

# 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.*

## Parish Staff

**Rev. Paul O'Dell**  
**Pastor**

wpodell@aol.com  
(415) 686-9951

**Gina Morales**  
**Operations Manager**

gmorales@stdenisparish.org  
(650) 854-5976 press 1

**Lucy Soltau**  
**Director of Faith Formation**

lsoltau@stdenisparish.org  
(650) 854-5976 press 3

**Dede Waters-Masters**  
**Pastoral Minister in charge of  
Liturgy and Senior Services**

dedewm@pacbell.net  
(650) 854-5976 press 4

## 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:

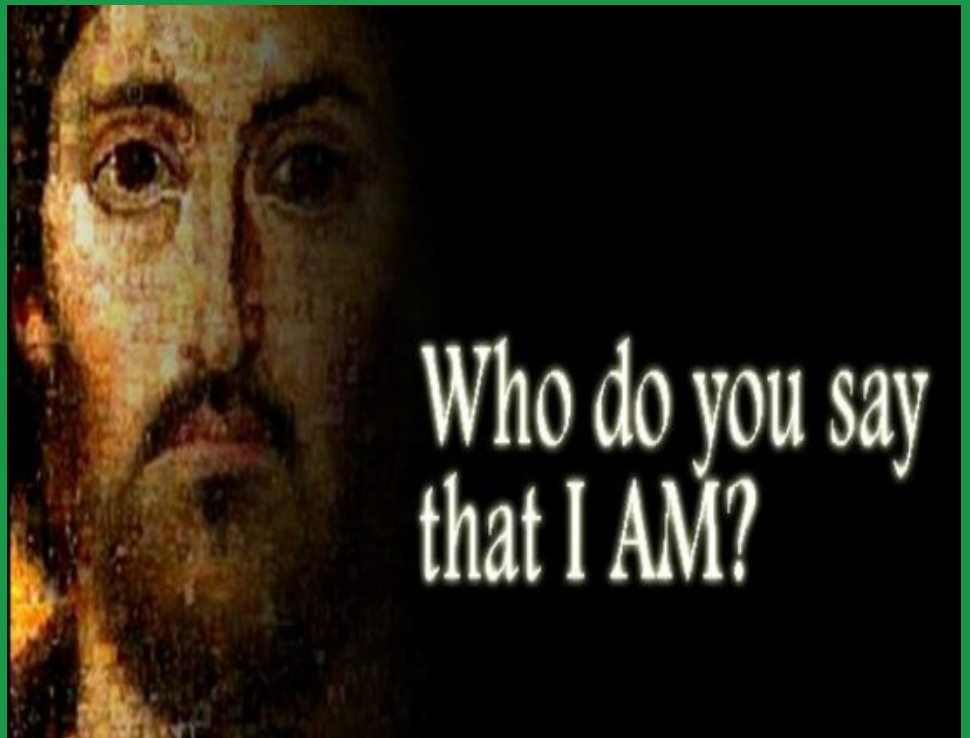
Saturday: 4:00 pm, Our Lady of the  
Wayside

Saturday: 5:00 pm, St. Denis

## **Office Hours**

M-F, 9:00 am—2:00 pm

**Next weekend September  
18th/19th there is a second  
Collection for  
Priests Retirement**



**September 12th, 2021 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

(650) 854-5976  
[www.stdenisparish.org](http://www.stdenisparish.org)

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,

God our creator made the human body to have five senses: sight, hearing, taste, smell and touch. We take in the external world with these senses. They allow us to enjoy what God has created for us. Are not the myriad of flowers so very beautiful and breathtaking? Do we not enjoy and savor the different flavors of food from so many cultures? Are we not moved when we hear the wonderful sound of music? Do we not feel the warmth and comfort of a touch from our loved ones? Yet, these five senses of the human body compel us to put them in service of others.

The Lord heard the cry of the poor. Do we? The Lord healed the sick with the touch of his hands. Do we hold someone's hand whenever we visit the sick? Do we see foreigners and strangers as Christ sees them? People worth loving. In today's Second Reading from James, it mentions that faith without works is dead. How true that is. What good is faith if we do not help our brothers and sisters in Christ who are in need. We become like the Pharisees. Their faith was stagnant and stale.

Faith is not only about our relationship with God, but also about what we do for those in need. Jesus is our role model of faith. Jesus did his Father's will in his life as well as minister to those in need. Jesus had faith. Jesus lived the faith. He never turned a blind eye to the sick. He heard the cry of those begging for his help. May we not only enjoy God's gift of our senses, but also use them to be of service. By doing this, we truly live the faith rather than just having faith. Faith by its very nature is meant to be put into action.

God bless, Fr. Paul

## We Believe

In today's gospel reading Peter identifies who he thinks Jesus is. Peter recognizes Jesus as the true Messiah, but Peter rejects how Jesus goes on to describe the life journey Jesus is undertaking. Jesus' description of how his life will unfold greatly upsets Peter. Peter does not want to hear Jesus' predictions of his suffering, rejection, and death. As Jesus' disciple, Peter, quite understandably, doesn't want to hear the hardships that could befall him by his association and commitment to the Messiah. It's a classic example of not seeing things as they are, but seeing things as one wants them to be.

Jesus takes this opportune moment to remind Peter, his followers, and us that the Christian journey inevitably involves suffering, taking up the cross. Jesus' self-explanation of what he is about is really his affirmation of solidarity with the sufferings of humanity.

Jesus knew who he was, who his Father was, who his neighbor was, and what his mission was. Today's gospel actually leaves us with a question, "As true followers of Christ, who are we?"

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis Church

Sat. Sept.	11	5:30pm	Jose Yu (+)
Sun. Sept.	12	7:30 am	9/11 victims
		9:30 am	Cesar Lallana (+)
		11:30 am	Charles Maynard (+)
Mon. Sept.	13	8:00 am	For educators
Tues. Sept.	14	8:00 am	For lectors & ushers
Wed. Sept.	15	8:00 am	For an end to Covid-19
Thu. Sept.	16	8:00 am	Rose Cerasuolo (+)
Fri. Sept.	17	8:00 am	For Catechists



### Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Sept. 11	4:30 pm	9/11 Victims
Sun. Sept. 12	9:30 am	In thanksgiving

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

### 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](http://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 [soltau@stdenisparish.org](mailto:soltau@stdenisparish.org) for more information.

### CATECHETICAL SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

### FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### YES! ALL AT THE SAME TIME ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Meet the catechists, get important information about our programs this year, and eat pancakes! What could be better than that! Join us in the garden after the 9:30am Mass.

We have some wonderful volunteers, ready to share the faith, and we could always use a few more. Contact Lucy at [soltau@stdenisparish.org](mailto:soltau@stdenisparish.org) for more info!

### CONFIRMATION PARENT/TEEN GATHERING

Sunday, September 12 at 5:30pm at St. Denis.

Parents and teens in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or older who would like to prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to join us for Mass at 5:30pm, dinner at 6:15pm and an information meeting at 7:00pm. Come for the whole evening or just part.

For more information, contact Lucy Soltau at [soltau@stdenisparish.org](mailto:soltau@stdenisparish.org)

## Question Of The Week

When Jesus asks me, who will I say that HE is?  
If someone else asks me who Jesus is, what will I tell them?

## Outreach Committee

**All are welcome to join the Outreach Committee to discuss up coming events for the fall. Our meeting is next Saturday, September 18th, at 9:30am in the St. Denis garden next to the hall.**



## 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!



## 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](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.

## 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 (securely over nose & mouth) 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

## Jesuit Retreat Center

Join us Friday, September 17th at 4pm thru Sunday September 19th at 2pm for the retreat Practicing Ignatian Contemplation by Fr. Andrew Rodriguez S.J. Taste the sweetness of God's closeness & tenderness by praying the Scripture passages concerning the story of Jesus. Using our imaginations, we will prayerfully immerse ourselves in the experience of Jesus's life, death, & resurrection. Register at [jrclostaltos.org/retreats-and-programs](http://jrclostaltos.org/retreats-and-programs) or call us at 917-4000.

## 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!

