

# 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

**“This is my chosen Son, listen to him.” Luke 9:35**



**March 13th, 2022 2nd Sunday of Lent**

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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

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The report of Jesus' Transfiguration is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The context for Luke's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew and Mark. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his Passion. After the prediction there is a discussion of the cost of discipleship in each of these Gospels. The placement of the Transfiguration story close to Peter's confession and Jesus' prediction encourages us to examine the Transfiguration in the larger context of the Paschal Mystery.

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospels, there is reference to conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel explains that this conversation is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as his exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection with the Israel's Exodus from Egypt.

On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus "master" instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.

Loyola Press "Sunday Connection

## We Believe

In today's gospel we revisit the Transfiguration. Jesus climbs up the mountain, accompanied by Peter, James, and John. These Jesus-followers discover who Jesus is really meant to be. Moses and Elijah have passed on their legacy to Jesus and his Father instructs these three men (and us) to "Listen to him." Christ's true identity is revealed.

As we journey through this reflective season of Lent, we might take the time to ask ourselves who we really are meant to be as well. As believers, what is our legacy and how are we living it out? For many of us, the masking of Covid-19 has unmasked facets of ourselves and others that had previously gone unnoticed or ignored. Now that we are emerging and unmasking, how do we see ourselves? How do others see us? Most importantly, how does God see us? Are we the authentic people, individually and collectively, that we want to be?

If we take this opportunity to do a spiritual "spring cleaning," we need to focus on nurturing ourselves through our attention to meaningful relationships, prayer, and gratitude. We have inherited the physical circumstances of our family, friends, careers, etc. but, as believers, we are offered a richer inheritance. This Lenten season beckons us to go deeper and to climb higher.

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis Church

Sat. Mar. 12	5:30 pm	World peace
Sun. Mar. 13	7:30 am	For the people of Ukraine
	9:30 am	Olga Yurecho (+)
	11:30 am	For the people of Ukraine
Mon. Mar. 14	8:00 am	For all grandparents
Tues. Mar. 15	8:00 am	Renewal of faith
Wed. Mar. 16	8:00 am	For a holy Lent
Thurs. Mar. 17	8:00 am	World peace
Fri. Mar. 18	8:00 am	For those with mental illness



### Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Mar. 12	4:30 pm	Jack Sullivan (+)
Sun. Mar. 13	9:30 pm	Renewal of faith

In your charity, please pray for...

John Malanca, LG, GRM, 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

9:30am Grades PreK to 4<sup>th</sup>

10:30am Grades 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>

### CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS SUNDAY, MARCH 13

We will begin with a Reconciliation Service at 5:30pm in the church

There will be NO Mass, so please attend one earlier in the day.

Bring your homework, forms, and Handbook.

### LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

The Little Black Books are back!

They have daily reflections and inspiration for your Lenten prayers.

There is a complete schedule of Lent activities on the front.

And there are Little Purple Books for the children.



## Lent Speaker Series

Join us at St. Denis on March 15, 23, 31

for 5:30pm Mass, Soup Supper and guest Speaker.

The speakers will be from our various Fifth Sunday Charities.

On Tuesday, March 15 we welcome Larry Purcell from the Catholic Worker House.

Come and find out how your generosity is making a difference.



## Bulletin Deadline

### Question Of The Week

The apostles got a glimpse of who Jesus really is.

They probably needed that to stay motivated.

What does God show me that keeps me motivated to do God's will?

### 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, 2021 to June 30th, 2022 (estimated Goal)	\$377,400.00
July 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022	\$259,310.00
February 2022 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$26,555.00
February 2022 Sunday Offertory (Goal)	\$29,600.00
Annual Appeal 2022	\$65,335.00
Annual Appeal 2022 (Goal)	\$98,000.00

## 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.



## Lent & Easter Schedule

Every Friday during Lent at 8:00am at St. Denis: Mass, Stations of the Cross

### The Triduum

Holy Thursday April 14th - 7pm at St. Denis Mass with feet washing, Benediction

Good Friday April 15th - noon at Denis Stations, Passion, Adoration of the Cross, Communion

Easter Vigil April 16th- 7pm at St. Denis

Easter Sunday April 17th - Regular Sunday Mass Schedules. Family Mass 9:30am at St. Denis with Easter Egg Hunt

## The Synod For The Whole People Of God

### Thank you for participating in the Synod!

The results of the surveys and listening sessions are being consolidated.

A report will go to the Archbishop, then to the US Conference of Bishops.

A final report from the US will then be sent to Rome, in preparation for the Synod of Bishops next year. In the meantime, a report about our own parish will be sent to us in the next few months to help us understand our parish better and plan for the future.

Stay tuned! If you have any questions, please contact Lucy Soltau at

[lsoltau@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lsoltau@stdenisparish.org)



## Upcoming Retreat at Vallombrosa

### Discernment – Praying with Jesus Through His Passion

On Saturday, March 26, we cordially invite you to a traditional silent retreat entitled "Discernment: Praying with Jesus Through His Passion." Jesus' burning plea from prayer Psalm 22: "My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?" Because in the midst of abandonment and powerlessness, Christ accomplished the will of the Father, discernment in the Christian life is also rooted in this obedient cry. Dr. Anthony Lilles will unfold this theme to invite retreatants into a deeper silence as we approach Holy Week.

The day is only \$45.00 which includes continental breakfast, a simple lunch, Holy Mass at 4 p.m., and quiet time for reflection. We gather at 8:30 a.m., first conference is at 9am, Holy Mass at 4pm, and conclude at 5 pm. To register visit [Vallombrosa.org/calendar](http://Vallombrosa.org/calendar). Please call 650-325-5614 with any questions. We are also offering a 5 Night Silent Retreat May 1-7.

## 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](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!

