

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 (Vigil)
Sunday: 9:30 am

Confession Times

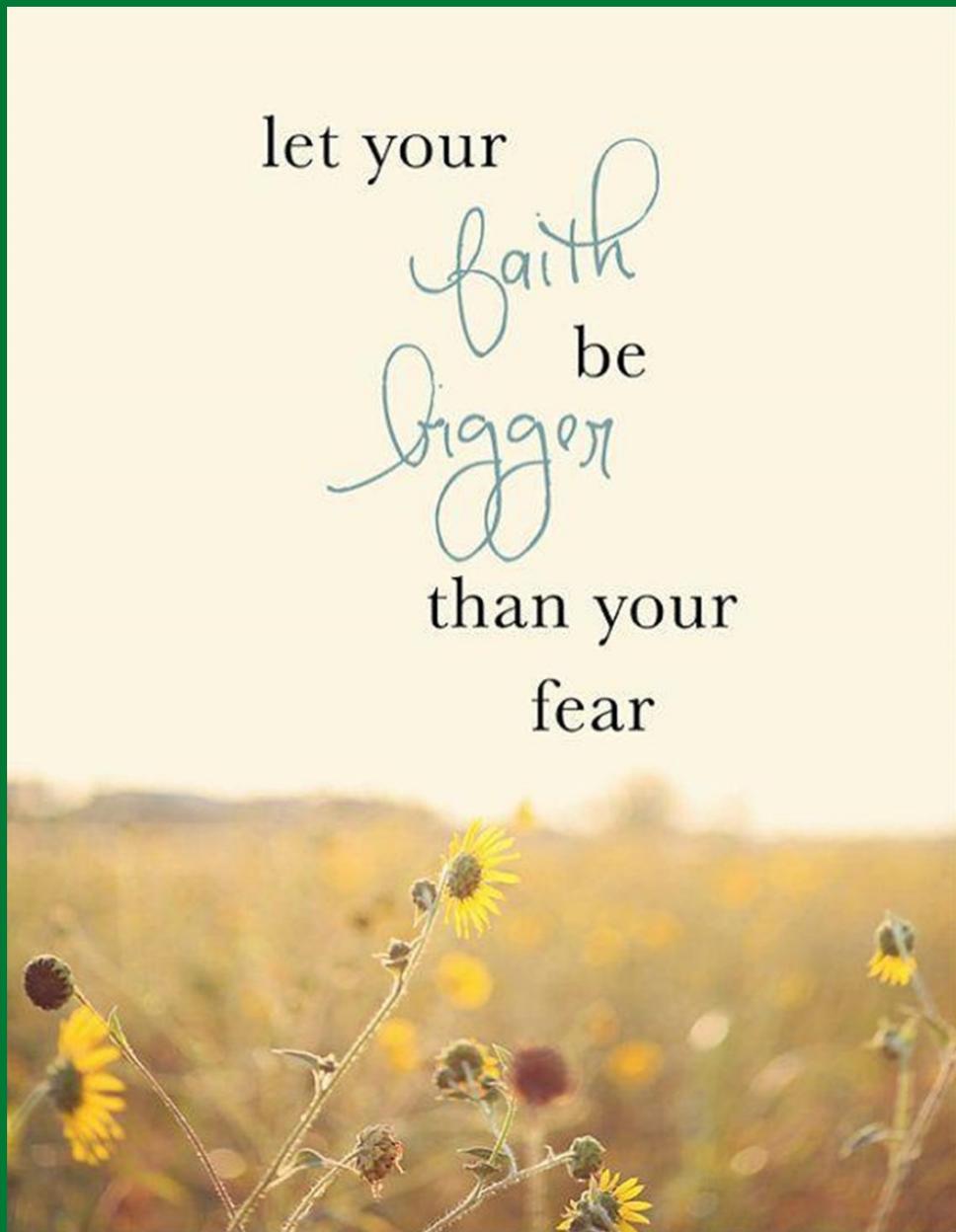
Saturday: 4:00 pm, Our Lady of the
Wayside
Saturday: 5:00 pm, St. Denis

Office Hours

M-F, 9:00 am—2:00 pm

June 27/28 Second Collection
Peter's Pence (Holy Father)

let your
faith
be
bigger
than your
fear



June 21, 2020 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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St. Denis Church (Parish Office)
2250 Avy Avenue • Menlo Park

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
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Gospel Reading

We read today's Gospel in the context of last week's Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week's reading and today's reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today's Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth.

This section of Matthew's Gospel should be read in the context of Matthew's intended audience, a Jewish-Christian community. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them the encouraging words of Jesus that we read today.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering can not be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavor to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.

Loyola Press "Sunday Connection"

We Believe

There is a commercial on television showing a husband and wife forgetting the day of the week. In this third month of sheltering-in, I could certainly relate to that, but now that the church is re-opened, with definite Corona-19 safeguards, the weeks are taking more shape. We can go to Mass on the weekend!

While each of us is deciding the limits of our physical exposure, we might also be tempted to curtail our current events exposure. While there may be a temptation to "bury our heads in the sand," we are called, as believers, to help heal the problems we collectively face. We, for the safety of others, are wearing a mask, but as Christians we are equally called not to hide behind it.

In this moment in time, most of us may not be inspired to lead a protest march or attend a political rally, but we can take some good advice to heart from Pope Francis:

Here are 10 pro-active tips we can all incorporate into our lives:(from the Argentinian magazine "Viva.")

1. Live and let live. Move at your own pace and allow others the same choice.
2. Give yourself to others. Don't isolate emotionally. Engage.
3. Proceed calmly, with purpose and humility.
4. Have a healthy sense of leisure. Take a break from work and the accumulation of possessions.
5. Keep Sundays as special family days, (even if the days seem to run into one another)
6. Approach everyone with respect, no matter who they are.
7. Take care of nature.
8. Don't be negative and don't project your negativity on to others.
9. Remember faith grows through attraction, not proselytizing.
10. Work for peace.

In today's Gospel we once again listen to the reason for Christ's incarnation. As believers we are called to follow Christ towards salvation. In other words, let's remember to wash our hands, but not like Pontius Pilate.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat. June 20 5:30 pm Carlos Sia (+)
Sun. June 21 7:30 am Robert Hagman (+)
9:30 am Ann Begley (+)
11:30 am For fathers
Mon. June 22 11:30 m For justice
Tues. June 23 11:30 am Fr. Pius Horvath (+)
Wed. June 24 11:30 am Bob Yeats (+)
Thur. June 25 11:30 am For those that follow Jesus
Fri June 26 11:30 am For those with mental illness



Our Lady of the Wayside

Sat. June 20 4:30 pm For fathers

In your charity, please pray for...

Betty O'Rourke, T.J. Pryor, J.M., G.G., Janice Varvelle, Teresa Bautista, Holly Hermansen, Pier Iglesias, Rosa Sharif, John Hunter, Anselmo Briones, Grace Kohen Names will be removed monthly unless you let the office know. Thank you.

To Our Parishioners

Now that public Masses have resumed in a limited way, we have begun scheduling First Communion celebrations. First Communion families can choose any scheduled weekend Mass starting June 21. Only 2 families per Mass will be scheduled and one row for each family will be reserved. Please join them in prayer!

We are still waiting to hear about rescheduling our Confirmation celebration for our young people. The Archbishop's office is working on it and will let us know soon.

The adults who have been preparing to celebrate their Sacraments of Initiation will also be rescheduled sometime soon! So much to celebrate, but with caution and little by little! Please keep them in your prayers.



Question Of The Week

For Father's Day, tell your favorite Dad story or Dad joke! Thank God for your father, no matter where he might be.

Prayer During Spiritual Communion

"My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there,

and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen!"



Outreach Ways To Help

If you are interested in helping with Outreach efforts we have the following opportunities available.

St. Francis Center needs groceries. Peanut butter, cooking oil, cans of corn, bags of beans, rice, and tuna. You can drop these items off in the barrels that are outside of St. Denis Church.

July 12th we will be providing a meal for 120 clients at Maple Street.

You can donate for the various charities that we give to which are St. Francis Center, St. Anthony's, Maple Street Shelter, St. Catherine Center, and Catholic Worker House by dropping off or mailing a check made out to St. Denis Parish with 5th Sunday collections in the memo or you may go to our website stdenisparish.org and go to WeShare for egiving, choosing 5th Sunday collections for a one time donation or monthly donations. 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

NOTE: Announcement may not appear until the next bulletin due to space



Stewardship

July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 (Estimated goal)	\$459,000.00
July 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020	\$391,747.00
Monthly Goal- May 2020	\$45,000.00
May 2020 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$41,301.00
Annual Appeal 2020 Goal	\$107,655.00
Annual Appeal 2020 Actual	\$85,325.00

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.

Welcome Back!

We welcome you back to our churches for in-person Masses.

We have been preparing the facilities for your return by removing missals, cleaning all surfaces, installing hand-sanitizers and marking for physical distancing.

There are a few other things you should know before you come:

If you are at risk, either by age or health concerns, or if you are not feeling well, please do not attend. The archbishop has extended dispensation from Sunday obligation.

Everyone over the age of 4 should wear a face covering and use the hand-sanitizers at the entrances.

Please maintain 6 feet physical distancing by following the marks on the floor, pews and refrain from singing as tiny droplets can spread even through masks per California public health and San Mateo County guidelines, however feel free to softly hum. To keep these distances, we will need to limit the number of people inside the church. At St. Denis, there will be extra seating on the patio and wifi available in the parking lot.

The Mass Schedule will be: 4:30pm Saturdays at Our Lady of the Wayside, 5:30pm Saturdays at St. Denis, and 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am Sundays at St. Denis and daily Masses at St. Denis at 8:00am Monday thru Friday. We will not be able to offer Sunday Mass at Our Lady of the Wayside at this time as there are no extra priests available.

We will continue to live-stream the Mass Monday thru Friday at 8:00am and Sunday at 9:30am. It will be available on our parish website www.stdenisparish.org immediately following the Mass.

Communion will be distributed after the dismissal in the church and on the patio.

We ask that everyone leave the parish grounds immediately after receiving communion.

We are excitedly looking forward to seeing you again and being able to worship face to face, in community, with the Sacrament. Thank you for your faithfulness and prayers during this unusual time.



Supporting Your Parish During These Difficult Times

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!

