

# 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

*Luke 16:19-31*



**September 29th, 2019 25th 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

## Pastors Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Our scripture readings remind us that the Lord hears the cry of the poor. The poor, the marginalized, the stranger, foreigners and widows are especially dear to the Lord and close to his heart. They are not forsaken or abandoned by him. In time the Lord comes to them to rescue them and to lift them up to seats of honor. That is how it has been since the Old Testament days.

As people of faith, do we hear the cry of the poor and those who are forgotten by society? It is all too convenient to ignore them and to turn a blind eye and deaf ear to them. They require so much from us: our time, effort and resources. As human beings, we get caught up living our own busy lives. Consequently, there is no room for the least of God's people in our lives. St. Vincent de Paul emphatically preached this universal truth, which is rooted in the teachings of Jesus. To see the poor is to see Christ himself. To ignore the poor is to ignore Christ himself. What we do or do not do for the least of this world, we do to Christ.

The challenge for us is to see with faith, to hear with faith and with faith to respond to those in need. A kind, simple gesture makes all the difference in the lives of the poor and homeless. To acknowledge them makes them feel relevant. Ultimately, the poor and homeless beg to be fed by our presence and love. May we take the time and make the effort to feed them.

God bless,

Fr. Paul

## We Believe

With the gradual evolution of the nomadic Hebrew lifestyle to an urban culture, the gap between the rich and poor became more pronounced. Sound familiar? Mindful of those who aspire to wealth and prestige, Jesus tells this parable.

Today's gospel reading points to the enormous differences between the anonymous rich man and the sore-infested Lazarus. Adorned in royal purple splendor and handspun linens, the rich man feasts lavishly every day, while Lazarus competes with the wild dogs who vie for the table scraps. At the deaths of these polar opposites, the rich man still views Lazarus as inferior and asks that he be sent by Abraham to supply relief to his torment. But, as the gospel reads, "the chasm is established." The wealthy man must accept his lot just as Lazarus had to accept his while on earth.

Initially this parable is a glimpse at the harsh reality that ultimately we create our own destiny and suffering. But taking a closer look, we see that, while we cannot often change our particular life circumstances, it is our own free choices that finally decide our fate. This is emphasized by Abraham addressing the wealthy man as father to child. Abraham takes no delight in the regrettable fate the rich man has created all by himself. The unnamed wealthy man chose to focus on his own world, ignoring the plight of his destitute neighbor, who was close enough to be able to eat his table scraps.

The focus of this parable is not about reward and retribution, it is about waking up! Today's Gospel invites each one of us, who have been so abundantly blessed by our circumstances, to venture out beyond our immediate surroundings and to take positive action. Who will we encounter?

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis

Sat. Sept. 28 5:30 pm For our Jewish sisters & brothers  
Sun. Sept. 29 7:30 am For parents & caregivers  
9:30 am For those preparing for Sacraments  
11:30 am For farmers  
Mon. Sept. 30 8:00 am For artists  
Tue. Oct. 1 8:00 am Communion service  
Wed. Oct. 2 8:00 am Robert & Mary Hagman (+)  
Thurs. Oct. 3 8:00 am Communion service  
Fri. Oct. 4 8:00 am Helen Ernst (+)

### Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat. Sept. 28 4:30 pm Maria Ponte (+)  
Sun. Sept. 29 9:30 am For farmers

## In your charity, please pray for...

Teresa Bautista, Sarah Lucas, Holly Hermansen, Pier Iglesias, Rosa Sharif, John Hunter, Anselmo Briones, Grace Kohan, Ken Newell **Names will be removed monthly unless you let the office know. Thank you.**

**FAITH FORMATION**  
**REGISTRATION**

The Faith Formation calendar and registration form are on our parish website [www.stdenisparish.org](http://www.stdenisparish.org) Please take some time to check it out and register your children for our programs and classes. Just click on the Faith Formation tab to complete and submit the registration form.



*Faith Formation*

**CLASS TIMES:**

9:15am (PreK to 4<sup>th</sup> grades)

10:30am (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>)

5:30pm (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> , select Sundays)

**Question Of The Week**

Given today's Gospel (Luke 16:19-31), how does your family respond to the "poor man at our door"?



The new lawns are in at St. Denis! If you can help us cover the cost of this re-landscaping project, we would be most grateful. We are short \$8,000.00. No donation is too small! You can give two ways: WeShare Egiving or by check. If giving by check please mark in check memo "St. Denis lawn." Thank you for your generosity.



**Friendly Reminders**

**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, 2019 to June 30, 2020 (Estimated goal)	\$459,000.00
July 1, 2019 to August, 2019	\$71,651.00
Monthly Goal- August 2019	\$36,000.00
August 2019 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$34,424.00

**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.

## Upcoming Events

October 1st- Senior Luncheon at 12noon in the St. Denis Hall

October 4th- Blessings of the Pets at 5pm at St. Denis in front of the church

October 6th- 10:30-11:30am in the church First Communion Parent meeting:  
Reconciliation info.

October 6th- Confirmation class at 5:30pm with Mass, dinner then class til 8:00pm

October 7th- Fr. Paul's First Communion Class 3:30pm to 4:30pm in the St. Denis library

October 19th- Family Farm Mass 4:30pm at Our Lady of the Wayside. Reception to follow.  
All are welcome!



## The Franciscan Legacy & Aloha QiGong Retreat

The Franciscan Legacy and Aloha QiGong

Saturday, October 5, 2019. 9am-3pm. \$49. Lunch included.

Register Here: [Vallombrosa Eventbrite](#) or call 650-325-5614

Join Rev. Steve Harms and Kaleo and Elise Ching in learning a beautiful body based energetic practice grounded in Franciscan awareness. QiGong is related to Tai Chi. Through reflection and dialogue, we will explore the ethical dimensions of eco-spirituality, environmental stewardship, and healing.

*"Drawing from Judeo-Christian and Taoist practices and rooted in Franciscan awareness, this retreat invites you into a daylong experience of embodied prayer. St Francis would have loved the simplicity combined with the depth of Qigong. His teachings resonate with Qigong's ability to connect us profoundly with Mother Earth and all her creatures, with Brother Sun, Sister Moon, and the entire Cosmos."*

View the Hawaii inspired Aloha Qigong at <http://kaleoching.com/videos.html>

