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

January 8th, 2023 The Epiphany of the Lord

The Gospel

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

This Sunday we celebrate the wonderful Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word Epiphany means the manifestation of the Lord. How blessed we are that the Lord chose to appear to us as a newborn infant born just like us. Although we associate the Epiphany with the three wise men or three kings who brought three significant and symbolic gifts, there is something we need to ponder in our hearts.

The greatest gift that Jesus received from the three kings were themselves. They were willing to travel great distances to see with their very own eyes the newborn King of kings, and to hold him in their arms. The infinite God was being held against the bosom of the three kings. What an incredible experience it must have been for them.

The best thing we could ever give to baby Jesus is the gift of ourselves. He longs to be held by each and every one of us. He longs to be scooped up by us and be held against our bosom. The good Lord made us to be a gift to the world. As we begin a new year, let us seriously consider, and be a gift to each other. All that children truly want is to be loved by their parents. All that we truly desire is to know that we have meant something to others. Being a gift to others fulfills our desire.

God bless, Fr. Paul

We Believe

In celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany, we acknowledge the manifestation of Christ coming into our world as a human being. Through the journey and discovery by three gentile astrologers who were willing to leave the familiar in search of new revelations, we are reminded that, while the search for God in our own lives may be, at times, unpredictable, we are called to make that journey. Epiphany is a feast day that can model our own yearning for a deeper, more authentic relationship with God, a relationship that goes beyond the easier mandates of simply "following the rules."

What priorities and personal preferences did the wise men leave behind when they undertook to follow the star? Responding to what was calling out to them, they were willing to go forth in a world not so familiar, so comfortable, or so predictable--a place where they did not have unquestionable control through the privileges of heredity, education, or wealth.

Once the Magi encountered Christ's presence, they were overcome with joy, adoration, and generosity in the most unexpected of places, a stable, giving their allegiance to the small and humble over the powerful and worldly impressive.

As we move from the receptivity and waiting of Advent, let's concentrate on our response to the reality of Emmanuel, the "God with us," the presence of God in our lives that we are challenged to discover.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. Jan. . 7	5:30 pm	For those preparing for sacraments
Sun. Jan. 8	7:30 am	Agnes Mercer (+)
	9:30 am	Miguel Alvarado Madrigal (+)
	11:30 am	For catechists
Mon. Jan. 9	8:00 am	Flood victims
Tues. Jan.10	8:00 am	Doris Santana (+)
Wed. Jan. 11	8:00 am	Flood victims
Thurs Jan.12	8:00 am	For the sick
Fri. Jan. 13	8:00 am	Matthew Stafford (+)

Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Jan. 7	4:30 pm	For those in ministry
Sun. Jan. 8	9:30 am	For catechists

In your charity, please pray for...

Susan Nappi, Susana Neira, LG, GRM, Carol C., J.M., G.G., Janice Varvelle, 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

All classes resume TODAY, January 8 at the usual times.

PreK – 4th grades at 9:30am

5th/6th grades at 10:30am

Confirmation class begins with Mass at 5:30pm

There are NO CLASSES NEXT SUNDAY, January 15 for MLK Jr. Day

CONFIRMATION RETREAT DAY

Saturday, January 21 from 10am to 4pm at Our Lady of the Wayside Church.

It's all about the Holy Spirit this time, the gifts and fruits it offers.

Bring your handbooks, Bibles, and LUNCH!

Fr. PAUL'S FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Fr. Paul's class will meet Monday, January 9 at 3:30pm in the parish hall.

Question Of The Week

Have you ever searched for something, not knowing exactly what you were searching for?

Did you trust that you would know it when you found it?

How excited were you to find it?

Knit & Pray

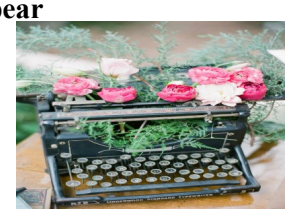
Knit & Pray will meet Monday, January 23rd at 4:00 pm in the St. Denis hall library. Bring your current projects to share with the group!

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!



Offertory Stewardship

July 1, 2022 to June 30th, 2023 (Goal)	$379,000.00
December & Christmas offerings TBD	
July 1, 2022 to November 30th, 2022 (Received so far)	$155,001.00
November 2022 Sunday Offertory Collections	$35,245.00
November 2022 Sunday Offertory Collections (Goal)	$29,152.00

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

Our next gathering will be this, Sunday, January 8 after the 9:30am Mass.

We'll be sharing about Epiphany, those "Ah Hah!" moments we've all experienced.

Grab some coffee and a donut and join us on the patio!

Senior Lunch

Join fellow seniors in the St. Denis hall on January 31st at noon for our first Senior Luncheon of the Year. We will start with a Communion Service.

Thank You!

Thank you for all those that participated in the Veteran's Breakfast Collection. We were able to pull our money with other sources, purchasing over $1000 of toys for the children of our hospitalized veterans.

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 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!