

# 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



**May 28th, 2023    Pentecost Sunday**

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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 Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

Loyola Press "Sunday Connection"

## We Believe

As the Holy Spirit graces Jesus' followers, Acts 2:4 reminds us that many different languages were spoken as Jesus' message was received by the those gathered outside the upper room. While there were people from "every nation under heaven," (Acts 2:5), a diverse group gathered in a big city, they were suddenly able to understand and express themselves in the common bond of a newfound faith.

Today, if you are like me, it seems that we encounter many people all speaking "a different language." Some talk fear, some talk racism, some talk profit, and some talk the language of apathy, just to name a few. Jesus' intention, as He sought to express the will of his Father, was the language of hope, peace, inclusivity, and forgiveness.

Pentecost challenges each one of us to speak that universal language of love and we are reminded that God's spirit, namely the Holy Spirit, is ever present to guide us in doing just that, be it in word, action, or heartfelt prayer.

Are we really so different than the first followers? We may not operate under the threat of crucifixion, but our entire world is in a brokenness that urgently calls on each of us to mend, beginning within ourselves and rippling out to all creation. Come Holy Spirit!

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis Church

Sat. May. 27 5:30 pm Those who died for our country  
 Sun. May. 28 7:30 am Those who died for our country  
 9:30 am Rosa Sharif (+)  
 11:30 am Those who died for our country  
 Mon. May. 29 8:00 am Those who died for our country  
 Tues. May. 30 8:00 am In honor of our blessed Mother  
 Wed. May. 31 8:00 am Matt & Ginny David (living)  
 Thurs. June 1 8:00 am For educators  
 Fri. June. 2 8:00 am In thanksgiving



### Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. May. 27 4:30 pm Those who died for our country  
 Sun. May. 28 9:30 am Those who died for our country

In your charity, please pray for...

Marie Kenney, Susan Nappi, LG, GRM, Carol C., J.M., G.G., Janice Varvelle, Pier Iglesias, John Hunter, Anselmo Briones, John Cummins, Sandy McGinley, Jack Walsh Names will be removed monthly unless you let the office know. Thank you.

## Faith Formation News

### FAITH FORMATION

We have some changes coming for the next school year! We'll be expanding the participation of the children at Mass and providing opportunities for parents to grow in their faith. The calendar for next year will be on our website soon, and registration information will be coming soon. Thank you for participating and supporting the faith of our children!



### LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

During the 9:30am Sunday Mass all summer long, we invite the children into the garden at St. Denis to listen to and talk about the Sunday readings. It's very casual, and no registration is required. Just join us in the garden!

### Question Of The Week

Will I allow the breath of God and the fire of the Holy Spirit to change my life?

Will I be inspired to take action in the world, for justice and peace?

## Donate Blood

St. Raymond Church in Menlo Park is hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, May 30th, from 12pm to 4pm. Give the gift of blood and help save a life. To schedule an appointment use this link.

<https://delivr.com/2tbx7>

St Raymond Church

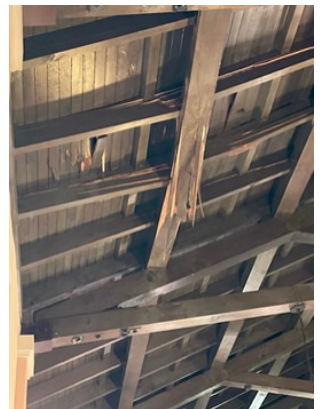
1100 Santa Cruz Ave

Menlo Park



## Storm Damage To OLW

In recent months a storm damaged Our Lady of the Wayside, when a large branch fell on the roof. Repairs on under way.



## 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 until the next bulletin due to space-limitations. Thank You!



## Offertory Stewardship

July 1, 2022 to June 30th, 2023 (Goal)	\$379,000.00
July 1, 2022 to April, 2023 (Received so far)	\$317,416.00
April 2023 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$32,450.00
April 2023 Sunday Offertory Collections (Goal)	\$36,440.00
Easter donations 2023	\$18,325.00
Annual Appeal (Goal)	\$91,995.00
Annual Appeal (Received so far)	\$89,009.00

## 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.



## Liturgical Ministers Needed

The ministry of LECTOR, a proclaimer of the Word, is essential to our liturgies!

If you can read and are already confirmed, YOU can be a lector.

You would receive a workbook to help you prepare, and training for public speaking.

Being an extraordinary EUCHARISTIC MINISTER is also essential!

Now that we are able once again to offer the cup, we need more folks to help.

Ministers are needed for every Mass, every weekend, but especially the 11:30am Sunday Masses, and we would work around your schedule. If you are interested, please contact Janet Scholl at 650 644-8062.



## Memorial Day Masses May 29th

Please join in praying for all those who have given their lives in service to our nation and for all our beloved dead interred in our Catholic Cemeteries. All are welcome to join us in prayer on Monday May 29

11:00 am - Holy Cross Cemetery

Santa Cruz Ave. & Avy Ave, Menlo Park

Presiders: Rev. John Winkowitsch OP and Rev. Larry Goode

11:00 am— Holy Cross Cemetery— Holy Cross

Holy Cross Mausoleum

1500 Mission Road, Colma

Presider: Rev. Mike Quinn

## Senior Luncheon

There is a Senior Luncheon & Communion Service at St. Denis this Tuesday, May 30th at noon in the parish hall patio. All seniors & friends are invited.



## 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!

