

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



July 11th, 2021 15th 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

While we do not read these details about John the Baptist in our Gospel this week or next week, our Lectionary sequence stays consistent with Mark's theme. Recall that last week we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. The insertion of the reminder about John the Baptist's ministry and his death at the hands of Herod in Mark's Gospel makes a similar point. Mark reminds his readers about this dangerous context for Jesus' ministry and that of his disciples. Preaching repentance and the Kingdom of God is dangerous business for Jesus and for his disciples. Mark wants his readers to remember that we, too, may find resistance as we choose to be disciples of Jesus.

Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus sent out the Twelve. These twelve were selected from among Jesus' disciples and named by Mark in chapter 3. Mark notes that these twelve are also called "apostles." The word *apostle* means "one who is sent." The number twelve is also a symbolic number, representing the twelve tribes of Israel. By naming twelve apostles, Jesus shows his mission to be in continuity with the mission of God's people, Israel.

Jesus' instructions to the apostles are very specific. He repeats the mission that they are sent to preach and to share his authority to heal and to drive out demons. Jesus sends them in pairs, establishing his mission as a communal endeavor. Jesus also instructs them to travel lightly, without the customary food, money, and extra set of clothes. These instructions mean that the Twelve will be dependent on the hospitality of others, just as Jesus depended on others to provide for his needs.

Jesus continues to send us into the world as his disciples. But like the first disciples, we are not sent alone. Jesus has given us the community of the Church, which strengthens our life of discipleship. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith that is the Church. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.

Press Loyola "Sunday Connection"

We Believe

Today's gospel illustrates how Jesus prepared his Apostles for their future apostolic mission. Mindful of the problems they would undoubtedly experience, Jesus offers his followers valuable instructions.

In last week's gospel we learn about the rejection of Jesus in his hometown. We, too, as followers of Christ, may experience rejection, even by those closest to us. Grounded in a sincere desire to love and serve God and one another, this gospel reminds us to be true to our best selves and persevere, living authentically as followers of Christ,

When we decide to live a truly Christ-centered life, we may find ourselves making conscientious choices that go beyond familial, cultural, or national expectations. If we choose our companions on this life journey wisely, we can find support when we need it, both from an ever-present God and the company we keep as a support system.

When Jesus tells his followers to rely on the hospitality of strangers, he is really telling us two things: first, give people a chance to positively respond, and secondly, to realize that a negative response is possible.

Today's gospel invites us to be realistic in our expectations, persistent in living our truth, and enthusiastic in bringing Christ's love to others.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. July 10	5:30pm	Fr. Paul O'Dell (living)
Sun. July 11	7:30 am	For Missionaries
	9:30 am	People of St. Denis
	11:30 am	For Missionaries
Mon. July 12	8:00am	Paul O'Dell (living)
Tues. July 13	8:00 am	Safety to travelers
Wed. July 14	8:00 am	No Mass
Thu. July 15	8:00 am	For caregivers
Fri. July 16	8:00 am	Paul O'Dell (living)



Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. July 10	4:30pm	Fr. John MacMahon (living)
Sun. July 11	9:30am	People of Our Lady of the Wayside

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.

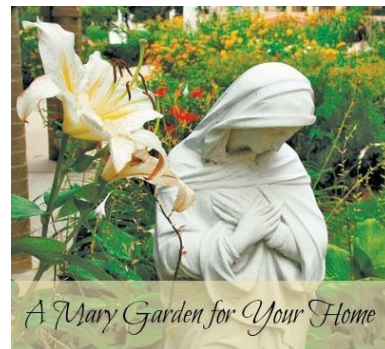
Question Of The Week

God does not call those who are prepared; God prepares those who are called.

What is God calling me to do, and am I prepared to do it?

Build A Mary Garden

Prayer gardens allow a person time in solitude to contemplate, pray, & meditate by reflecting on the sacred space that can include specific flowers, or statues. Mary gardens include flowers named after Our Lady, such as roses, lilies, marigolds, Our Lady's Tears, among other varieties. If you have space in your yard, take time this summer to make this a family endeavor of dedicating to Mary.



Online Giving

Summer is here and many people will spend time enjoying vacations. Whether you're planning to visit the beach or camp in the mountains, don't forget about St. Denis and Our Lady of the Wayside Churches. The best way to maintain your financial support is to set up a recurring gift. It's fast, easy, and convenient. Once you sign up, you'll never need to think about it again. A link to our online giving site can be found on our website stdenisparish.org. 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

limitations. Thank You!



Stewardship

July 1, 2020 to June 30th, 2021 (Estimated Goal)	\$410,000.00
July 1, 2020 to June 30th 2021 (Easter Included)	\$409,562.00
June 2021 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$35,861.00
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.

Covid Update As of June 15, 2021

In response to California's lifting of most Covid-19 restrictions, the S.F. 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 & weekday masses will continue to be livestreamed, & then on our website. We thank you as we continue to keep our community safe.



Senior Lunch Returns!

A Communion Service & Senior BBQ Lunch will be held in the St. Denis Garden for all vaccinated seniors & their vaccinated guests this Thursday July 15th at noon. If you have any questions contact Dede at dedewm@pacbell.net



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!

