

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

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

**Next weekend there is a
second collection for
5th Sunday collection for our
local charities.**

**“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed
me to bring glad tidings to the poor.” Luke 4:18**



January 23rd, 2022 3rd Sunday in 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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Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

When I was in the military, especially during wartime, I came to the realization that the military with its three branches of service is like a massive machine. The Army, Navy/Marine Corps and Air Force have to work harmoniously to achieve its purpose. Equally as important is the need for each unit to work in conjunction with the others. Every person in a unit has an important role to play. That is how it is with the human body as well.

St. Paul in his Letter to the Corinthians uses the analogy of the human body to describe how the Church should function. The body has many parts. Each part of the human body is important and each part of the human body has a vital role to play. God did not make hands to see and God did not make ears to smell. God knew what He was doing when He created the human body. God also knew what He was doing when he gave us particular gifts and talents.

Each and every one of us has a role to play and each and every one of us is important to the life of the Church and to the world. Some are meant to be cantors while others are meant to play an instrument. Some are meant to be lectors while others are meant to be Eucharistic ministers to the sick. Some are meant to be teachers while others are meant to be in business or law or medicine. May we all fulfill our role with pride and joy, and do it in the name of the Lord.

God bless, Fr. Paul

We Believe

This week we hear Luke's Gospel addressing someone named Theophilus. There are several theories as to who this individual might be. The name "Theophilus" literally means "friend of God," which has led many people to think that this is a generic title referring to all believers, but most biblical scholars believe that Luke was directing his Gospel and Acts to a specific individual.

Since Luke addresses Theophilus as "Most Excellent," we know this man had title or rank. This has led many to believe that Theophilus was a high-ranking Roman official. He could have also been a wealthy man from Antioch, where there is a second-century reference to a "great lord," a man of substantial wealth, living in Antioch at the time the gospel was written, in the 60's, BCE. Perhaps Theophilus acted as a benefactor to Luke, which would give Luke a strong inclination to share a detailed story of Jesus with him.

What is more important than knowing exactly who Theophilus really was is knowing Luke's intention in writing his detailed account. What was Luke's motivation? The evangelist of the gospel who wrote an account of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus tells Theophilus and us the answer, "that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught." As we listen to the "good news" of the Gospel readings each week, may we have that certainty.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. Jan. 22	5:30 pm	Respect for all life
Sun. Jan. 23	7:30 am	Respect for all life
	9:30 am	Respect for all life
	11:30 am	Respect for all life
Mon. Jan. 24	8:00 am	Patrick Snyder (+)
Tues. Jan. 25	8:00 am	Christian unity
Wed. Jan. 26	8:00 am	Amadeo Dubose (+)
Thurs. Jan. 27	8:00 am	For those that are disabled
Fri. Jan. 28	8:00 am	For medical workers



Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Jan. 22	4:30 pm	Rose family (+)
Sun. Jan. 23	9:30 pm	Respect for all life

In your charity, please pray for...

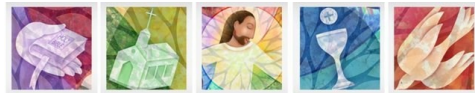
LG, GRM, Mark Olson, Carol C., T.J. Pryor, J.M., G.G., Janice Varvelle, Holly Hermansen, Pier Iglesias, Rosa Sharif, John Hunter, Anselmo Briones, Grace Kohan, John Cummins, Sandy McGinley **Names will be removed monthly unless you let the office know.**
Thank you.

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Prek thru 4th grade meet at 9:30am

5th and 6th grades meet at 10:30am



Faith Formation

FR. PAUL'S FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Meets on Monday, January 24 at 3:30pm in the parish hall.

This is an optional class for children preparing to receive the Sacrament this spring.

Knit & Pray

This Monday, January 24th at 5 pm at St. Denis hall library. All are welcome to join Knit and Pray Group. If you have questions, contact Josephine Dorval. jsdovall@yahoo.com



Silent Retreat at Vallombrosa

Saturday, January 22, 2022 we will focus on the daily prayer life of Jesus and Mary based on the Psalms. Brother Agapetos, of the Ukrainian Catholic Monastery in Ukiah and a spiritual father at St. Patrick's Seminary, will lead the first conference and meditations. Then Dr. Anthony Lilles, Dean of Academics at St. Patrick's, will lead the afternoon conference. There will be much time for independent silent prayer. Toward the end of the day will be an Eucharistic Celebration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. These retreats begin at 8:30am and end at 5:30. A simple meal will be served. To sign up go to Vallombrosa.org



Question Of The Week

Today, Jesus begins proclaiming the Good News!

What good news am I called upon to proclaim?

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, 2021 to June 30th, 2022 (estimated Goal)	\$377,400.00
July 1, 2021 to December 31st, 2021	\$196,995.00
December 2021 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$37,800.00
December 2021 Sunday Offertory (Goal)	\$29,600.00
Christmas including WeShare Egiving	\$43,173.00

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 December 15th, 2021

In response to California & San Mateo County restrictions, due to the new Covid-19 strain parishioners, guests, & musicians are required to wear a mask (securely over nose & mouth) when 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 for the safety of your fellow parishioners. Sunday 9:30am mass & weekday masses will continue to be livestreamed, & then on our website. We thank you as we continue to keep each other safe.



Pope Francis's Synod Has Begun!

Pope Francis invites the whole Church to participate in a process to prepare for the upcoming Synod of Bishops on Synodality. This unprecedented opportunity will facilitate discussion and reflection to help shape the Church's understanding of herself and her mission of evangelization and forming disciples.

The Archdiocese of San Francisco will kick-off the local synodal process by asking every Catholic, active or not, to participate in the Disciple Maker Index survey. This survey will be available on line January 16 thru February 13, and there will be hard copies available in the church.

To access the survey online starting January 16, please use this link: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/kcva92>

The process will continue in February and March with listening sessions offered throughout the Archdiocese and on-line. The Disciple Maker Index survey is a nationally recognized survey administered at parishes around the United States and Canada since 2013 by The Catholic Leadership Institute. The results will be used by our parish to help us plan for the future, so please participate!

If you have any questions, please contact Lucy Soltau at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org



Support Your Parish!

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!

