

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

**Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many
I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be
strong enough. Luke 13:24**



August 21st, 2022 21st 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

Today's Gospel reading is the third of three parables in chapter 13 that deal with the theme of the unexpected reversals brought by the Kingdom of God. The other two parables are about the tiny mustard seed that grows into a large tree and the small amount of yeast that makes a large batch of dough rise. All three are about the few and the many and the Kingdom of God.

As this parable opens, Luke reminds us that Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem. This journey, this exodus as Luke refers to it, makes up the entire middle of the Gospel. He is teaching as he goes. A question from the crowd gives Jesus the chance to make a prophetic statement. Luke uses this question device a number of times in his Gospel. A few weeks ago, the question "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" led to the parable of the Good Samaritan. The question about will only a few be saved uses typical Christian language about salvation but also expresses the Jewish concern about whether everyone who calls himself a Jew is actually faithful to the covenant. This was a concern of the Pharisees.

Jesus answers that they must strive in the time remaining to enter through the narrow door because many will be trying to get in but won't be strong enough. He then moves to a parable about another door. (The translation says "gate" then "door," but the same Greek word is used.) Once all those entering the master's house are in and he locks the door, there will be no way for others to get in. Those left outside may knock, but the master will say he doesn't know them. Unlike the Gospel reading from a few weeks ago where Jesus was teaching about prayer, and we were told to knock and the door would be opened, in this parable, the master will not open and say he does not know us. People from the north, south, east, and west will take our place inside. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets will take our place in the Kingdom of God. Those who do not make it through the narrow door will be cast out to where there is wailing and grinding of teeth.

The image of the door is replaced in the final verses of the parable with the image of the heavenly banquet. Two passages from the Book of Isaiah influence the conclusion. Isaiah 43:5-6 speaks of God bringing Israel's descendants back from the east and from the west, the north and the south. And Isaiah 25:6 speaks of the Lord providing a feast of rich foods and choice wines for all peoples on his holy mountain. The answer to the question if only a few will be saved is no. In the end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be saved. The parable is a prophetic warning to repentance in order to enter the kingdom.

Loyola Press "Sunday Connection"

We Believe

In today's gospel Jesus warns us about a narrow door through which we must pass to attain salvation. In the same message, Jesus actually tells us how we ironically create our own struggles, our own narrow passage, in attaining eternal union with God.

To emphasize his point, Jesus warns, "And people will come from the east and west states and from the north and south and will recline at the table of the kingdom of God." These words would have been shocking to a group of Jewish listeners whose survival as marginalized people in the Roman Empire seemingly depended on their tribalism, a mandate to remain true to the detailed customs and ritual purity of Jewish law. Yet Jesus is challenging them to expand their world view, globally including everyone.

After the Resurrection, in the first 200 years before the official institutionalization of "Christianity," the first followers of Jesus, to which we owe a great debt of gratitude, practiced true inclusivity, embraced fluidity in male and female roles of community leadership according to capability, expanded the definition of family in the face of persecution and political relocation, and accepted the teachings of a carpenter's Son from Nazareth. Their vision of faith was anything but narrow or predictable!

Today's gospel challenges each one of us to look beyond labels, into our hearts, embracing our bond with all people as beloved within the family of God. That is the true salvific path on which we must travel! Where could it take us?

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. Aug. 20	5:30 pm	Fr. James O'Shaughnessy (+)
Sun. Aug. 21	7:30 am	For a successful school year
	9:30 am	Erin Dougherty (living)
	11:30 am	Allan Guertin (+)
Mon. Aug. 22	8:00 am	In thanksgiving
Tues. Aug. 23	8:00 am	Special intentions
Wed. Aug. 24	8:00 am	Drought relief
Thurs Aug. 25	8:00 am	For teachers
Fri. Aug. 26	8:00 am	For students



Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Aug. 20 4:30 pm Jack Sullivan (+)

Sun. Aug. 21 9:30 am For a successful school year

Karl Vonder Linden, parishioner of Our Lady of the Wayside passed away on August 1st. The family appreciates your thoughts and prayers.

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. 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

I think I know Jesus, but does Jesus know me?

Will Jesus recognize me as his follower, and welcome me into heaven?

What should I be doing, here and now, to show that I believe and follow?

Volunteer Opportunities For Lawyers

Catholic Charities Center for Immigration Legal and Support Services (CILSS) is presenting a two-part webinar to attorneys interested in providing pro bono representation of adults and unaccompanied minors in removal proceedings. The webinars will provide foundational understanding on which attorneys can grow their pro bono practice and partner with CILSS in the representation of vulnerable populations.

Webinar 1: Intro to Removal Proceedings – Representing Asylum Seekers on August 25, 12:00 pm to 1:00pm

Registration Deadline: August 23

MCLE 1.5hrs CA

To Register: [Click here.](#)

Webinar 2: Representing Immigrant Youth – Special Immigrant Juvenile Status on September 1, 12:pm to 1:00pm. Registration Deadline: August 30

MCLE 1.5hrs CA

To Register: [Click here.](#)

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, 2022 to June 30th, 2022	\$380,058.00
June 2022 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$27,852.00
June 2022 Sunday Offertory (Goal)	\$29,600.00
2022-23 Budget TBD	
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.

Restoring Hope: Empowering Leaders Looking For Change

10TH ANNUAL REENTRY CONFERENCE & RESOURCE FAIR
RESTORING HOPE: EMPOWERING LEADERS LOOKING FOR A CHANGE

SPONSORED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO
OFFICE OF HUMAN LIFE AND DIGNITY – RESTORATIVE JUSTICE MINISTRY

Friday, September 9, 2022, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Free Event: Admission,

Continental Breakfast And Lunch

St. Mary's Cathedral – Event Center

1111 Gough St., San Francisco, CA 94109

To register: <https://sfarchdiocese.org/reentry-conference/>

Second Sunday Adult Faith Sharing

We will have a speaker for our next gathering on September 11, after the 9:30am Mass at St. Denis.

Julio Escobar from the office of Restorative Justice will be with us to explain this important ministry, and how we can participate. Grab your coffee and donut and join us on the patio.



Upcoming Retreat

"When the Wave Knows It's the Ocean:" Apostolic Wholeness and the Kinship of God This non-silent retreat will explore our invitation to authentic discipleship in fostering relational wholeness and union with each other, which is God's dream come true. With the paradigm of Homeboy Industries as a framework, the retreat will offer stories of redemption, healing and spiritual vibrancy as we walk each other home.

Friday, Nov 4, 3:00pm through Sunday, Nov 6, 1:00pm
Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J

**The Jesuit Retreat Center of
Los Altos 650 917-4010**
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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!

