

# 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 28th, 2021 Palm Sunday of the  
Passion of the Lord**

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[www.stdenisparish.org](http://www.stdenisparish.org)

**St. Denis Church (Parish Office)**  
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**Our Lady of the Wayside Church**  
930 Portola Road • Portola Valley

## Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

We embark upon arguably the most important week of our faith, Holy Week. Palm Sunday, also known as Passion Sunday, sets the tone for us. By receiving the blest palms before mass, we join with the people greeting Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. It is easy to get caught up in the excitement of the vast crowds welcoming Jesus, and hoping that He is the long-awaited King who will liberate us with His power and authority.

If we look closely though, we see that Jesus does not arrive on a horse, but on a donkey. He comes not to conquer, but to suffer and die. He comes not to resist, but to surrender. He comes not to defend Himself, but to be under the mercy of ruthless and evil men. He comes not to be free, but to be imprisoned so that we can be freed. All that Jesus does is contrary to our expectations and demands.

On a human level, it is perplexing to know what will happen to Jesus. It does not make sense. God's ways are, indeed, not our ways. Our way involves pride, ego, power and revenge. God's way commands humility, surrender, emptying of oneself and experiencing pain and suffering. In this is our freedom from sin. No longer will we be enslaved by sin. Christ crucified will destroy sin and death once and for all. May we be willing to not only hear about Jesus' arrival to Jerusalem, but to journey side by side with Him and to stay with Him to the very end of Holy Week: Attend Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday services and celebrate Easter Sunday Mass.

God bless, Fr. Paul

## We Believe

Palm Sunday marks the transition from Lent into Holy Week. Jesus, preacher, teacher, and healer enters the royal city. Despite his growing reputation, he chooses to sit atop a donkey as he enters the pilgrimage city of Jerusalem.

Soldiers are posted there to control the crowds, the same ones that will safeguard his execution before the week is over. His followers wave palm branches, shouting "Hosanna," but they will flee as they hear the shouts of "Crucify him!" in just a few days,

When Jesus is finally handed over to the Roman authorities after being rejected by the Jewish elite, he is given the death sentence reserved only for slaves or other subjugated people-- flagellation and crucifixion. These two tortuous punishments, meant to inflict prolonged physical pain, expose the convict's total helplessness before the law, emphasized by stripping the victim naked and putting him on display for the world to see.

It is an astounding, grace-filled irony we believers know the story we relive in this coming week is not primarily a story of violence and humiliation-- it is really about all-encompassing love. There is no earthly or spiritual power that can touch the perfect integrity of Jesus. He freely chooses humility for himself from the day he enters this world to his forgiving words on the cross, giving all glory to his Father and total love to all of us.

The short-lived adoration of the crowds on Palm Sunday are a meaningless and fleeting tribute. As we enter into the Paschal mystery by intersecting our own lives with the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus this Holy Week, let us humbly focus on how we can truly model our belief in Christ.

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis Church

Sat. Mar. 27 5:30pm For those that are unjustly persecuted  
Sun. Mar. 28 7:30am For those that are unemployed  
9:30am For catechists  
11:30am For those with mental illness  
Mon. Mar.29 8:00am For our Jewish sisters & brothers  
Tues. Mar. 30 8:00 am For those we have lost due to Covid  
Wed. Mar. 31 8:00 am Cole Longland (living)  
Thurs. Apr. 1 8:00 am In thanksgiving  
Apr. 1 7:00 pm For those we have lost due to Covid  
Fri. Apr. 2 12:00pm For those we have lost due to Covid

### Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Mar. 27 4:30pm For those that are unjustly persecuted  
Sun. Mar. 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)

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.

### CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 3 at 7:00pm during the Easter Vigil

Please join us as our young people receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit!

## 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 this Sunday Palm Sunday, March 28th so Dede



## Question Of The Week

How fast things change, from praising Jesus on Palm Sunday to crucifying him on Friday.

Lord, help me see my own hypocrisy, and help me to honestly confront it.

## Outreach Committee 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 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	\$77,080.00

## 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.

## Holy Week



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!

