

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

**Second Collection Next
Weekend March 13/14th for
Catholic Relief Services**



Psalm 19:7

THE LAW OF THE LORD IS *perfect,*
refreshing THE SOUL.
THE STATUTES OF THE LORD ARE *trustworthy,*
MAKING *wise* THE SIMPLE.

March 7th, 2021 3rd Sunday of Lent

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Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

It is hard to believe that the Ten Commandments are over three thousand years old. Yet, they are still very relevant and applicable today. Perhaps it is because the Ten Commandments were not written by man, but by God Himself. The Ten Commandments come from God and were given from Him to us. The Ten Commandments are not mere suggestions or words of advice. They are Commandments. God expects us to follow them, and to live them in our lives each and every day.

Even today, people think that the Ten Commandments are just suggestions or a nice ideology. So many people do not follow the Ten Commandments. This is evident in the problems of the world. People still lie, steal, covet, dishonor God and disrespect their parents. Rather than following and living the Ten Commandments, they blame God for the problems of the world or deny the existence of God. They would rather worship idols or other gods which is a lot easier than obeying and subjecting oneself to demanding commands.

Our parents did the best they could to raise us in the faith. They instilled in us their values and beliefs which are rooted in faith in Jesus. I am sure they taught us the Ten Commandments, and the difference between right and wrong. I am sure if we were truly honest with ourselves, we probably could do much better in following the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments are not burdensome. On the contrary, they are freeing and liberating for they free us from the yoke of sin. That is how God desires us to live our lives to live in the freedom of faith.

God bless, Fr. Paul

We Believe

A priest once said that in all his years hearing Confessions, he never heard anyone admit to a sin against the 10th Commandment, "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods." When our whole system is built on wanting and accumulating, it is up to each believer to examine to what extent this societal agreement keeps us from living as Christ taught us.

While few of us would put down anyone for trying to make a living, in today's gospel Jesus condemns the money changers and marketers located in the courtyard of the temple. At that time people were compelled to offer alms and to purchase sacrificial offerings for prayer, but this norm had apparently gone too far, evolving into a profitable business that overtook the atmosphere of this ultimate place of pilgrimage and prayer for the Jewish people. External ritualism didn't seem to reflect inner motivation and Jesus lashes out at the over-use of power and oppression. His actions demonstrate the strength of his convictions that his Father's house is meant to be one of prayer. Jesus confronts the leaders of the day, calling for a cleansing of the temple and a re-examination of the oppressive laws of the synagogue that burden them. He predicts the temple destruction and alludes to his own death and Resurrection, which will be the "rebuilding of the temple in three days."

Jesus jeopardizes his social approval, ultimately risking his very life. There is a price for his outspokenness; while Jesus condemns this hypocrisy by speaking out in public against the oppression of people in both religion and politics, he inevitably calls attention to himself as a "trouble-maker," and many scholars believe this was the actual cause of his crucifixion.

Nowadays it seems that in this polarized world in which we live, hypocrisy is always being called out from one side or the other, but perhaps during this season of Lent we should start by looking at our own greed and rationalizations. As we go through Lent, we are called to prayer and mindfulness. Today's gospel can remind us to look at areas in our own lives, asking ourselves how authentically Christ-like we really are. Have we strayed from our deepest values? Do we even know what our deepest values are? How far from our own ideals do we stand?

John the Baptist called the first eye-witnesses of Jesus to "Repent and sin no more," and we are called to do the same.

Dede Waters Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. Mar. 6 5:30pm Peace in our nation
Sun. Mar. 7 7:30am James Mercer (+)
9:30am Safe return to school
11:30am Effective vaccination distribution
Mon. Mar. 8 8:00am For medical workers
Tues. Mar. 9 8:00 am In gratitude
Wed. Mar.10 8:00 am For those suffering mental illness
Thurs. Mar.11 8:00 am In Thanksgiving
Fri. Mar.12 8:00 am For catechists



Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Mar. 6 4:30pm John O'Connell (+)
Sun. Mar. 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

For grades 2-6. 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.



Confirmation Class Meets Next Sunday

Sunday, March 14 at 3:00pm in the church.

This will be our chance to review what you've learned, turn in any homework and forms.

This is our last class of the year!

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!

Question Of The Week

Am I looking for signs from God, to prove who God is and what God is doing for me?

Am I missing the signs God has already given me?

Can I believe in God's goodness, even without signs and wonders?

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 February 28, 2021	\$238,390.00
February 2021 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$25,623.00
Annual Appeal 2021 Goal \$98,096	\$98,096.00
Annual Appeal 2021 Actual	\$44,430.00

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.

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 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 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!

