

# 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



**July 31st, 2022 18th 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

In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgment. A crowd of many thousands has gathered to hear Jesus. At first he speaks only to the disciples, reminding them that it is not persecution they should fear but the judgment that is coming for all who do not acknowledge the Son of Man. Suddenly a man in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." He seems to have grown tired of Jesus speaking only to the disciples. Jesus offers the man no help. Instead he uses the question to teach what, in light of the coming judgment, life really consist of.

Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry.

"You fool" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

Centuries later St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.

Loyola Press "Sunday Connection"

## We Believe

In today's gospel the subject of greed is introduced. Although greed is incompatible with true Christianity, it is a very common flaw in our supposedly Judeo-Christian society. Greed, often accompanied by our own rationalizations towards entitlement, security, and well-being, is apparently acceptable, encouraged, and idolized in our American culture.

Commonly perceived as an answer to feelings of longing, emptiness, and fear, when the pursuit of money and power evolves into the total focus in one's life, the drive becomes insatiable and the goal towards completion is constantly being reset. Fueled by competition and jealousy, there is the ever-present, gnawing feeling that there is never enough.

True greed means that loving relationships between ourselves and God and ourselves and one another become subservient to the accumulation wealth and power. As followers of Christ, we are called to distinguish between a healthy ambition for achieving monetary goals, societal respectability, and financial stability from ignoring the ramifications of greed-influenced actions to our families, our communities, and especially ourselves.

In today's gospel, Jesus gets straight to the heart of the matter by reminding us of the inevitability of death. Rather than being morbid, thinking about the legacy we will one day leave as followers of Christ should influence our goal-setting and decision-making. Accepting Christ's grace and teachings serves to decrease our possibly inflated sense of entitlement and increase the true riches of gratitude, integrity, and humility within us.

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis Church

Sat. July	30	5:30 pm	Shirley Morris (+)
Sun. July	31	7:30 am	End to Covid
		9:30 am	For travelers
		11:30 am	Special intentions
Mon. Aug.	1	8:00 am	For healthcare workers
Tues. Aug.	2	8:00 am	Bienvenido Carrasco (+)
Wed. Aug.	3	8:00 am	Donald J. Dugan (+)
Thurs Aug.	4	8:00 am	Renewal of faith
Fri. Aug.	5	8:00 am	Literacy throughout the world



### Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. July 30	4:30 pm	Drought relief
Sun. July 31	9:30 am	Special intentions

There will be a funeral mass for long time parishioner Guido Budelli August 4th, at 11am at St. Denis Church.

In your charity, please pray for...

Susan Nappi, 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](http://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

“You can’t take it with you”

Do I cling too much to my ‘stuff’, the things I think I need?

Can I let it go, and put more trust in God?

## Faith Formation Day

### KEEPING FAMILIES CATHOLIC:

#### Faith Formation Day

Saturday, August 27 10:00am to 5:00pm here at St. Denis Parish.

Parents and Catechists are welcome. Topics include family prayer, Catholic social teaching, and the role of parents as primary catechists.

FREE including lunch! Contact Lucy [lsoltau@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lsoltau@stdenisparish.org) for more information.



## 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!



## Stewardship

July 1, 2021 to June 30th, 2022 (estimated Goal)	\$377,400.00
July 1, 2022 to June 30th, 2022	\$380,058.00
June 2022 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$27,852.00
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](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 877 316-0260.

## Annual Parish Picnic

Don't miss a long-awaited return to our Annual Parish Picnic Sunday, August 21st, beginning at noon at Our Lady of the Wayside. We will have RSVP sign up sheets beginning next weekend, or leave a message by calling the parish office. Everyone is invited!



## Second Sunday Adult Faith Sharing

Join us next time, August 14, at 10:30am in the St. Denis garden for more conversation and faith sharing.

The Gospel for that Sunday (Luke 12:49-53) is a very challenging one, so we'll have lots to talk about! Or we can share whatever is on your mind.



## Senior Luncheon

Join fellow seniors Thursday August 18th, at noon for Communion service & luncheon in the St. Denis garden patio.



## 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!

