.

Just as in last week's cure of Peter's Mother-in-Law, the Gospel of Mark gives us another example of Jesus touching the suffering. His physical expression with the "unclean" leper renders a cure, and, under Jewish law, this act makes Jesus "unclean" himself in the eyes of the strictest keepers of the law.

Jesus, "moved with pity," confronts social and religious norms in order to heal the faith-filled man. While we cannot really blame the cured leper for spreading the news of this miracle, his joyful blabbing inhibits Jesus from going into cities and towns, as a communal preoccupation with physical healing would dilute the good news message Jesus was trying to impart.

This coming week, as we begin the season of Lent, perhaps we can allow ourselves to be "moved with pity" for the suffering among us. While we are living with the "unclean" and uncertain feelings that the presence of Covid-19 arouses, we are called to "touch" others through our prayers, good works, and sincere empathy.

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis Church

Sat. Feb. 13 5:30pm National unity  
Sun. Feb. 14 7:30am In gratitude  
9:30am For vaccine distribution  
11:30am For Banchemo & Bagnani Families (+)  
Mon. Feb. 15 8:00am Paul Durazzo (living)  
Tues. Feb. 16 8:00 am For first responders  
Wed. Feb. 17 8:00 am For a meaningful Lent (Ash Wednesday)  
6:00 pm For a meaningful Lent (Ash Wednesday)  
Thurs. Feb.18 8:00 am For Christian unity  
Fri. Feb. 19 8:00 am For a meaningful Lent



### Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Feb. 13 4:30pm Betty Bowers (+)  
Sun. Feb. 14 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](mailto: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 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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89139106871?pwd=ZXk1d05XTE9Nd2xkRWxSdEhqWkdUUT09)

[pwd=ZXk1d05XTE9Nd2xkRWxSdEhqWkdUUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89139106871?pwd=ZXk1d05XTE9Nd2xkRWxSdEhqWkdUUT09)



## Question Of The Week

In Jesus' time, being sick was seen as a punishment, and those who were ill were sometimes treated as outcasts. Jesus healed more than the body, he healed the whole person, and helped them rejoin the community. Do I need this kind of healing too?

## In Celebration Of Black History Month



A two-part series on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 16th and 17th at 9:00pm on KQED

In this intimate four-hour series from executive producer, host, and writer Henry Louis Gates, Jr., we trace how this came to be in the 400 year-old story of the Black church in America, all the way down to its bedrock role as the site of African American survival and endurance, grace and resilience, thriving and testifying, freedom and independence, solidarity and speaking truth to power.

## Outreach Committee

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).

## 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!



## 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](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.

## Welcome Back To Masses Inside Church

As we welcome you back to Mass inside of church here are a few reminders:

Wear a face mask, covering your nose and mouth at all times. Practice physical distancing by staying 6 feet apart by following the marks and taped areas on the floor and pews. Use the hand-sanitizers that are provided.

The State of California Health Department does not permit singing inside or outside of church . The cantor at each mass will sing for you.

If you have traveled outside of your home more than 120 miles, in respect of our elderly and at risk parishioners kindly quarantine from coming to mass for 10 days. You may watch mass from the comfort and safety of your home.

We will continue to live-stream the Mass Monday thru Fridays at 8:00am and Sunday at 9:30am. on Facebook. It will be available on our website [www.stdenisparish.org](http://www.stdenisparish.org) immediately following mass.

## 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  
Ashes will be distributed by sprinkling over the crown of the head.

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](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!

