

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 (will resume July 4)

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 13th, 2021
11th 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

Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is "how it is with the kingdom of God."

A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God's kingdom.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus' part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God's kingdom welcoming and open to many.

These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "thy kingdom come." We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.

Loyola Press "Sunday Connection"

We Believe

Jesus expressed his teaching through parables, often open-ended stories that inspired people to ponder their multiple meanings. Jesus intensified his teachings with those who committed to follow him, his disciples. As Jesus' disciples of 2021, we are called engage with today's gospel reading, and in so doing recognize just what having a "mustard seed" outlook might mean.

Today's gospel affirms that great change starts small. Growth begins quietly and without fanfare. Yet, day by day, with the right stimuli, growth occurs. In today's gospel God sets the stage for development. While the seed scatterer randomly brings the seed to the earth, it is God quietly acting through nature, his unfolding creation, that brings forth eventual growth. This is an inside job in which a very patient God is in charge. Our God is not into quick, temporary fixes.

We have inherited a world full of problems that seem overwhelming: racism, inequality, economic hardship, polarization, and the vulnerability of the environment, to name a few. Perhaps you, like me, ask yourself, "What difference can I make?" While we may, at times, feel like very insignificant "seeds," we can put our trust in God to give us the means to grow and thrive. When considering today's gospel, the saying "Bloom where you're planted," is significant.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. June 12 5:30pm Fr. Paul O'Dell (living)
Sun. June 13 7:30 am Fr. Paul O'Dell (living)
9:30 am Fr. Paul O'Dell (living)
11:30 am Joseph Merkert (+)
Mon. June 14 8:00am
Tues. June 15 8:00 am There are NO Daily Masses
Wed. June 16 8:00 am this week due to Fr. Paul's
Thu. June 17 8:00 am surgery. Please pray for him!
Fri. June 18 8:00 am



Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. June 12 4:30pm Jack Sullivan (+)
Sun. June 13 9:30am Mass temporarily cancelled

9:30am Masses will resume on July 4th

In your charity, please pray for...

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

During 9:30am Sunday Masses all Summer!

All school aged children are invited to join Lucy and Dede in the parish garden to read and share the Sunday readings during the first part of the Mass. Then we return to the church at the offertory.



FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE FOR 2021-2022

The Faith Formation schedule for the next school year, and updated registration form are now on the parish website at www.stdenisparish.org

We are planning for in-person classes on Sunday mornings beginning in September. Register now!

Contact Lucy Soltau at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org for more information.

Connect with others



Please join us on Wednesday June 30th at 5 pm to start monthly "knit & Pray."

at Parish Hall Library or Backyard Patio.

Bring your current and finished projects along to share what you've been doing with the group.



The Outreach Committee is collecting TOWELS and \$20 GIFT CARDS for folks transitioning out of the Maple Street Shelter.

Drop your towels in the barrels and

your gift cards in the parish office mailslot.

Thank you!

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

limitations. Thank You!



Question Of The Week

Sometimes I feel as small as a mustard seed.

I feel too small to make a difference.

But there is always something I can do!

What small difference is God asking me to make,
in my life or the lives of those around me?

Stewardship

July 1, 2020 to June 30th, 2021 (Estimated Goal)	\$410,000.00
July 1, 2020 to May 31st, 2021 (Easter Included)	\$373,701.00
May 2021 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$37,403.00
Annual Appeal 2021 Goal \$98,096	\$98,096.00
Annual Appeal 2021 Actual	\$98,096.00

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!!

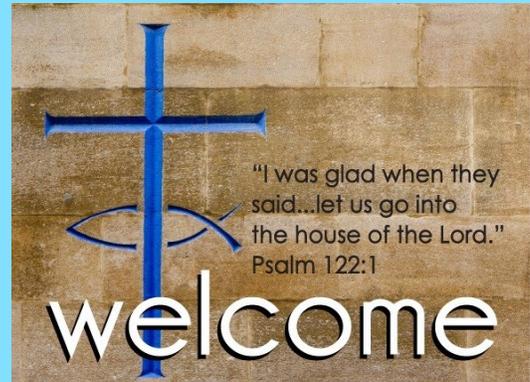
As we welcome you back to Mass inside of church, here are a few reminders:

Wear a face mask, covering your nose and mouth at all times.

Practice physical distancing by staying 6 feet apart by following the marks and taped areas on the floor and pews. Use the hand-sanitizers that are provided.

We will continue to live-stream the Mass Monday thru Fridays at 8:00am and Sundays at 9:30am. on Facebook.

The Mass will be available on our website www.stdenisparish.org immediately following.



Retreat Centers

Summer is a great time to take a spiritual vacation, where your traveling companion is God and your itinerary is to slow down and discover something new in your relationship.

We have two retreat centers nearby that are waiting to welcome you and guide you.

Check them out!



Vallombrosa Retreat Center, Menlo Park www.vallombrosa.org



Mercy Center, Burlingame www.mercy-center.org

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!

