

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

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



Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone
who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

Mark 9:35 NIV

September 19th, 2021 25th 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

Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

The Hall of Fame is reserved for those athletes who are the greatest in their respective sport. They have undoubtedly achieved tremendous success. They have done what most have not. The Hall of Fame athletes are the very best of the best. There may never be athletes quite like Pele, Michael Jordan, and Wayne Gretzky ever again. In terms of faith though, Jesus redefines what greatness is.

For Jesus, greatness is not about being the very best. It is not about exerting one's power and authority over others. Greatness is about service. Sometimes we can be like the disciples of Jesus. They were arguing about who was the greatest. They wanted to be important, and to be in positions of power and authority. The disciples wanted to be served like royalty rather than be the ones who serve others.

It takes humility to serve others. To serve commands that we swallow our pride and set aside our ego. It is easy to think that serving is beneath us and that it is demeaning. People often look down on servants. Did not Jesus come into the world as the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity to get down on his knees to wash the feet of his disciples? If Jesus was willing to do that, why can't we? May we emulate the example of our Lord and Savior. Be great. Serve others.

God bless, Fr. Paul

We Believe

In today's Gospel we witness the Apostles' competitive nature. They know it is not in keeping with the teachings of Jesus, but their human tendency to be "first" initially overtakes Jesus's call to be humble. Jesus is repeatedly establishing the ground rules for being a true Christ-follower.

Being attuned to one's ego, both individually and collectively, has the power to open up our eyes to human frailty and self-centeredness. Christ does not ask that we deliberately go out and humiliate ourselves each day, but he calls each of us to pay attention and to be authentically honest with ourselves, looking at what we think, say, and do and reflecting on our real motivations.

This "mindfulness" may give us pause, cause embarrassment, or be somewhat humiliating, but it can prove to illuminate our way on the path to truly living in the image and likeness of God, as we were intended.

"On the shame of motives revealed
And the awareness of things ill done
And done to others' harm
Which once you took for exercise of virtue."
(Four Quartets, T.S. Eliot)

When we open up ourselves to having a few "oops!" moments, our self-acknowledged loss of face has the potential to be moments of redeeming grace.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. Sept. 18	5:30pm	Sue Ogata (+)
Sun. Sept. 19	7:30 am	End to Covid-19
	9:30 am	For catechists
	11:30 am	National unity
Mon. Sept. 20	8:00 am	Communion service
Tues. Sept. 21	8:00 am	Communion service
Wed. Sept. 22	8:00 am	Communion service
Thu. Sept. 23	8:00 am	Communion service
Fri. Sept. 24	8:00 am	Communion service



Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Sept. 18	4:30 pm	Jack Sullivan (+)
Sun. Sept. 19	9:30 am	End to Covid-19

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 BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

PreK thru 4th grade meets at 9:30am

5th and 6th grade meets at 10:30am

Confirmation class (7th and 8th grades) meets at 5:30pm.

You can still register by going to our parish website www.stdenisparish.org and click the Faith Formation tab.

Contact Lucy Soltau at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org for more information.



Faith Formation

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY! PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION FOR PARENTS!

YES! ALL AT THE SAME TIME TODAY, 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 for Mass at 9:30am. 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!

Outreach Committee

All are welcome to join the Outreach Committee to discuss up coming events for the fall. Our meeting is this 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

NOTE: Announcement may not appear until the next bulletin due to space

limitations. Thank You!



Question Of The Week

Jealousy, selfishness, and me first

vs

contentment, generosity and service

Which do I choose?

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 (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

Virtual Retreat Visio Divina Praying -With Art

Wednesday, September 29 - October 1, 2021 (7-8 PM) by Fr. Andrew Rodriguez, S.J.

In this three-part series, we will pray with Scriptures using art. Art is therefore sacramental, one that points us to a deeper knowledge and experience of how God acts in our lives. With this we can better understand the connection among God's word, God's actions, and the effect those have in our lives.

jrclostaltos.org/retreats-and-programs or call us at 650 917-4000.

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 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!

