

# 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 (Vigil)  
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

**No servant can serve two masters. Luke 16:13**



**September 18th, 2022 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Our Lady of the Wayside Church  
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## Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel sounds puzzling to contemporary readers, but it can be made less so by considering the economic system which stands behind the parable. A steward is dismissed because he is squandering his master's property. He is called dishonest because he is not serving the interests of the rich man, his employer. In response the steward, in an attempt to ensure favor for himself among the rich man's debtors, brokers repayment of the rich man's loans by foregoing the interest and fees that had been levied to line the steward's pockets. It is this action, in which the steward puts aside his greed and takes the longer perspective in order to enhance his security, which is commended by the rich man.

The passage concludes with three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life.

The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God.

Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money.

Loyola Press "Sunday Connection"

## We Believe

Today's reading, known to many as the "Parable of the Shrewd Servant," is confusing. Is Jesus condoning the dishonest behavior of the steward? Is the Master ethically correct in praising the Steward when he learns of his bargaining? In grappling with this parable, it is important to know to whom this parable is really directed.

While this parable is for the benefit of Jesus' disciples, it is also meant to confront the value system of the Pharisees. Jesus is aware of their love of money and their fabricated justifications for bleeding the poor. If we look at today's rather unorthodox reading with this insight as a backdrop, it will make more sense.

While the characters in Jesus' parables often offer examples of Christian values of forgiveness, restoration, or generosity, neither the Master or the Steward is exemplary in this case. The Master is firing the Steward for mismanagement of his property. With this realization, the Steward becomes very worried about his future. While the Steward still has control over the Master's assets, he gains favor with the Master's debtors by reducing what they owe to the Master in exchange for favor in hopes that they will take care of the Steward after he has been officially sacked. When the Master learns of the Steward's wheeling and dealing, he praises the shrewdness of the Steward, giving us a prime example of the familiar saying, "It takes one to know one."

It is at this point in the Gospel that Jesus makes a distinction between "Sons of the World," people who direct their lives completely towards the accumulation of material wealth, and "Sons of Light," people who are true followers, those who are guided by the true Master, Jesus Christ. Today's gospel asks us to categorize ourselves in similar fashion.

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis Church

Sat. Sept. 17 5:30 pm Guido Budelli (+)  
Sun. Sept. 18 7:30 am For incarcerated & their families  
9:30 am For victims of crime  
11:30 am Andres Salas Garcia (+)  
Mon. Sept. 19 8:00 am Preservation of our planet  
Tues. Sept. 20 8:00 am Those with mental illness  
Wed. Sept. 21 8:00 am Expectant mothers  
Thurs Sept. 22 8:00 am National & local civil leaders  
Fri. Sept. 23 8:00 am Franklin Bautista (+)

### Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Sept. 17 4:30 pm Special intentions of Our Lady of the Wayside parishioners  
Sun. Sept. 18 9:30 am Norma Rawlings (+)

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, Thelma West, Jack Walsh [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 available on our parish website [www.stdenisparish.org](http://www.stdenisparish.org) Just click the Faith Formation tab for all the details! ALL CLASSES BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25



## Faith Formation

### CATECHETICAL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Blessing the Catechists during the 9:30am Mass, then please join us for PANCAKES!

Thanks to Dede Waters-Masters, Lisa Cooper, Yvonne Schmidt, Michelle Donatelli, Mark Leake, and Yolanda Cheung for volunteering to share their faith with our children!

### Question Of The Week

Which 'master' am I devoted to?  
Can God trust me?

### Offertory Stewardship

July 1, 2022 to June 30th, 2023 (Received so far)	\$61,833.00
July 1, 2022 to June 30th, 2023 (Annual Goal)	TBD
August 2022 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$30,799.00
Annual Appeal 2022	\$98,000.00
Annual Appeal 2022 (Goal)	\$98,000.00

## Volunteer To Be A Catechist

### Top 10 Reasons to be a volunteer Catechist

10. The Pope has made Catechist an official ministry of the Church!
9. You like children, and their youthful enthusiasm
8. Why should Dede have all the fun?
7. Gets you out of Mass during the homily (just kidding!)
6. Crafts!
5. You know you can do it! (remember Zoom classes?)
4. Jesus says to (Acts 1:8)
3. Parents are the primary catechists to their children
2. The more you teach, the more you learn
1. You have faith, and want to share it.

Contact Lucy at [lsoltau@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lsoltau@stdenisparish.org) to VOLUNTEER!



### 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!



### 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.

## Senior Lunch

Join fellow seniors next Tuesday, September 20th, at noon for Communion service & luncheon in the St. Denis garden patio.



## Knit & Pray

Knit & Pray Group will meet Monday, September 26th At 4pm in the St. Denis hall. Any questions, kindly contact Josephine [jsdorval@yahoo.com](mailto:jsdorval@yahoo.com).



## Second Sunday Adult Faith Sharing

Our next gathering will be Sunday, October 9 after the 9:30am Mass. Grab some coffee and a donut and join us on the 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!

