

# 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

**Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground  
with his finger. He straightened up and said to  
them “Let the one among you who is without sin be  
the first to throw a stone at her.” John 8: 6-7**



**April 3rd, 2022 5th Sunday of Lent**

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Our Lady of the Wayside Church  
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## Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Today's gospel is perhaps one of my favorite passages from the evangelist John. We do not know very much about the woman caught in adultery nor the man she was with. We do know that she was about to be stoned to death by condemning and hate filled men along with the scribes and Pharisees. To humiliate her, she was forced to stand in the middle of the crowd. Since she was caught in the very act of adultery, it is possible that she was naked or had very little on.

The scribes and the Pharisees were essentially using this woman to test Jesus so that they could charge him. Jesus, though, exposes their sin. It is they who stand naked before Jesus. He knows and sees their sin. Their clothes and pride cannot conceal their sin.

This story reminds us that imminent agony and death does not necessarily change a person's way. God's mercy, forgiveness and love are far more transformative than what man can do to others. God does not easily punish. Man does. How quick we are to condemn and pass judgment on people. We may not stone people with rocks, but we stone them with our words instead. Lent is a time to put down our stones and to wrap others with our mercy, forgiveness and love. By doing this, we have the opportunity to change a person's heart.

God bless, Fr. Paul

## We Believe

As we move into the last half of Lent, our focus is really on Jesus, the Savior of the World. Sometimes we just take our liturgical language for granted and Lent is calling us to think about what we pray and how these words impact our outlook and our faith. In her book, Diana Butler Yates gives us these thoughts:

"We often think of being "saved" as being rescued, and when it comes to Jesus as Savior, the popular conception is one of Jesus snatching believers from the perils of hell.. Jesus saves us by taking us to heaven. That is not, however, what the word "salvation" means. The word "salvation" comes from the Latin *salvus*, which originally referred to being made whole, safe, or in good health. *Salvus* was not about being taken out of this life; it was about this life being healed. In this sense, *salvus* perfectly describes the biblical version of God's justice and mercy, peace, and well-being, comfort, and equanimity. This is the dream of a saved earth—one where oppression ends, mercy reigns, violence ceases to exist, and all live safely under their own "vine and fig tree." Jesus the Savior is the one who brings this dream to reality: he is peacemaker, light of justice, the good physician. Jesus saves in all these ways and more. " (Diana Butler Bass, Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence, pp76-77)

Let us finish our Lenten season with prayers for healing our troubled world and look to Jesus, our true Savior, for the wholeness and lasting peace we so desperately need.

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis Church

Sat. Apr.	2	5:30 pm	Special intentions
Sun. Apr.	3	7:30 am	Peace on earth
		9:30 am	RCIA
		11:30 am	Refugees
Mon. Apr.	4	8:00 am	Lillian Durazzo (+)
Tues. Apr.	5	8:00 am	For farmers
Wed. Apr.	6	8:00 am	Christian unity
Thurs. Apr.	7	8:00 am	Special intentions
Fri. Apr.	8	8:00 am	For those that need healing



### Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Apr.	2	4:30 pm	Special intentions
Sun. Apr.	3	9:30 pm	Peace on earth

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>

There are NO CLASSES the NEXT TWO WEEKS For Holy Week and Easter. Classes resume April 24

### FR. PAUL'S FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Meets on Monday, April 4 at 3:30pm in the St. Denis Library

This will be our last class this year.

### CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS SUNDAY, APRIL 3

This is our last class! Beginning with Mass at 5:30pm.

Bring your homework and your books.

### EASTER EGG HUNT!!

Easter Sunday, April 17 after the 9:30am Mass in the St. Denis garden!

### 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.

## Operation Rice Bowl: CRS

### OPERATION RICE BOWL: Catholic Relief Services

The Rice Bowl program is a great way to combine PRAYER, FASTING and GIVING

You can use the bowl to collect change, or donate directly on line.

For more information, go to their website at

[www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org)

**BRING YOUR DONTION-FILLED RICE BOWLS TO THE OFFICE OR DROP IN THE COLLECTION BASKET ANYTIME BEGINNING ON HOLY WEEK.**



## 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!



## Question Of The Week

Time to ask the really tough questions:

Do I really believe in the Resurrection?

In MY Resurrection?

If I don't, then why am I here?

## 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	\$86,656.00
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 St. 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**

## Easter Lilies

If you would like to remember a loved one with an Easter lily, you may do so by sending a \$10 check, with the name of your loved one, & whether you want the lily placed at Our Lady of the Wayside, or St. Denis church. Please have these requests in by Thursday, April 14th.



## Easter Baskets For Hoover Kindergarten Class

Once again our parish will be able to bring a smile to the children of Hoover School in Redwood City. We will be bringing Easter Baskets to surprise the Kindergartners when they arrive to school on April 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be envelopes at the back of the church which you can take and either bring back attached to an Easter Basket or returned with a cash/check donation. There are 7 boys and 11 girls.

*Deadline for collecting these will be Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all for your participation!*

Questions – contact Barbara Mason 650-483-4134



## 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!

