

# 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

**Second Collection this  
weekend for  
World Mission Sunday**

*Mark 10:46-52*



**October 24th, 2021 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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2250 Avy Avenue • Menlo Park

Our Lady of the Wayside Church  
930 Portola Road • Portola Valley

## Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

The refrain in today's Responsorial Psalm are good words for us to live by. Despite the trials and tribulations we may have experienced in our lives, the Lord has done great things for us. How can we not be filled with joy? This is the mindset we are to have as Christians. Being negative and pessimistic does not help at all. Having a positive attitude and especially a hopeful spirit is a much better way to live. Positivity brings positive results I believe.

Successful people are successful because they do not allow things to get them down for long. Tyson Fury recently won his boxing rematch for the heavyweight championship of the world. In his interview, he mentions that if you get knocked down, you get back up. He was knocked down several times. Yet, each time Tyson got back up on his feet to continue fighting. After he won his fight, he publicly thanked his Lord and Savior.

If we stop and reflect upon our lives with faith, I am sure we will see that the Lord has done great things for us. Do we not live in the greatest country in the world? Do we not live in the greatest place in all of California? Do I not have the greatest parishioners in the world? Do you not have the finest pastor since sliced bread? Are we not able to go to mass whenever we want to receive the real presence of Christ? Are we not loved unconditionally by our God, and does He not always forgive us of our worse sins? My heart is filled with joy just thinking about these things. May you always remember and never forget that the Lord will continue to do good things you. May you always have joy in your heart no matter what life brings you.

God bless, Fr. Paul

## We Believe

In today's gospel reading Jesus asks the blind man Bartimaeus a seemingly obvious but direct question, "*What do you want me to do for you?*" Initially, this seems to be a simple question, but as Bartimaeus stumbles toward Jesus, who beckons him to come forward, it is obvious that Jesus is really asking a deeply spiritual question. Jesus wants to know where Bartimaeus is coming from, a question meant to reveal the blind man's inner most desires.

Bartimaeus' answer is simple yet profound, "Rabbi, I want to see." Fundamentally, this answer is a request for transformation. Bartimaeus demonstrates his willingness to change. As a vulnerable blind man, leaving his precious cloak on the ground, Bartimaeus is willing to risk. While at one moment the outside world tells him to silence himself, the next moment the crowd says to put himself forward. Bartimaeus seems to seize this miracle moment.

Bartimaeus' trust and faith in Jesus proves fruitful. Not only is his physical sight fully restored, but his heart is opened too. Having been given "new" eyes, the gospel tells us, he leaves his former world of blindness and dependence to follow Jesus.

Today's gospel challenges us to answer Jesus' question as if he was posing it to us. Jesus asks, "*What do you want me to do for you?*" Before we answer, let us determine for ourselves just how much we are willing to really "see."

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis Church

Sat. Oct	23	5:30pm	Jerome Cudden (living)
Sun. Oct.	24	7:30 am	Maureen Sollman (living)
		9:30 am	Missionaries
		11:30 am	Antoinette Alioto Canepa (+)
Mon. Oct.	25	8:00 am	Jon Coyne (living)
Tues. Oct.	26	8:00 am	Communion Service
Wed. Oct.	27	8:00 am	Communion Service
Thu. Oct.	28	8:00 am	Communion Service
Fri. Oct.	29	8:00 am	Communion Service



### Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Oct.	23	4:30 pm	Missionaries
Sun. Oct.	24	9:30 am	Missionaries

In your charity, please pray for...

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 PROGRAMS

PreK thru 4<sup>th</sup> grade meets at 9:30am

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade meets at 10:30am

Confirmation (grades 7/8) meets again tonight, October 24 at 5:30pm.

You can still register by going to our parish website [www.stdenisparish.org](http://www.stdenisparish.org) and click the Faith Formation tab. Contact Lucy Soltau at [lsoltau@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lsoltau@stdenisparish.org) for more information.

### FR. PAUL'S FIRST COMMUNION CLASS (optional)

Meets Monday, October 25 at 3:30pm in the parish garden. For those children preparing to celebrate First Communion in the spring. Parents are welcome to sit in!

**NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES ON HALLOWEEN (the Eve of All Saints)**

### CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS TONIGHT

Sunday, October 24 at 5:30pm, with Mass, dinner and class til 8:00pm.

Bring your Handbooks, Bibles and homework.

## 5th Collection For St. Anthony's

As our church community has always been helpful to St. Anthony's whether through our Bake Sale or annual collections of towels, aprons, etc. they are very appreciative of our commitment. Once again, we will have to forgo our Bake Sale but instead donate to St. Anthony's with our 5th Sunday Collection. So please bring extra cash or check made out to St. Denis with St. Anthony's on the Memo Line and put in the second collection on October 31st.

This money will help them continue serving close to 600 people a day, six days a week, with a nutritious lunch to go. Any surplus food will go into bags that the guests may take home.

Please go to their website [www.paduadiningroom.com](http://www.paduadiningroom.com) to see the tremendous work they do for our neighbors who are not as fortunate as us. While on the website, please check their Needs List to see if there is anything else you may be able to donate directly to them.



## Bulletin Deadline

## Question Of The Week

What am I 'blind' to?

What does God want me to see, that I am ignoring?

### 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.



## Vallombrosa Upcoming Retreat

**BEYOND: How Humankind Thinks about Heaven** with author Catherine Wolff on Thursday December 2nd, 2021 7pm-8:30pm. Recording made for Ticket Holders \$20 Zoom Class.

Register on: [Vallombrosa.org/calendar](https://vallombrosa.org/calendar)

What do we think of when we think about heaven? What might it look like? Who or what might be there? Since humans began to huddle together for protection thousands of years ago, these questions have been part of how civilizations and cultures define heaven, the good place beyond this one. From Christianity to Islam to Hinduism and beyond, from the brush of Michelangelo to the pen of Dante, people across millennia have tried to explain and describe heaven in ways that are distinctive and analogous, unique and universal. In this engrossing cultural history of heaven, Catherine Wolff delves into how people and cultures have defined heaven over the centuries. Catherine Wolff is the former Director of the Arrupe Center for Community-Based Learning at Santa Clara University. She is the editor of *Not Less Than Everything: Catholic Writers on Heroes of Conscience from Joan of Arc to Oscar Romero* (HarperCollins, 2013), and the author of *Beyond*.



## Support Your Parish!

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](https://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!

