

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

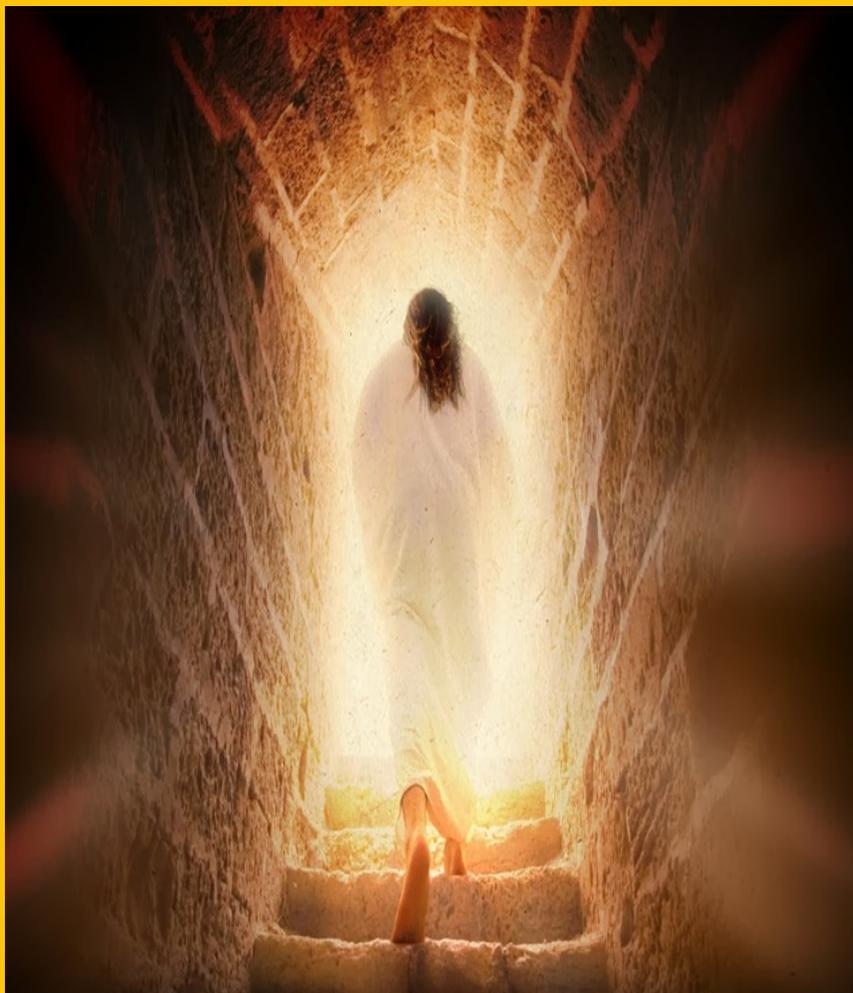
Sunday: 9:30 am (temporarily
cancelled)

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

**The parish office will be closed
the week of April 5th.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!



**April 4th, 2021 Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord**

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St. Denis Church (Parish Office)
2250 Avy Avenue • Menlo Park

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
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Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

In the words of the Apostle St. Paul, "O death where is your sting?" In light of faith, death has no sting. Jesus Christ has conquered sin and death once and for all through His suffering, death and resurrection. What a glorious thing that is. I believe that whole heartily. Like so many people, both my father and mother have passed away. For some, they believe that their loved ones are buried in a cold, dark and hard ground for all eternity. I refuse to believe that. How can I given what I believe?

My parents were baptized into Christ Jesus. They received their First Communion and were anointed with the Holy Spirit. Recall those magnificent words of our faith. Those who are baptized into Christ Jesus will rise with him on the last day. The grave will never contain my beloved parents for all eternity. Because of their unwavering faith in the good Lord, my parents will rise up from the grave when Jesus Christ comes at the end of time. That is God's desire for all those who believe in His son Jesus. God's love for us is stronger than death itself. Nothing will separate us from the love of God, not even death itself.

The love of God is life-giving. God's deepest longing is that we one day reunite with Him in heaven for all eternity. To sit at the banquet table and to be in His presence is God's plan of salvation for us. All that we have to do is to simply believe in our hearts and profess with our lips Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia. Look up and see the glory of God in our midst. Christ Jesus is alive and lives as well as the Faithfully departed, and so will we in the afterlife.

God bless,
Fr. Paul

We Believe

Contemplating the meaning of the Resurrection moves our perception from the holy man, Jesus, the carpenter's son turned preacher and healer, to the eternal Christ, the Son of God, the conqueror of death for all time. For sincere believers, Easter is more than a celebration of Spring, the Easter Bunny, or a hunt for hidden eggs, all good things. For the Resurrection to be truly relevant, when we celebrate Easter as sincere believers, we are called to search for its true meaning in the lives we are living *now*.

The Resurrection of Christ really seeks to answer two critical questions for us. "Who is God? "and "Who am I?"

Who is God? God has been portrayed as a judge and scorekeeper and this can hinder our relationship with God, ourselves, and others. Beginning with the ongoing creation of the universe, we witness God's generosity in making us a part of it. With the Incarnation, Christ further reveals who God really is. By choosing to enter into humanity, God, becoming a human being, affirms to us God's love and on-going care. Jesus, our brother, shows us that God is truly our Father, our "Abba." Christ's Resurrection affirms God's promise of eternal life to us as brothers and sisters of Christ.

Who am I? Jesus' life on earth models for us who God intends us to be. Jesus, ever mindful of God, turns to his Father in prayer and for solace. Jesus accepts humanity's gift of free will and uses both his and others' suffering to bring healing, empathy, forgiveness, and new insight into human existence. The best example of this is Jesus' death on the cross. As God's sons and daughters, Jesus models humanity's intended potential for you and me.

The celebration of the Resurrection is a call to rethink about who God really is for us and who God intends us to be through the example of Jesus Christ. With that in mind, Happy Easter!
Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. Apr. 3 7:00 pm For all parishioners
Sun. Apr. 4 7:30 am James Mercer (+)
9:30 am Julie Pietrantonio Cline (+)
11:30 am For all parishioners
Mon. Apr. 5 8:00am Communion Service
Tues. Apr. 6 8:00 am Communion Service
Wed. Apr. 7 8:00 am Communion Service
Thurs. Apr. 8 8:00 am Communion Service
Fri. Apr. 9 8:00 am Communion Service

Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Apr. 3 4:30pm No Mass (Easter Vigil at St. Denis)

Sun. Apr. 4 9:30am For all parishioners

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.

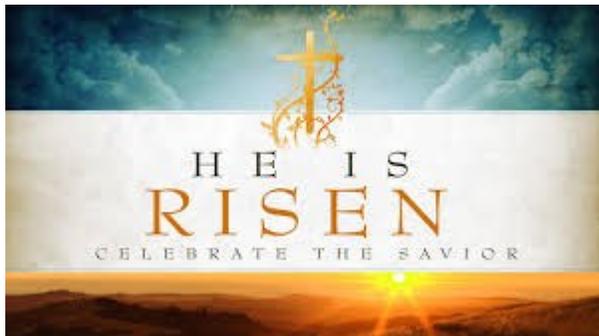
If you need the link, please contact Lucy at

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The NEW SET of class materials are available during office hours. (Parish office closed week of April 5th,)

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.

Question Of The Week

How will I celebrate my own resurrection someday?

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

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	\$79,780.00

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.

Confirmation Celebration

These young people with celebrate being fully initiated into the Church!

May the gifts of the Holy Spirit grow in them and inspire them to be true disciples!

Ian Alvarez

Finn Gallo

Michael Luthy

Katie Bischof

Liam Gallo

Brandon Mattal

Casey Clugage

Margaret Koenig

Cooper Mayer

Mateo Cuellar-Koh

Estelle Legrand

Maeve Miller

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!

