

# 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 next weekend  
for Campaign for Human  
Development.**

*“But of the day or hour, no one knows, neither the  
angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only  
the Father.” Mark 13:32*



**November 14th, 2021 33rd 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,

In today's gospel passage from Mark, Jesus talks about the end of time when he will come as the Son of Man to judge humankind. He will gather the elect, those who have lived the faith and have persevered to the very end. No one knows when the end of the world will happen, and no one knows when one's life will end either. It will happen nevertheless. It is inevitable. What do we do in the meantime?

When one receives the news of being diagnosed with cancer, it can be a sobering wake up call. One begins to realize that life is short, and that life and time are precious. Family and loved ones take on a whole new meaning. For me, that was not the case. Being diagnosed with stage 3b colon cancer did not necessarily turn my life upside down. Nor did it make me reprioritize my life per say. I say that because all along I have been living my life with faith and trust in God the best I can each and every day.

That is the power and gift of faith. Having faith and trust in the good Lord empowers one to accept all things as part of God's plan for one's life. Cancer is not only part of God's plan for me, but also for all of my parishioners. For some reason, it is God's plan for all of us. I have received more prayers than ever before during this past year. I know I am in good hands because I am in God's hands and yours.

Live the faith each and every day of your life. Trust in God. When the end comes, fear not. Jesus, the Son of Man will come to gather you to Himself. For you have been faithful to him all along.

God bless, Fr. Paul

## We Believe

Today's gospel might challenge us to ask how we might prepare for what is known as the Second Coming of Christ. How many of us would welcome this event? How many of us would fear it?

Our entire life could be viewed as a period of preparation for that time when Jesus will unexpectedly come again. As we wind down this liturgical year, we might ask ourselves what spiritual changes we could make as a way to enter into the season of Advent, which begins in a couple of weeks.

What invitations is God currently presenting to us? Answering this question requires personal attentiveness, spiritual commitment, and a desire for grace and spiritual growth. This yearning is intended to be joyfully blessed and comforting as we journey through our lives.

While we do not have the answers to what will happen next, personally or collectively, as human beings made in the image and likeness of God, we do have the assurance that God offers to be with each of us both now and forever on the road ahead. The hurdle to tackle in our lives is to continually trust in God's unconditional love as we weather the inevitable fears and stresses ahead. Is our trust sufficiently strong to meet the challenges ahead?

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis Church

Sat. Nov. 13	5:30pm	Rosario & Braulio Bautista (+)
Sun. Nov. 14	7:30 am	For the care of the earth
	9:30 am	For the care of the earth
	11:30 am	For the care of the earth
Mon. Nov. 15	8:00 am	For scientists
Tues. Nov. 16	8:00 am	For our parishioners
Wed. Nov. 17	8:00 am	For medical workers
Thu. Nov. 18	8:00 am	For those with autoimmune diseases
Fri. Nov. 19	8:00 am	Special intentions



### Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Nov. 13	4:30 pm	For the care of the earth
Sun. Nov. 14	9:30 am	For the care of the earth

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 on selected Sundays 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.



*Faith Formation*

### ADVENT WORKSHOP

**NEXT 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!

## Outreach Committee Local Shelter Drive

The Outreach Committee is collecting new socks, new gloves, and new knitted hats for our local shelters for the next few weeks. Note: These should be new only due to covid-19 restrictions put in place by the shelters. Look for the barrel in the back of both churches. We thank you for your generosity!



## 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!



## Question Of The Week

**Am I aware of the signs of the times around me?**

**Am I paying attention and preparing for the times ahead?**

## Stewardship

July 1, 2021 to June 30th, 2022 (estimated Goal)	\$377,400.00
July 1, 2021 to October 31st, 2021	\$124,901.00
October 2021 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$29,409.00
October 2021 Sunday Offertory (Goal)	\$37,000.00

## 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.

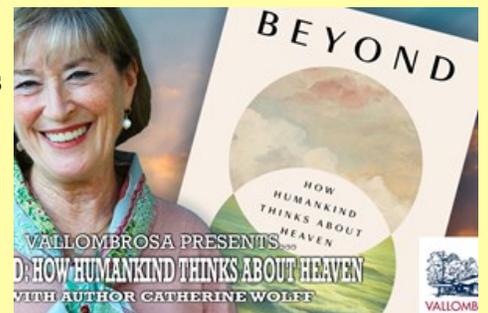


## Vallombrosa Upcoming Retreat

**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!

