

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: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am
Monday-Friday: 8:00 am

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
Saturday: 4:30 pm (Vigil)
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

*"Do not two sparrows sell for a coin of small
value? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground
without your Father's knowledge. But the very
hairs of your head are all numbered. Therefore have
no fear: you are worth more than many sparrows."
(Matthew 10:29-31)*



12th 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

Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time

What We Believe

Reflection

To evangelize, or, to spread the Gospel, literally means to proclaim the Good News of Jesus from the housetops so all can hear. In today's Gospel, Jesus encourages the Apostles to "speak in the light" and to not be afraid. At the time when this Gospel passage was written, many Christians were being persecuted and killed for their beliefs, and some had started to lose heart. Matthew is addressing the very real (life and death) fears of these Christians who had begun to experience the risky consequences of following Jesus. Matthew is trying to communicate that although following Jesus might not always be the popular thing to do, we should nevertheless be bold in speaking the truth. Three times in this short passage he says, "Do not fear!" (see verses 26, 28, and 31)—when we live our lives in faithfulness to Jesus, we don't have to be afraid.

Action

Let's look to the words of Pope Francis for some encouraging advice for spreading the Gospel with joy: "An evangelizer must never look like someone who has just come back from a funeral! Let us recover and deepen our enthusiasm . . . [may our lives] glow with fervor" (Egangelii gaudium, 10).

Journaling Questions

Describe a time when you were reluctant to say what you were really thinking. In contrast, have you ever had such good news to share that you could hardly contain yourself?

A Summer Break

The warmer days of summer have finally arrived and they offer each of us an opportunity to take some time outdoors to witness the beautiful abundance found in the variety of flowering plants and garden creatures that surround us, if we but take the time to see. In this week's Gospel we are reminded of our Creator's knowledge of every hair on our heads, (or the lack thereof!) and God's eternal mindfulness of even a sparrow.

Here is a little ritual from Joyce Rupp's beautiful prayer book, "Out of the Ordinary," that just might get you in tune with the magnificent world we are fortunate enough to inhabit.

Six Gestures of Morning Praise

- 1 As you gaze at nature wherever you may find yourself, stretch your arms high and wide above your head, offer God your thanks and gratitude.
- 2 Stretching your arms out to the sides, intentionally become aware of your spiritual bond with all of creation, prayerfully reach out to your sisters and brothers throughout the universe.
- 3 Stretching your arms directly in front of you, recommit your life to God, offering all you are and all you have, good and bad, to God.
- 4 For a receiving cup with your hands and openly commit to accept what God brings to you this day, acknowledging God's unwavering love for you.
- 5 Try to touch the ground or the soil in a plant while vowing to treat the earth this day with awe, reverence, and gratitude for this gift that has graciously been given to you.
- 6 As you cross your hands over your heart be aware that you are a dwelling place for our loving God, and try to carry that reality with you as you journey through your day.

Today's Gospel calls us to take a little spiritual break from the darkness, uncertainty, and fear that surrounds us by recognizing the wondrous God who has loved each one of us into life. Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat. Jun 24	5:30 pm	Victims of Terrorism
Sun. Jun 25	7:30 am	Tom Vocker (+)
	9:30 am	Rosa Sharif (living)
	11:30 am	Valerie Knapp (+)
Mon. Jun 26	8:00 am	Valerie Knapp (+)
Tues. Jun 27	8:00 am	Valerie Knapp (+)
Wed. Jun 28	8:00 am	Valerie Knapp (+)
Thurs Jun 29	8:00 am	Valerie Knapp (+)
Fri. Jun 30	8:00 am	Valerie Knapp (+)

Our Lady Of The Wayside

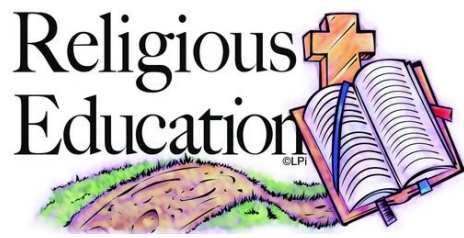
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In your charity, please pray for...

George Knapp, Barbara Ham, John Hunter

The List has been updated. Names will be removed monthly unless you let the office know. Thank you.

Faith Formation



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Our schedule for next school year and registration form are available NOW on the parish website!

Please check it out at www.stdenisparish.org

Most of our wonderful catechists will be returning next fall, but we are looking for volunteers to teach the second grade. If you would like to share your faith with the children, please contact Lucy Soltau at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org anytime, or find me at the donuts any Sunday!

We will be offering the Liturgy of the Word for Children during the 9:30am Mass at St. Denis on most Sundays this summer. All children are welcome and invited to participate!

Have a summer full of adventures, peace and joy!

We'll see you on September 17 for our opening Mass.

Classes begin again September 24.

Parish Directory Update!

The Directory team is working diligently at completing this project!

The pages of parish activity pictures are taking shape!

We are hoping to distribute the 2017 Parish Directory sometime in July. Thank you for your patience and we'll keep you posted!



OLW Says Farewell To Ethan Williams



Friendly Reminders

Bulletin & Announcements

The Deadline for bulletin inserts is the Tuesday (before noon)

Before the weekend of publication. All mass announcements are to

be scripted and okayed by Dede prior to the masses. Contact her at

dedewm@pacbell.net

NOTE: Announcements may not appear until the next bulletin

Cycle due to space limitations.

Thank You.



Stewardship

July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 (Goal)	\$450,000.00
July 1, 2016 to May 31st, 2017	\$409,262.00
Monthly Goal- May 2017	\$36,000.00
May 2017 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$33,768.00

Annual Appeal 2017 \$105,411.00

(Actual Amount Needed \$100,000.00)

Summer Retreats and Enrichment



SUMMER RETREAT>

LAUDATO SI TRAINING PROGRAM

Are you ready to help bring Pope Francis's encyclical Laudato Si to life in your community? The Global Catholic Climate Movement is offering training for Laudato Si Animators. Animators are people who can explain and promote the Laudato Si message, to turn it into action in their local communities, whether parish, school, religious congregation, lay group, youth organization, retreat center, student group or other. The training is online, webinars commence on June 13. For information and registration, contact Caroline Parrales, Office of Human Life and Dignity at 415-614-5570 catholicclimatemovement.global/animators. For more Archdiocese of San Francisco Laudato Si information and resources, visit the Laudato Si webpages.

"THE HOLY MIRROR" SUMMER RETREAT with author Alice Camille

Sunday, August 13, 1:00pm to Friday, August 18, 4:00pm Vallombrosa Retreat Center, 250 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park. Noted Catholic author Alice Camille will be hosting an open to the public scriptural retreat with many different attendance options in August 2017. Throughout our lives, certain archetypes shape our sense of self, the world, the road we're on, and the goals we seek. Our idea of good and evil, male and female, leaders, parents, mentors, friends, and more are framed in the stories of the Bible. The picture's not always pleasant, but it never fails to be instructive and is sometimes downright revelatory! Attendance options and rates are on the website. For information, contact David Leech at 650-325-5614 or vallombrosa.org



Spiritual Book Group

This summer our group is reading *The Rumi Daybook: 365 Poems and Teachings* from the Beloved Sufi Master. Rumi was a Persian mystic from the 13th Century who has become one of the most frequently read poets in America today. Our group is appreciating the similarities between his writing and that of the Christian mystic Julian of Norwich whose book we've just finished.

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings and we are happy to have drop-ins. Our members include women who come to Menlo Park from afar to visit their children and grandchildren. One of these is a Pakistani woman who attended Catholic schools as a girl. From her we have learned much about the Muslim appreciation of Jesus and Mary, as well as Muslim traditions. For example, now in Ramadan, besides fasting, Muslims also emphasize giving service and valuing family and community.

So, if you have a book-loving houseguest, do send her to us! Our lives are so much richer for having them! We meet every Tuesday at 10:00 am in a private home. Please call Tereza at 650-323-6859 for further info.

