

# 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.*

*"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever  
remains in me & I in him will bear much fruit."*

*John 15:1-8*



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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

**May 2nd, 2021 5th 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

## Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

He was a cold-blooded murderer. He was responsible for the death of countless Christians. Innocent blood dripped from his hands. The stench of sin and evil emanated from him. He was deaf to the sounds of people crying as they witnessed their loved ones dying a horrific death. Of all people, God chose Saul to become a disciple of Jesus.

On one level, it is only natural to ask the question why would God do such a thing? Why would God hand pick the worse of the worse to be His apostle. Grace is amazing. God's grace can do great things. God's way is not our way. The grace of God changed not only the heart and life of Saul, but the early Church and our lives as well. It seems as though St. Paul and only St. Paul could have built up the early Church the way God intended it.

In the life of St. Paul, we witness that God's forgiveness, mercy and love is beyond our comprehension. God's love can conquer the most wretched of us. Nothing will separate us from the love of God, not even the vilest sin imaginable and not even the most despicable of us all. God desires to save everyone, especially those we may not want to be forgiven and saved.

God bless, Fr. Paul

## We Believe

The "Vine and Branches" gospel of today affirms the invitation to an intimate, ever-connected relationship with God. With Christ portrayed as the Vine and the Father as the Vinedresser, Jesus explains how human interaction with nature is reflective of human interaction with God.

It has been suggested that our current ecological crisis is due to our lack of focus on the sacred nature of creation. At every moment of our existence our physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being are nurtured by the earth, and yet this is not always a focus as we go about living our lives. Pope Francis' encyclical, "On Care for our Common Home," calls us to reassess our underlying attitudes and actions relating to the earth and wake up our spiritual and physical responses towards our generous planet which our Creator has given us as pure gift.

Jesus' example of the Vine and the Branches shows our connectedness to the mystery of life on this earth, our relationship with one another, and the expectation that as branches, open to the flow of life in Christ, we will grow and bear fruit. As branches connected to the Vine, pruned and tended to by the Vinedresser, there is really no room for questions like, "What's in it for me?"

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis Church

Sat. May. 1	5:30pm	For all caregivers
Sun. May. 2	7:30 am	For hospice workers
	9:30 am	For those we have lost to Covid
	11:30 am	For those we have lost to Covid
Mon. May. 3	8:00am	Marjorie Thompson (+)
Tues. May. 4	8:00 am	For children with cancer
Wed. May. 5	8:00 am	Those with autoimmune diseases
Thurs. May. 6	8:00 am	Peter Fulchiron (+)
Fri. May. 7	8:00 am	For our parish community



### Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. May 1	4:30pm	For all caregivers
Sun. May 2	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

Today is our last Zoom class for all grades!  
 It's been quite a year, and we are looking forward to in-person classes in the fall!

Many, many thanks to our catechists and board members who took on the challenge of sharing faith remotely! Thank you Lisa Cooper, Patty Dewes, Yvonne Schmidt, Mark Leake, Yolanda Cheung, Michelle Donatelli and Dede Waters-Masters

We will also offer Liturgy of the Word for Children, in person during the 9:30am Sunday Masses this summer!! More information to come....

## St. Vincent de Paul Lent Project

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Outreach Lenten Project which was to support rental assistance through St Vincent de Paul in San Mateo county. We collected \$7,500.00. Several families will be able to stay in their homes thanks to your generosity! If Anyone is still interested in donating check out their online auction at [Hands & Hearts Making a Difference Online Auction 2021 - Society of St. Vincent de Paul of San Mateo County Commit Change | We help organizations raise more money, more sustainably.](#)

## Volunteers Needed At El Retiro

All happy gardeners and those who would enjoy a morning of working outdoors: El Retiro is holding a morning of gardening at the Center to help the center be ready to receive guests post-pandemic. Fr. John Auther will have work for everyone according to talents and strength. Please register online, above, so he can be prepared.

Saturday, May 8, 8:00 am – 12:00 noon

El Retiro Retreat Center, 300 Manresa Way Los Altos. To register Contact Fr. John 650 917-4000 or [communications@jrclosa...](mailto:communications@jrclosa...)



## 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

**Lord, don't prune too close! I want to stay connected to the Vine!**

**What fruit can I produce, if I stay connected to the Lord?**

## Stewardship

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	\$88,530.00

## 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](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.

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 & their families as they celebrate receiving the Lord in the Eucharist for the first time!

May 1st– 5:30pm St. Denis:

Parker Vinzenzo

May 2nd– 9:30am St Denis:

Kayleb Miraflor, Ryan Perea

Reid Cooper, Matt, McGrory

Dylan Budelli, Brian Bischof



## 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!

