

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:

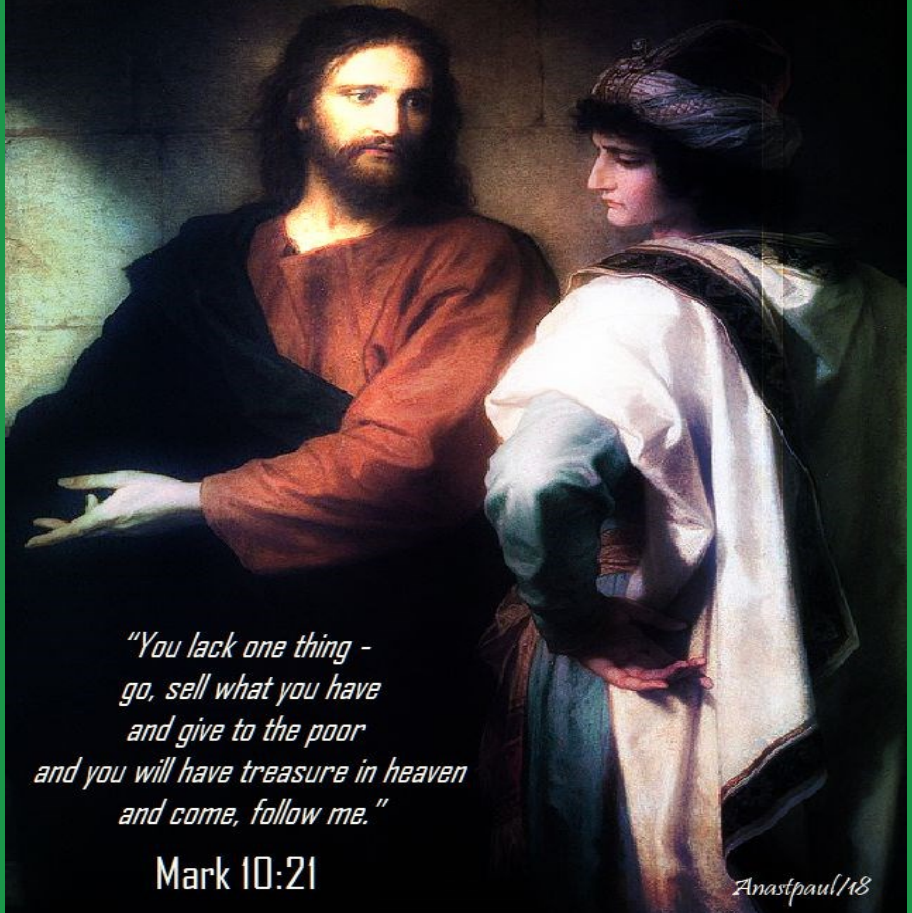
Saturday: 4:00 pm, Our Lady of the
Wayside
Saturday: 5:00 pm, St. Denis

Office Hours

M-F, 9:00 am—2:00 pm

**The Lord does not know
how to give less than everything,
when He gives something,
He gives Himself,
which is everything!**

Pope Francis



*"You lack one thing -
go, sell what you have
and give to the poor
and you will have treasure in heaven
and come, follow me."*

Mark 10:21

October 10th, 2021 28th 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 word philosophy means love of wisdom. Wisdom is different from knowledge. Contestants on the television show Jeopardy are very knowledgeable. They know a lot of facts about different subjects. On the other hand, King Solomon was very wise. He had to discern who was the true mother of a child. He had the wisdom to discern how to go about the truth. The true mother would stop the killing of her son and selflessly give it to the other mother so that her son would live. It is good to be knowledgeable, but it is better to be wise.

As people of faith, we realize that life can be very complicated, and it seems to become more gray as we get older. What are we to do? Unfortunately, sometimes it is hard to know what to do because the choices and decisions are not so clear. Is it good to turn to God then, and to rely upon our faith.

At our Confirmation mass, we were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. One of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit is wisdom. In us is the gift of wisdom. We have wisdom. God helps us to take the right course of action. All that we have to do is look within ourselves and draw upon this tremendous resource. The Holy Spirit will empower us to channel wisdom so that we make the right decision in light of faith, and to do God's will.

God bless, Fr. Paul

We Believe

The young man in today's gospel gives us a glimpse into the human struggle we all encounter in trying to be true followers of Christ. Just how far do we have to go? The truth is that Jesus is not condemning wealth in itself, but the attachment to it. How much of how we view ourselves and others is influenced by our material wealth and success?

The young man in today's gospel is really seeking affirmation from Jesus. He defines his devotion to Jesus by adhering to the commandments. Jesus affirms the commandments but adds to them. His conversation with the man focuses on Jesus' care for the poor and marginalized of the world.

As practicing Catholics we can succumb to the temptation of "following the rules," using our strict adherence as "payment" for eternal life. Will this pristine behavior solely define how we authentically live our faith?

The Kingdom of God is not for purchase. We enter it here on earth and in our passing by our inclusive service to one another and our putting God first in our lives.

Today's gospel is meant to be unsettling. The young man walked away from Jesus shocked and sullen. What will be our response?

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. Oct	9	5:30pm	Michael Stafford(+)
Sun. Oct.	10	7:30 am	Victims of natural disasters
		9:30 am	Don Lowry (living)
		11:30 am	Refugees
Mon. Oct.	11	8:00 am	Our Indigenous brothers & sisters
Tues. Oct.	12	8:00 am	Our Canadian sisters & brothers
Wed. Oct.	13	8:00 am	In thanksgiving
Thu. Oct.	14	8:00 am	Those with mental illness
Fri. Oct.	15	8:00 am	In gratitude



Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Oct.	9	4:30 pm	Bill Kerwin (+)
Sun. Oct.	10	9:30 am	Victims of national disasters

In your charity, please pray...

Carol C., 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 HAS BEGUN!!

PreK thru 4th grade meets at 9:30am

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

Confirmation (grades 7/8) meets again tonight, October 10 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.

FR. PAUL'S FIRST COMMUNION CLASS (optional)

Fr. Paul is offering First Communion classes for children again this year!

The first class is Monday, October 11 at 3:30-4:30pm in the garden.

CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS TONIGHT

Sunday, October 10 at 5:30pm, with Mass, dinner and class til 8:00pm.

Bring your Handbooks, Bibles and homework.

Also, we will be doing some online research during class, so bring your phones or tablets!

Fr. Daniel Kiriti Visits Our Parish

Fr. Daniel Kiriti will celebrate mass at St. Denis this weekend, October 9/10th & at Our Lady of the Wayside on October 16/17th. Fr. Kiriti is from Kenya and will update us on the "St. Denis Parish Scholars" we funded through Kenya Help for our Lenten Project in 2019. Your generosity provided four full years of tuition, & room and board for 6 students who would not otherwise have been able to attend a private high school in Kenya. Fr. Kiriti will tell us about the students, the impact of Covid-19 in Kenya, & the value of education. If you are interested in purchasing crafts they will be sold at the St. Thomas Merton Center on Sunday October 24th after the 9am mass from 10am to 11:30am at St. Thomas Aquinas, 751 Waverly Street in Palo Alto.



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Bulletin Deadline

Question Of The Week

We cannot save ourselves, only God can do that!
With God, all things are possible.
What do I need to give up, so that God can save me?

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 (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

Ministry For Adult Children of Divorced Or Separated Parents

Join other adult children of divorce or separation for a virtual group session. Learn more at our first session. Possible topics include siblings, vulnerability, & identity.

Our first virtual meeting will be Thursday October 7th at 7pm.

Our meetings run every Thursday from October 7th thru

November 11th. www.acdsf.info.

For more information contact Ed Hopfner at

HopfnerE@sfarch.org



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!

