

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 weekend for
St. Patrick's Seminary**



November 7th, 2021 32nd 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,

If only I had the faith like the widow in today's gospel passage. She teaches all of us what it means to not only have faith, but to live it as well. Faith is about relying upon God for everything. Faith is about trusting in God in all things. By donating all that she had, she puts herself totally in God's hands for her survival. The widow has nothing but God alone.

As people of faith, we have a saying, "The Lord will provide." Reflecting upon my own life, I know how true that is. The good Lord has always provided for me more times than I can count. At times I forget that. When my mother's dementia prevented her from living on her own, I had to make some difficult decisions. At that time, I was assigned to St. Robert's Church in San Bruno. One of my ministries was bringing Communion to the homebound. There were a number of care homes that I visited. There was one that I liked the most. I always thought when the time came for my mom to move into a care facility that would be the one. The time came, and so I was able to move my mom into the care home. The owner of the care home mentioned that the VA provides financial assistance for veterans living in a facility. I was fortunate to get VA benefits for my mom.

If I were not assigned to St. Robert's, most likely things would have been very different and difficult for me and my mother's health condition. I thank God for placing me at a parish where everything worked out tremendously. The Lord provides. Have faith and trust in him. The Lord will provide.

God bless, Fr. Paul

We Believe

Today we find that our first reading and gospel really clarify Jesus' opinion of giving. Rather than coming from a sense of superiority or surplus, our generosity, if sincere, must come from our hearts.

In the first reading, a widow, in the midst of a great famine, shares the last of her resources with the prophet Elijah. It is notable that he would come to one of the poorest in the town, but perhaps Elijah knew that she would understand basic human needs and what it was like to be truly dependent on others for survival. Sharing the last of her food and her gracious hospitality, this widow gives from her heart.

This theme is echoed in today's gospel reading. We can almost hear the loud clatter of the many coins being dropped in the temple coffers, accompanied by the exaggerated gestures of the haughty scribes as they publicly display their giving. This show is followed by a humble widow, whose two coins in the smallest denomination there is, drops her gift, giving what she had along with her heart.

As we approach this holiday season, we will undoubtedly be asked to help those in need. Today's readings remind us that we are called to give from our hearts. This involves not just our checkbook. How can we, like these widows, give from our hearts?

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. Nov. 6	5:30pm	Richard Dioli (living)
Sun. Nov. 7	7:30 am	Ronilson Lucena Pereira (+)
	9:30 am	Patricia Beauchamp (+)
	11:30 am	World peace
Mon. Nov. 8	8:00 am	Gladys Diaz Penat (+)
Tues. Nov. 9	8:00 am	For those with mental illness
Wed. Nov. 10	8:00 am	For the homeless in our community
Thu. Nov. 11	8:00 am	For all immigrants
Fri. Nov. 12	8:00 am	Special intentions



Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Nov. 6	4:30 pm	Jack Sullivan (+)
Sun. Nov. 7	9:30 am	World peace

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.**

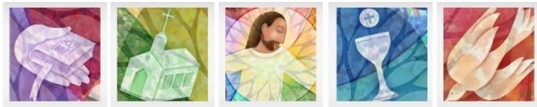
Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

PreK thru 4th grade meets at 9:30am

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

Confirmation (grades 7/8) meets on selected Sundays 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

CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS TODAY!!

Sunday, November 7 at 5:30pm, with Mass, dinner and class til 8:00pm.

Bring your Handbooks, Bibles and homework.

ADVENT WORKSHOP

Sunday, November 21 after the 9:30am Mass.

We'll have all the supplies you need to make Advent a wonderful season of waiting and anticipation at home. Pick up your wreaths and candles, crafts for the kids, and ideas to make you own. Everyone is welcome!

Question Of The Week

“Generosity is its own reward”

Do I give from my surplus or from my need?

Am I holding back for my own good, instead of meeting the needs of others?

Jesuit Retreat Center Of Los Altos

The Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos cordially invites you to our third annual *Retreats Change Lives, virtual event*. Internationally renowned Fr. Tom Weston, S.J will be our Featured Speaker, JRC Board President Kim Manca will Emcee with remarks from JRC Executive Director, Fr. Chi Ngo, SJ

Retreats Change Lives is a collection of personal stories posted to our social media that culminates on #GivingTuesday, November 30, 2021. If you or your family member would like to share your JRC story with thousands of other people, contact us at communications@jrclosaltos.org

Register for Free



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

July 1, 2021 to June 30th, 2022 (estimated Goal)	\$377,400.00
July 1, 2021 to September 30th 2021	\$95,492.00
September 2021 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$30,210.00

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.



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 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!

