

# 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

**There is a second collection next  
weekend June 26-27th for Peter's  
Pence. (Holy Father)**

*"Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?"*

*Mark 4:40*



**June 20th, 2021  
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

## Gospel Reading

As we continue in Ordinary Time, Mark's Gospel presents a vivid portrait of Jesus, whose words and deeds show that he is the Son of God. Today's Gospel describes the end of a day of teaching in Jesus' ministry. Jesus taught the crowd in parables and then offered explanations of these parables to his disciples. Jesus then led his disciples away from the crowds and into the boats that they will use to cross the Sea of Galilee. The sea and its surrounding area are the settings for Jesus' teachings and miracles in this part of Mark's Gospel. Today's reading describes how Jesus calmed a storm at sea. It is the first of four miracles that are presented in sequence at this point in Mark's Gospel.

As is typical in Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are frightened by the sudden storm; they do little to inspire confidence in the reader. Mark notes the contrast between the disciples' terror and Jesus' peace. Jesus is sleeping, untroubled by what is going on around him.

The disciples' words to Jesus are telling. They are familiar enough with Jesus to dare to wake him. Their words to him are words of reproach, questioning his care for them. A careful reader might wonder what the disciples expected Jesus to do. Are they more troubled by the storm or by Jesus' inattentiveness to their needs? How many of us have chided a family member or friend for not agreeing with our assessment of the severity of a situation?

Today's Gospel offers evidence of Jesus' power and authority as he calms the storm. In his day, power over nature was believed to be a sign of divinity—only God calms storms. Jesus' rebuke of the storm also echoes the rebuke he uses when he talks to and expels demons. In each situation, Jesus' power and authority is a sign of his divinity. Indeed, the disciples are left wondering about Jesus' identity at the conclusion of today's Gospel. They see before them a human being who acts with the authority and power of God. The disciples' uncertainty about Jesus' identity is a recurring theme in Mark's Gospel.

This Gospel is a metaphor for our lives. We are in the boat, the storms of life are raging around us, and like the disciples, we may believe that Jesus is unconcerned, or "sleeping." We hope that we will be as familiar with Jesus as his disciples. If we feel that Jesus is sleeping, are we comfortable enough to wake Jesus and present him with our needs? Jesus does not chide his disciples for waking him. Instead he chides them for their lack of faith, for their lack of perspective. When we bring our worries to God in prayer, we might just begin to learn to see things from God's perspective.

Loyola Press "Sunday Connection"

## We Believe

The story of Jesus calming the storm is found in all three of the synoptic gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. Needing a respite from the crowds of people gathered for teaching and healing, the Apostles and Jesus take a boat on the Sea of Galilee. It is a credible assumption that seasoned fishermen were on the vessel, so the suddenness and severity of the storm was not initially unusual.

Jesus was obviously exhausted and deeply asleep in the stern of the boat, unaware of its intense turbulence. As the storm became more violent, the Apostles were fearful and woke Jesus. Jesus calmed the storm and the Apostles were in awe of this man who could order the wind and the sea to be still.

A metaphoric reading of this Markan passage reminds us that the storms in our lives often come unexpectedly, even though they may occur in familiar surroundings. While Jesus calmed the atmosphere surrounding the boat, the Apostles still had to steer it "to the other side."

Today's passage reminds us of Jesus' humanity and divinity, but it is also a call to us to nurture a deep and abiding faith as we navigate the storms in our own lives. Jesus' presence on the boat insured the safety of the Apostles, and Christ's presence in our lives will keep us from sinking in chaos and despair.

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis Church

Sat. June 19	5:30pm	Fr. Paul O'Dell (living)
Sun. June 20	7:30 am	For all fathers
	9:30 am	Patrick Cimprich (+)
	11:30 am	For all fathers
Mon. June 21	8:00am	For a safe summer
Tues. June 22	8:00 am	For our parishioners
Wed. June 23	8:00 am	Fr. Pius Horvath (+)
Thu. June 24	8:00 am	In thanksgiving
Fri. June 25	8:00 am	In gratitude for the Covid-19 vaccine



### Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. June 19	4:30pm	For all fathers
Sun. June 20	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](http://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](mailto:lsoltau@stdenisparish.org) for more information.

## Connect with others



Please join us on Wednesday June 30th at 5 pm to start monthly "knit & Pray." We will meet in the Parish Hall Library or Backyard Patio. (If inside masks are required.) Bring your current and finished projects along to share what you've been doing with the group.

## Towels & Gift Cards Needed

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 in the back of church & your gift cards in the parish office mail slot.

Thank you!



## Question Of The Week

What storm am I experiencing, that God could quiet, if I ask God to?

## 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, 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](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 June 15, 2021

In response to California's lifting of most Covid-19 restrictions, the SF Archdiocese has announced updates to safety protocols. Many safety precautions will remain in place. Including parishioners, guests, & musicians to wear a mask during 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 will continue to be livestreamed, & then on our Facebook page. We thank you as we continue to keep our community safe.



## 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](http://www.vallombrosa.org)

Mercy Center, Burlingame

[www.mercy-center.org](http://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](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!

