

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

John 20:19-31



April 11th, 2021 2nd Sunday of Easter

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2250 Avy Avenue • Menlo Park

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Gospel Reading

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

Loyola Press "Sunday Connection"

We Believe

As we move through Eastertide, we are given an opportunity not only to celebrate the mystery of the Resurrection but to review our lives as believers called to be people *living in* the Resurrection. Resurrection is not just about overcoming death. It is more about living up to the challenges in the life we have been given. It is old news that Jesus rose from the dead. The new news is that we have the opportunity to see the world anew and to make a difference in it.

Every time we decide to find Jesus in the poor, the unloved, the shunned, the annoying, we open up ourselves to the meaning of Resurrection. We open ourselves to transformation, beyond our private devotions and our attempts to "earn" our place in God's heart. Jesus' Resurrection proved that we already have that unconditional, divine love and that as sons and daughters of God, there is a place waiting for each one of us. If we truly believe the good news, we are free to do what God really asks—to concentrate on the present in our world, bringing forth the Kingdom of God.

When we dare to look into the empty tomb we can move beyond labeling and judgements and into striving for the common good. We can be the prophets who rise above our world's burnt-out systems to being bearers of the light. Our faith should give us training wheels not handcuffs to dare to make a difference in the world in which we live.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. Apr. 10 5:30pm Jim Ward (+)
 Sun. Apr. 11 7:30 am Protection of our planet
 9:30 am Madeline Griffin (+)
 11:30 am For all parishioners
 Mon. Apr.12 8:00am Effective vaccine distribution
 Tues. Apr.13 8:00 am Teachers & their students
 Wed. Apr. 14 8:00 am For mental illness
 Thurs. Apr. 15 8:00 am Effective vaccine distribution
 Fri. Apr. 16 8:00 am For all that follow Jesus



Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Apr. 10 4:30pm Dennis Sammut (+)
 Sun. Apr. 11 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

Our classes begin again on Sunday, April 11

For grades 2-6. Use the Zoom links you already have.

If you need the link, please contact Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org



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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

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

Question Of The Week

**Can I honestly take my doubts to God?
Can I ask God to strengthen my faith, even in my doubts?**

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

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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!

