

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

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

**There is a second Collection
this week for World Mission
Co-Op.**



August 22nd, 2021 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Missionary Sunday

This weekend, August 21st & 22nd, at all St. Denis masses, Rev. Raju Pilla will be speaking about the works and the needs of the Latin Archdiocese of Trivandrum in India.

Trivandrum has about 270,000 Catholics. 90% of the people are traditional fishermen who depend on fishing for their livelihood and 10% are farm workers who are recent converts from low caste Hindus. Unemployment and poverty are most rampant in this community. The Archdiocese depends on outside assistance to support its clergy, seminarians, catechists and to continue its developmental programs. However, during this pandemic lockdown the situation is very pitiful as the fishermen are restricted from fishing which is their main livelihood. With income halted from fishing, the people are struggling to survive; Recent Cyclone "Tauktae" that hit our coastal villages in May destroyed several hundreds of homes. There is so much poverty. We are looking for some Emergency food assistance. Won't you be as generous as you can in the second collection? Your sacrifice for the Missions is deeply appreciated.

Looking forward to visiting with you,

Yours gratefully I am,

Rev. Raju B. Pilla, Mission Rep.

We Believe

While theory and theology are important, an authentic faith is more about how we live day-to-day than affirming one teaching or another. Actual Christian living is far more important than heady doctrines or dogmas. In other words, in spite of our consumer culture, are we willing to really follow Jesus in our lives? Can we dare to move beyond our comfort zones?

Jesus' actual doctrinal presentations are simple and his invitation to demonstrate God's goodness to the world is straight forward. Rather than being an exclusive group of believers, we are called to be an embracing collective of true followers. Having a true and abiding faith is rooted in a demonstratable love for God, ourselves, and others.

"We do not think ourselves into a new way of living, but we live ourselves into a new way of thinking..." This observation from Fr. Richard Rohr is really what today's gospel is all about. Is our living faith truly transformational?

Jesus, through his grace-filled life on earth, gave us the blueprint for how God intended us to live, and it is through our sincere intention of following Jesus' example, that true understanding comes. In today's gospel reading, we learn that some of Jesus' disciples left. They could not get their heads around what Jesus was saying, but Peter embraced the simple truth: that Jesus is the way.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. Aug. 21	5:30pm	Pope Francis
Sun. Aug. 22	7:30 am	Missionaries
	9:30 am	Mass of thanksgiving
	11:30 am	Pope Francis
Mon. Aug. 23	8:00 am	For horticulturists
Tues. Aug. 24	8:00 am	Students & their families
Wed. Aug. 25	8:00 am	Educators
Thu. Aug. 26	8:00 am	Those with mental illness
Fri. Aug. 27	8:00 am	Students returning to college



Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Aug. 21	4:30 pm	Maria Ponte (+)
Sun. Aug. 22	9:00 am	Pope Francis

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 Kohan, John Cummins, Sandy McGinley **Names will be removed monthly unless you let the office know. Thank you.**

Faith Formation News

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

During 9:30am Sunday Masses all Summer!

All school aged children are invited to join Lucy and Dede in the parish garden to read and share the Sunday readings during the first part of the Mass. Then we return to the church at the offertory.

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE FOR 2021-2022

The Faith Formation schedule for the next school year, and updated registration form are now on the parish website at www.stdenisparish.org We are planning for in-person classes on Sunday mornings beginning September 26. However, if you would like to teach your children at home, we can provide materials and parent guides for you. Either way, please register now! Contact Lucy Soltau at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org for more information.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

This is the day we bless our catechists, those who teach the faith to our children!

And we will celebrate with a pancake breakfast (eat outside or take it home) after the 9:30am Sunday Mass. We have some wonderful volunteers, ready to share the faith, and we could always use a few more. Contact Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org for more info!

Question Of The Week

The BIG questions:

Who do I serve?

Who do I follow?

Gospel Reading

For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the “Bread of Life discourse” in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John’s Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus’ words. In today’s Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus’ own disciples.

Today’s Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus’ disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus’ teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus’ words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John’s Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus’ disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

Simon Peter’s response to Jesus’ question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter’s confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God’s grace invites us to be Jesus’ disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

Loyola Press “Sunday Connection”

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

2021-22 estimated goal TBA

Annual Appeal 2021 Goal \$98,096

\$98,096.00

Annual Appeal 2021 Actual

\$98,096.00

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.

Covid Update As of August 3rd, 2021

In response to California's lifting of most Covid-19 restrictions, San Mateo County & the S.F. Archdiocese has announced mandated updates to safety protocols. Many safety precautions will remain in place. Including parishioners, guests, & musicians to wear a mask when indoors, including Mass indoors. If you are seated outside you do not need to wear a mask. Social distancing is reduced to three feet between households. Doors and windows will remain open for ventilation. Hand sanitizers are available. The Sign of Peace is to be exchanged by waving or bowing to those near them. If you are sick we ask that you stay home. Sunday 9:30am mass & weekday masses will continue to be livestreamed, & then on our website. We thank you as we continue to keep each other safe.



A Message From The Pope

Getting vaccinated is a simple yet profound way to care for one another, especially the most vulnerable.

I pray to God that each of us can make his or her own small gesture of love – Pope Francis

Knit & Pray

You are invited to join the St. Denis Parish Knit & Pray group on the 4th Mondays of each month at 5pm outside of the parish hall. If you're a beginner, Kathie Shaw will be there to help. All are welcome! Our next gathering is Monday August 23rd. We hope to see you there!



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!

