

# 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**  
**April 24-25 for Catholic  
Home Missions**

*"Peace be with you" Luke 24:35-48*



**April 18th, 2021 3rd Sunday of Easter**

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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

## Gospel Reading

On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

Loyola Press "Sunday Connection"

## We Believe

When we dare to grant relationship, we find ourselves inside a communion. When we put our energy into inclusion, there is little time for judging or prejudice. Our church jargon is meaningless if it is not brought beyond people who think and look like us. That is why, fortified with the Body of Christ, we end Mass with the priest's blessing, "Go in peace."

What peace are we bringing to our world? As believers we are called to simply do life better, not to focus on our ridicule of the other. If we look at the majesty of creation, we cannot deny that God is very happy with multiplicity, diversity, and evolution.

Our egos disagree and we are often tempted to turn inward. We mistakenly make ourselves the reference point. Questions like "What's in it for me?" or "How can I make a difference?" testify to our natural urge to focus on ourselves. Resurrection is calling us out of this attitude.

The Covid experience has emphasized our connectedness to one another. Pope Francis encyclical, "Tutti Fratelli" addresses this same issue. As believers we are called to bring some heaven here so we will be ready for the next one.

We are all on the way to Emmaus and the Risen Christ is walking with us. If we truly seek the Lord, we will encounter the divine in those we meet along the way.

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis Church

Sat. Apr. 17 5:30pm For our parishioners  
 Sun. Apr. 18 7:30 am Those we have lost to Covid  
                   9:30 am Those we have lost to Covid  
                   11:30 am Universal justice  
 Mon. Apr.19 8:00am For college students  
 Tues. Apr.20 8:00 am Those we have lost to Covid  
 Wed. Apr. 21 8:00 am For all students  
 Thurs.Apr. 22 8:00 am For farmers  
 Fri. Apr. 23 8:00 am For field workers



### Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Apr. 17 4:30pm Robin Quist Gate (+)  
 Sun. Apr. 18 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

Only a few more class days left!

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)



### Operation Rice Bowl

Please bring in your filled Rice Bowls anytime!

Drop them in the collection, in the box outside the church, or in the office mailbox.

Make checks payable to St. Denis Church, with Rice Bowl in the memo line.

Or donate online at [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org)

## Adult Confirmation Classes

Adult Confirmation classes with the Archdiocesan Office of Faith Formation will be held April 23 and 24 virtually. To register an application must be signed by the candidate's parish and sent to the Office of Faith Formation. Classes will be offered in English and Spanish. All are welcome to join and complete their Sacraments of Initiation. Click here for registration application in English and Spanish.

For more information contact:

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April 23 and 24, online



## 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!



## Question Of The Week

During Easter season, we hear how Jesus surprises his disciples by showing up unexpectedly, offering them his peace, and proving he is alive by touching them and eating with them. How does Jesus surprise me every day?

## Stewardship

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| July 1, 2020 to June 30th, 2021 (Estimated Goal) | \$410,000.00 |
| July 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021                   | \$271,454.00 |
| March 2021 Sunday Offertory Collections          | \$33,064.00  |
| Annual Appeal 2021 Goal \$98,096                 | \$98,096.00  |
| Annual Appeal 2021 Actual                        | \$84,205.00  |

## 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.

## First Communion Celebrations!

Please join these children and their families as they celebrate receiving the Lord in the Eucharist for the first time!

April 24– Our Lady of the Wayside 4:30pm Mass  
Missy McAdam, Sofia Siena, Max Sequeira

April 25– St. Denis Church 11:30am Mass  
Yukimi Uemura, Wyatt Kline, Delphine Legrand

May 1– St. Denis Church 5:30pm Mass  
Parker Vincenzo

May 2– St. Denis Church 9:30am Mass  
Kayleb Miraflor, Ryan Perea,  
Matt McGrory, Dylan Budelli



## 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!

