

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 visits the home of Martha & Mary. Luke 10:38-42



July 17th, 2022 16th 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

The story of Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary complements the story of the Good Samaritan, which immediately precedes it in Luke's Gospel. Both stories are unique to Luke. The story of the Samaritan opens with the words "a certain man." Today's reading opens with the words "a certain woman." The Samaritan is an example of how a disciple should see and act. Mary is an example of how a disciple should listen. Mary, a woman, is a marginalized person in society, like the Samaritan. Both do what is not expected of them. As a woman, Mary would be expected, like Martha, to prepare hospitality for a guest. Here again Jesus breaks with the social conventions of his time. Just as a Samaritan would not be a model for neighborliness, so a woman would not sit with the men around the feet of a teacher.

Both stories exemplify how a disciple is to fulfill the dual command which begins chapter 10—love of God (Mary) and love of neighbor (the Samaritan). These are the two essentials of life in the kingdom. By using the examples of a Samaritan and a woman, however, Jesus is saying something more. Social codes and boundaries were strict in Jesus' time. Yet to love God with all one's heart and one's neighbor requires breaking those rules. The Kingdom of God is a society without distinctions and boundaries between its members. It is a society that requires times for seeing and doing and also times for listening and learning at the feet of a teacher.

Loyola Press "Sunday Connection"

We Believe

In today's gospel reading we find Luke's unique narrative of Jesus' visit to the home of Martha and Mary. In Luke 10:38-42, Martha is overly burdened by the duties of hospitality and annoyed at her sister Mary who sat listening at Jesus' feet. When Martha asks Jesus to say something to Mary, Jesus tells Martha that Mary has chosen the better role while he is in their presence. I have often wondered how Jesus and his disciples would have reacted if there was no meal, had Martha also chosen to listen instead of serve! What hostess hasn't felt overwhelmed while cooking and serving from time to time!

While this gospel could be interpreted as a criticism of Martha's priorities, its real meaning goes beyond that traditional understanding. Taking this first century account in context, we know that Martha was doing what was normally acceptable for a woman in those times, cooking and serving her guests. Mary, on the other hand, in sitting at the Rabbi's feet, was assuming the role of a student, which in the Judeo-Palestinian world, was exclusively for males. In assuming the role of a disciple, Mary broke social norms and Jesus held her up as an example.

Mary chose discipleship over confining cultural expectations and Jesus affirms that choice.

Remembering last week's parable of the Good Samaritan, we see a pattern in these important Lukan passages. Jesus is seeking to expand cultural close-mindedness, and that still is a relevant message for us today.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. July 16	5:30 pm	World peace
Sun. July 17	7:30 am	Deceased of our parish
	9:30 am	Those with terminal illness
	11:30 am	George & Terry Edel (+)
Mon. July 18	8:00 am	Safety for summer travelers
Tues. July 19	8:00 am	Our senior community
Wed. July 20	8:00 am	Drought relief
Thurs. July 21	8:00 am	Those with mental illness
Fri. July 22	8:00 am	Kevin Zichelli (+)



Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. July 16	4:30 pm	World peace
Sun. July 10	9:30 am	Deceased of OLW

A long time parishioner Robert Lindblom passed peacefully in his sleep July 8th. There will be a funeral mass Monday July 18th, at 11:00am at St. Denis Church.

In your charity, please pray for...

Susana Neira, LG, GRM, Carol C., 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

The calendar and registration form for the 2022-2023 school year are now available on our parish website www.stdenisparish.org Just click the Faith Formation tab for all the details! Classes begin again Sunday, September 25.



Faith Formation

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

During the 9:30am Sunday Mass, we take the children outside to share the Gospel.

Then we return to Mass during the collection. All school age children are welcome to join us all summer. We also have the MAGNIFIKID magazine available in the back of the church for children to use during any weekend Mass.

Question Of The Week

Am I too busy taking care of little things that I forget about the big things?

Knit & Pray

Knit & Pray Group will meet Monday, July 25th at 4:00pm the St. Denis Hall. All are welcome to join the Knit & Pray Group! If you have questions, contact Josephine Dorval. jsdorval@yahoo.com



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 June 30th, 2022	tba
June 2022 Sunday Offertory Collections	tba
June 2022 Sunday Offertory (Goal)	\$29,600.00
Easter Sunday Collections	\$25,842.00
Annual Appeal 2022	\$98,000.00
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, 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 877 316-0260.

Second Sunday Adult Faith Sharing

We had a very nice conversation last Sunday about travel, pilgrimages, and faith journeys with Nancy and Bob, Neil and Elizabeth! Join us next time, August 14, at 10:30am in the St. Denis garden for more conversation and faith sharing.



Jesuit Retreat Center Of Los Altos

Come let us celebrate the close of the Ignatian Year. We will have 2 talks led by Fr. John Auther, S.J. on lessons to be learned from St. Ignatius Loyola, time for prayer and reflection, lunch and Mass. 10:00am to 2:30pm on Saturday July 30th. For more information contact Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos 650 917-4000.

jrclosaltos.org/retreats-and-programs



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