

# 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

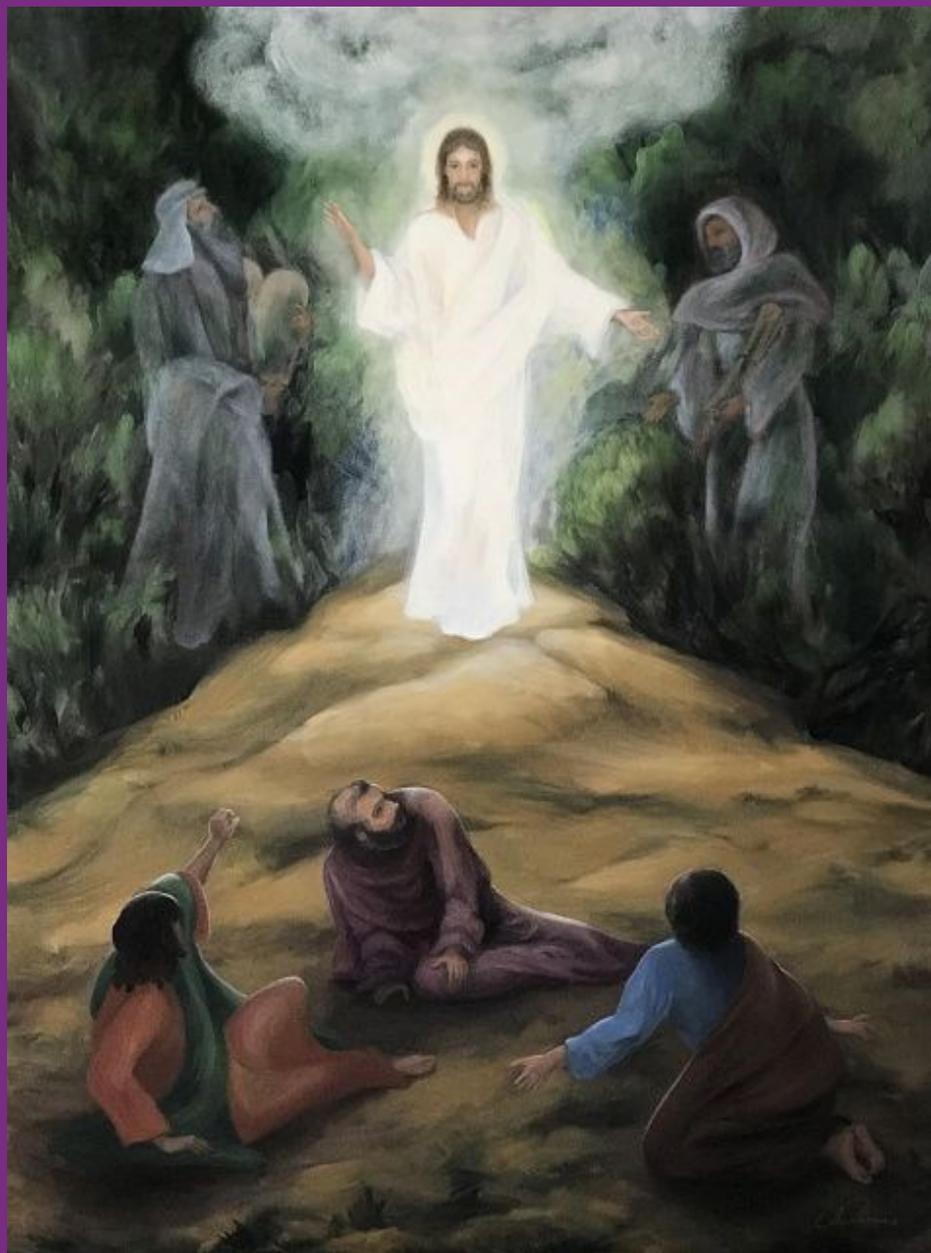
Saturday: 4:00 pm, Our Lady of the  
Wayside

Saturday: 5:00 pm, St. Denis

## Office Hours

M-F, 9:00 am—2:00 pm

**“This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” Mark 9:7**



**February 28th, 2021 2nd Sunday of Lent**

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2250 Avy Avenue • Menlo Park

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930 Portola Road • Portola Valley

## Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Abraham of the Old Testament is regarded as the Father of Faith. He did what God commanded him to do. How could God command Abraham to slaughter his only beloved son Isaac? Abraham and Sarah were unable to have a child until God blessed them with Isaac. It was their only child and the only child they would ever have. It was a son, a son who would carry on their legacy and name. Now God commands Abraham to do the unspeakable. Arguably the most horrific act of all which is murdering an innocent child.

God's ways are undoubtedly not our ways. We cannot begin to understand or appreciate how God works or thinks. At times God tests us beyond our limits or what we think is our limits. If we think too much about God's plan of salvation for humanity, and His plan for each and every individual, we can begin to lose faith. It is then that we just need to put our faith and trust in God, and to put our lives in His hands as Abraham did.

Rather than questioning and doubting, and rather than rebelling and running away Abraham surrendered his will to do God's will in his life. In the end, Abraham passed the test, and as a result God blessed him in great abundance. If Abraham can demonstrate great faith in the midst of great uncertainty, should we not as well. It takes faith indeed.

God bless, Fr. Paul

## We Believe

The site of Mark's gospel reading for today is significant, a mountain top removed from the hustle and bustle of life. This Transfiguration story is another break from the public life of Jesus. The journey to a "high mountain" is a pause from the preaching and healing of Jesus. What were Peter, James, and John thinking as they made the climb up with their beloved Master?

An awe-inspiring vision gives these three chosen apostles a deep insight into who Jesus really is. As he is arrayed in dazzling white, Jesus' radiance must have been over-whelming, and the recognition of Jesus' specialness could have been enough of a revelation that day for these followers, but there is so much more.

Jesus is seen conversing with two Hebrew heroes, Moses and Elijah. It seems that out-spoken Peter recognizes Jesus' equality with these two biblical giants. He says, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Peter's response is understandable. Erecting tents is hallowing the site of this holy threesome and Peter's heritage beckons him to pay homage to Moses, Elijah, and now Jesus.

But God has other plans. Before Peter can say another word, a mysterious yet powerful voice responds, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him." God is differentiating Jesus from Moses and Elijah, affirming that Jesus is God's Son. After that holy revelation, "they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them."

Perhaps as we journey through Lent, mindful of all we have been through in the past year, we can hold on to some insights to be gained from today's gospel. Like Peter, James, and John, we, too, have been chosen to accompany Jesus up the mountain and to discover and to respond to who he really is.

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis Church

Sat. Feb. 27 5:30pm For those who have lost family members to Covid-19  
Sun. Feb. 28 7:30am Wilson Sharif (+)  
9:30am Those with mental illness  
11:30am For those who have lost family Members to Covid-19  
Mon. Mar. 1 8:00am For racial justice  
Tues. Mar. 2 8:00 am For medical workers  
Wed. Mar. 3 8:00 am For first responders  
Thurs. Mar. 4 8:00 am Terrence Donohoe (+)  
Fri. Mar. 5 8:00 am For the Popes intentions



### Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Feb. 27 4:30pm Evelyn Nagle (+)  
Sun. Feb. 28 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

For grades 2-6. 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.



### FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOP

TODAY, Sunday, February 28 at 2:00pm in St. Denis Church.

This will be an in-person workshop for families preparing to celebrate First Communion this spring. Parents and children will have a chance to explore each of the Sacraments, and learn the symbols and rituals for each. You'll also be able to pick up your first communion banner kits and class materials.

Wear your masks!

### CONFIRMATION CLASS

We'll meet in-person TODAY, Sunday, February 28 at 3:00pm in St. Denis Church.

We'll be exploring the signs, symbols and rituals of the Sacraments.

Wear your masks!

## Question Of The Week

Mountain Top experiences are life changing, but don't last forever.

What past experiences have changed my life?

## Outreach Lenten Project

Each year St. Denis/Our Lady of the Wayside Outreach sponsors a Lenten project to help those who are less fortunate. Past projects have included helping a refugee family from Afghanistan through Catholic Charities and raising money for scholarships for the Catholic High School in Kenya. This year we would like to help those in need on a more local basis through St. Vincent De Paul Society of San Mateo County. St Vincent De Paul provides rent assistance on a monthly basis to those in need, and as you can imagine the need has never been greater with the pandemic. Helping people stay in their homes/apartments is a very basic thing we can do to help fight the spread of COVID-19 and stabilize those less fortunate in our area. The average amount provided by SVDP is \$1200 monthly and their current budget is \$600k annually. The need in this pandemic has been so great they are required to turn people away. If you would like to help with this we would love to help more families for a longer period of time. Any amount is acceptable.

*You can help by writing a check to St. Denis Church or Our Lady of the Wayside Church, and write Lenten Project on the memo line.* Your donation can be dropped into the collection basket, mailed, or you may drop it off in the mail slot at the parish office. 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](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
Annual Appeal 2021 Goal \$98,096	\$17,125.00

## 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

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

Lenten Retreat March 24th at 10:00 am in person & live streamed with Reconciliation, individual confession available.

The Triduum April 1,2,3,4

Holy Thursday 7:00pm at St. Denis (Mass with feet washing, Benediction)

Good Friday Services Noon at St. Denis (Stations, Passion, Adoration of the Cross, Communion)

Easter Vigil 7:00pm at St. Denis

Easter Sunday Regular Sunday Schedule



## 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!

