

# 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



**November 28th, 2021 1st Sunday of Advent**

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Our Lady of the Wayside Church  
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## Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

On this 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, the Church begins a Liturgical year. The readings set the tone in how we are to live for the rest of the year, especially the gospel. Jesus' strong words are a sobering reminder of what will happen to us. The Son of Man will come with great power to judge us. No one will be able to escape it. All will stand before the Son of Man. Some will be saved and some will not. It is up to each and every individual what will happen to him or her.

As people of faith, we have a saying, "By the grace of God go I." How true that is. It does not take much to lose our way in life. Like exercise and keeping fit, it takes work and effort to keep and live the faith. It is so easy to give into temptation. One bad choice or decision leads to more bad choices and decisions. We fool ourselves into thinking and believing that it is okay to cheat, lie or steal. No one will know we say to ourselves. Who is going to find out? Then we do it again and then later do it again. Before we know it, we have lost our way.

What are we to do? Listen to the words of Jesus, especially on this 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent. In today's gospel, Jesus says, "Be vigilant at all times." Be vigilant not only as we begin a new Liturgical year, but every day of the Liturgical year. By living the best we can, we will be able to stand tall to face the Son of Man. He will gladly receive us into His arms and join Him in heaven. If we are not vigilant at all times, then we have no one to blame but ourselves if we end up needing sun block for all eternity.

God bless, Fr. Paul

## We Believe

As we begin this Advent 2021 season, we are continually reminded to be alert to the presence and coming of God in our lives. As we attempt to spiritually watch and wait, the reality of the demands of this season, most especially for women, often overtake our spiritual aspirations to make this Advent a more transformational spiritual journey leading up to the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Instead of pretending that these joyful and sometimes burdensome obligations are separate from our spiritual lives, why not embrace them as part of it? Instead of feeling spiritually inept or purging everything related to gift-giving and celebrating, perhaps this Advent might be an opportunity to really examine all the things we do, (and why we do them) during this holiday season and to ask ourselves how they might-be more Christ-centered. As the saying goes, "Attitude is everything."

In the initial proclamation of Mark we read, "The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news." We might ask ourselves how we see this proclamation as a reality in our lives. From my point of view, for many of us, there is plenty of self-sacrifice going around in the attempt to create a happy holiday for friends and family, but sometimes the frenzy overcomes our deeper motivation for giving to others. This Advent, let's make a point of focusing on "the reason for the season."

"Fall in Love, stay in love and it will decide everything."  
(From a prayer attributed to Rev. Pedro Arrupe S.J.)

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis Church

Sat. Nov. 27	5:30pm	For a prayerful Advent season
Sun. Nov. 28	7:30 am	For a prayerful Advent season
	9:30 am	For a prayerful Advent season
	11:30 am	George Edel (+)
Mon. Nov. 29	8:00 am	For a prayerful life
Tues. Nov. 30	8:00 am	For St. Denis & Our Lady of the Wayside parishioners
Wed. Dec. 1	8:00 am	For those with mental illness
Thu. Dec. 2	8:00 am	For spiritual awareness
Fri. Dec. 3	8:00 am	For expectant mothers



### Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Nov. 27	4:30 pm	For a prayerful Advent season
Sun. Nov. 28	9:30 am	Susan Blohowiak (+)

In your charity, please pray for...

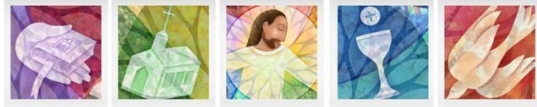
Carol C., T.J. Pryor, J.M., G.G., Janice Varvelle, Holly Hermansen, Pier Iglesias, Rosa Sharif, John Hunter, Anselmo Briones, Grace Kohan, John Cummins, Sandy McGinley **Names will be removed monthly unless you let the office know. Thank you.**

## Faith Formation News

### FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

No classes today for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Classes resume next Sunday, December 5 at the usual times.



*Faith Formation*

### CONFIRMATION RETREAT DAY

Saturday, December 4 10:00am til 4:00pm at Our Lady of the Wayside

For everyone in the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation program.

Bring a bag lunch and snacks to share.

Bring your handbook and Bible.

We'll stay for Mass at 4:30pm with the Wayside community!

## Parish Christmas Giving Tree

We are collecting \$25 gift cards from Target, Amazon, Kohl's & Walmart. You may also write a check out to St. Denis/Our Lady of the Wayside with memo Christmas Giving Tree. The donations collected will be distributed to Maple Street Shelter, Catholic Worker House, & St. Francis Center. Your donations can be put in the Christmas box in the back of both churches.

You can also take an ornament from the Giving Tree in front of the altar at St. Denis Church. The ornaments are for individual children & their families at Hoover School. We are looking for \$25 gifts for the children, & \$250 gift card for their families. If you have any questions, contact Pat Mach at [patrica.mach@sbcglobal.net](mailto:patrica.mach@sbcglobal.net).

**Please return all gifts & donations by Monday December 13th.**



## Question Of The Week

Stay awake! Be ready!

Ready for what? Am I ready to meet the Lord, whenever that may be?

What do I need to do to prepare for that meeting?

## 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!



## 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 October 15th, 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.



## Poinsettias For Loved Ones

If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia to a loved one this Christmas, send the name & a \$10 donation through the collection basket, mail, or drop in the mail slot at the parish office. Please indicate if you want your remembrance at Our Lady of the Wayside Church or St. Denis.

*Please drop this information to us by  
Tuesday, December 21st.*



## 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](http://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!

