

# 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



**May 9th, 2021 6th 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,

As you may know, the word Catholic means universal. The Catholic Church is practically everywhere in the world. From the very beginning, the Holy Spirit was with the Church guiding and forming it as God desired. This is especially true in the life of St. Peter, the bishop of Rome, the first Shepherd of the Catholic Church. With and through eyes of faith, Peter witnesses the presence and movement of the Holy Spirit in the Church.

Already, the Holy Spirit is touching the hearts of the gentiles. They too thirst and hunger for the living God who raised Jesus from the dead. They too have come to believe in the risen Lord. They too desire to live the faith in their lives as the Apostles do. Who is man to refuse their desire to be baptized into Christ Jesus? Peter arguably makes the most important decision as the Shepherd of the Church. He witnesses and personally experiences the universal and absolute truth of our faith. "God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." The Holy Spirit came upon all who listened to the Word of God proclaimed to them. The Holy Spirit even now continues to come upon all who want the risen Lord in their lives.

From the very beginning, all have been welcomed into the Church by our gracious God. It is up to each and every one of us to do the same. We are called and challenged to be welcoming to those who believe in their hearts and profess with their lips Jesus Christ is risen today. God's plan of salvation is extended to all nations for He loves all. We are to do the same as Catholics.

God bless, Fr. Paul

## We Believe

If Jesus' Apostles could have looked into the future of the Church, they would have been shocked to see that, from the second century, those who professed belief in Christ were, for the large majority, gentiles. In effect, Jesus' teaching and example attested to the inherent worthiness of all humanity, and he invited his followers to embrace this attitude beyond Judaism. While this attitude was risky, Jesus' first followers met the challenge.

Today, as true believers of Christ, we are called to continually expand our own understandings of inclusiveness. In turbulent times it is challenging to truly love and minister to those who are different from us. While our media fuels itself on promoting the reality of divisiveness, as Christ-followers we are called to resist the temptation of unfavorably categorizing and labeling those different from ourselves.

Christ really taught us more about how to live on earth now more than about how to get to heaven in the future. Having the mindset of God comes through prayer, self-reflection, and a sincere attempt to cultivate empathy amid the pluralism that reveals itself daily. This week, as we liturgically inch toward the memory of Jesus' Ascension to the Father following his Resurrection, let us be mindful of the task Christ has entrusted to us. As believers, we are called to continually bring Christ's legacy of love and inclusiveness into the reality of the present.

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis Church

Sat. May. 8	5:30pm	For all mothers
Sun. May. 9	7:30 am	For all mothers
	9:30 am	Peter Fulchiron (+)
	11:30 am	For all mothers
Mon. May. 10	8:00am	Lillian Durazzo (+)
Tues. May. 11	8:00 am	Special intentions & gratitude
Wed. May. 12	8:00 am	Special intentions & thankfulness
Thurs. May. 13	8:00 am	George Joseph Koch (+)
Fri. May. 14	8:00 am	Special intentions & gratitude



### Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. May 8	4:30pm	For all mothers
Sun. May 9	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

We have finished a very challenging year in our Faith Formation programs!

Zooming and live-streaming everything we could to help children and their families stay connected to their faith and our community. And celebrating the Sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist and Reconciliation, with masks at a distance. Next fall, we hope to be back in person, with all the activities we have missed so much. Until then, we will have the Liturgy of the Word for Children during the 9:30am Sunday Mass.

Thank you to our volunteers who accepted the challenge of sharing their faith remotely: Michelle Donatelli, Lisa Cooper, Patty Dewes, Yvonne Schmidt, Mark Leake, Dede Waters-Masters and Yolanda Cheung.

And thank you to the parents who took this opportunity to expand their role as Primary Catechist to their children at home!

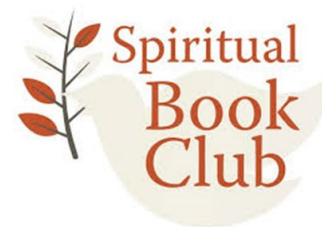
Watch the bulletin and your emails for updates on schedules and registration.

Have a wonderful, healthy and adventurous Summer!

## Spiritual Book Group

On May 19, we'll begin our discussions of *Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship* by Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ. Fr. Boyle founded Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles to offer young men coming out of prison an opportunity for their first jobs. Fr. Boyle uses his heartwarming stories of the Homeboys to address the negativity in our present culture and to invite us all to recognize both our biases and our shared brotherhood/ sisterhood.

Come join our discussions of the book and how these issues touch our lives. We read one chapter a week and meet Wednesday mornings on Zoom at 10:00 am. Please contact Tereza McNamee for more info. 650-323-6859. We happily offer Zoom orientation if needed.



## Bulletin Deadline

## Question Of The Week

Jesus, you make it sound so simple: Love one another!  
But HOW do I really love others the way you love me?  
And am I really willing to do it?

## 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 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!"

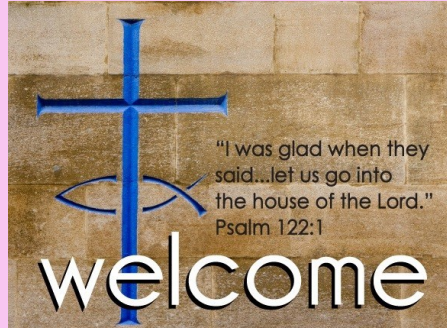
Online Giving is available for parishioners with WeShare, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure. If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit our website [stdenisparish.org](http://stdenisparish.org), and follow the 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.

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!

Sunday, May 9 at 11:30am

Margaux Schmidt, Lucas Maffia,  
Drew & Zach Kim



## 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!

