

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)

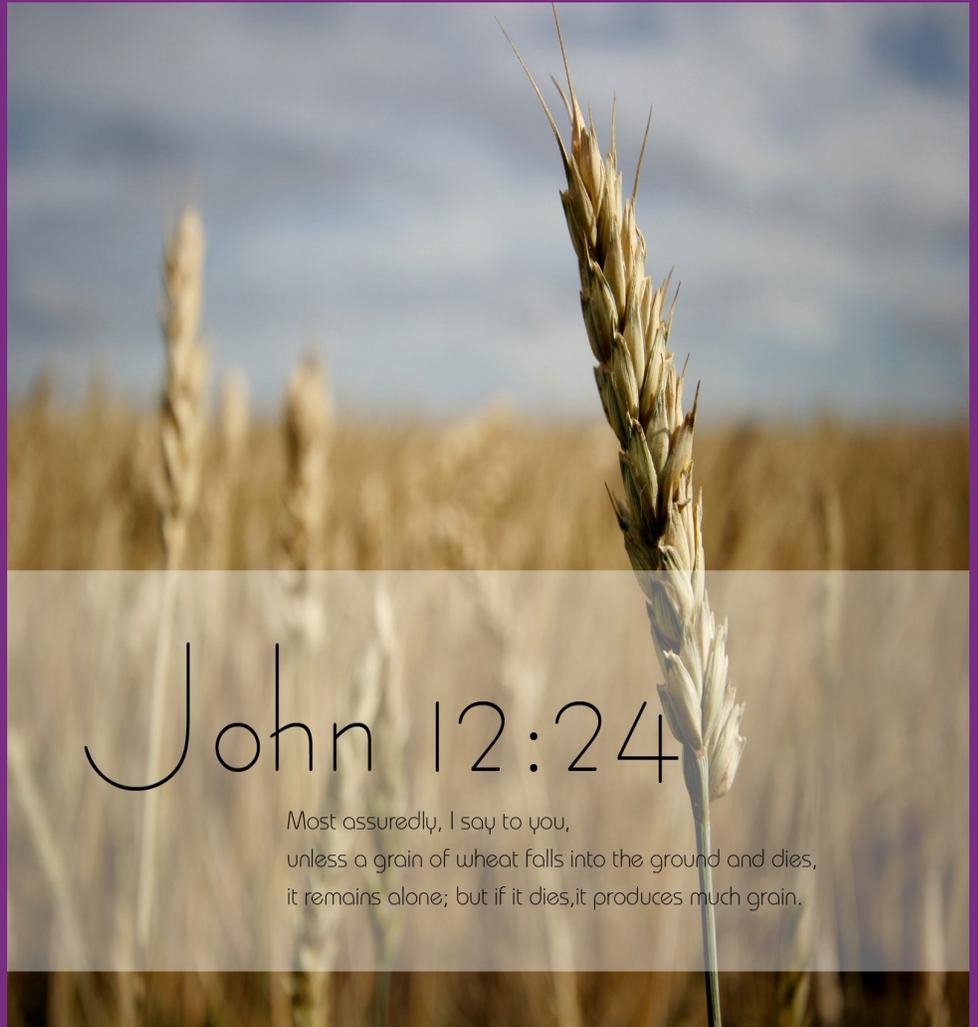
Confession Times

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



March 21st, 2021 5th Sunday of Lent

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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

Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

“Create a clean heart in me, O God”. These are the words proclaimed in the Psalm on this Fifth Sunday of Lent. More importantly, these are the words we are called to pray in our private prayer to God. Lent is the time for us to reflect upon our lives and to search our hearts. What do we find in our hearts? Most likely it is sin if we are truly honest with ourselves.

Whether we like to admit it or not, we sin. When we gossip, when we talk badly about our brother or sister in Christ and when we lose our patience we sin. We may consider these acts as insignificant and unimportant. If we do, then we gradually build up all these sinful acts in our hearts. A small sin is like lint in the dryer. It eventually builds up to the point where it can do harm to the dryer. I have heard that a dryer can inevitably catch on fire if it has too much lint in the trap. Every tiny sin does harm to us and to our relationships with others.

Not praying to God and asking Him to create a clean heart in us can cause us to lose our way. Unchecked bad habits lead us down the wrong path. Only God has the power to cleanse our hearts of sin. All that we have to do is to pray the words, Create a clean heart in me, O God.” Not just during Lent though, but every day of our lives.

God bless, Fr. Paul

We Believe

Next Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week and the great three days of the Triduum. As the Lenten season approaches its climax, it might be valuable to contemplate the meaning of the cross. Jesus, standing in complete solidarity with humanity for all eternity, accepted his death by crucifixion so that we could come to know the true meaning of life and the divine love that created it. God so loved the world that his Son humbly entered it as a human being. Jesus' life on earth ends with his execution by crucifixion, Jesus, who hung between two thieves, models ultimate humility and forgiveness as he demonstrates his relationship with human suffering.

Today's gospel talks about a grain of wheat dying to produce life. For us, Jesus perfectly demonstrates that metaphor through his compliant suffering and death on the cross. Jesus accepts the pain imposed on him without projecting it on to someone else or allowing himself to be defined by it. In his innocence, Jesus is unjustly accused and shamefully executed by both church and state, Jerusalem and Rome. Still, in his dying moments, he manages to utter, “Father, forgive them...”

The Resurrection affirms that God was with Jesus throughout his suffering and, as we relive Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection, we, as brothers and sisters of Christ, are reminded that God is with us, too. As followers of Christ, we are invited to prayerfully rely on God through our own personal sufferings, and as believers, with the suffering that plagues the world. Jesus, through the cross, has modeled the capacity within humanity to truly be faithful, forgiving, and loving through our sufferings. Contemplating the meaning of the cross not only reveals who God is but who we have the potential to be.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. Mar. 20 5:30pm Josephine Stafford (+)
Sun. Mar. 21 7:30am For the homebound in our community
9:30am For the homebound in our community
11:30am Marjorie Bruno (+)
Mon. Mar.22 8:00am Effective vaccination distribution
Tues. Mar. 23 8:00 am End to racial prejudice
Wed. Mar. 24 8:00 am Cole Longland (living)
Thurs. Mar. 25 8:00 am End to racial prejudice
Fri. Mar. 26 8:00 am In thanksgiving

Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Mar. 20 4:30pm End to racial prejudice
Sun. Mar. 21 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

The NEW SET of class materials are available during office hours.

NO ZOOM CLASSES -March 28 and April 4 for Palm Sunday and Easter.

EASTER EGG HUNT!!

YES! The real thing! Join us in the garden after the 9:30am Easter Sunday Mass.

Easter Lillies

If you would like to designate an Easter Lily for a loved one, living or deceased, you may do so by sending in the name of the person, the Church, (St. Denis or Our Lady of the Wayside), and your donation of \$10 with check made out to St. Denis/OLW. Please have these requests in by Palm Sunday, March 28th so Dede can get the tags ready.



A Reverent Re-Set A Lenten Retreat

Might the circumstances of these times call us to a deeper listening and awareness? With an interesting background on early Christians, the community who first received the Gospel of Mark, we will draw some comparisons from the challenges facing that community and the challenges of our present lives. Using passages from the Gospel of Mark and revisiting the calls of the Lenten season, we will lay the groundwork for some quiet Lenten prayer - a kind of Lenten "Re-set." We are offering a virtual and live retreat, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation available at the end of our 1-1/2 hours together. Please join Lucy Soltau, Director of Religious Education, Dr. Mary Chan, Retreat Leader and Speaker, and Dede Waters-Masters, Pastoral Associate, MA Pastoral Ministry/Spirituality, From 10-11:30am, Wednesday, March 24, on Zoom (Zoom Details to be provided prior to event) or at St. Denis Church, 2250 Avey Avenue, Menlo Park, Ca. RSVP not necessary. Live attendees: we will open early at 9:30 for safe-distanced coffee and coffee treats. Seating will be at required capacity and masks are mandated for everyone's safety and remain 6 feet apart.



Question Of The Week

Is there some suffering, some cross, some difficult situation that I am trying to avoid?

There is no Easter without Good Friday....



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	\$61,530.00

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. See more information on previous page.

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!

