

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



June 4th, 2023 Holy Trinity

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St. Denis Church (Parish Office)
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Our Lady of the Wayside Church
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Gospel Reading

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next, however, are designated as solemnities—special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today on Trinity Sunday we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons.

Today's Gospel is from the beginning of John's Gospel. The passage we read follows Jesus' conversation with a Pharisee, Nicodemus, about what it means to be born of both water and the spirit. Nicodemus approaches Jesus at night and acknowledges Jesus as a teacher from God. Jesus tells him that only those who are born from above will see the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus misunderstands and questions how a person can be born more than once. Jesus tells Nicodemus that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. Jesus is essentially explaining Baptism, which we celebrate as a sacrament today. Yet Nicodemus, we are told, still does not understand what Jesus is saying. Jesus continues by testifying to the need to be born from above so that one might have eternal life.

After the dialogue with Nicodemus, the author of the Gospel offers his own explanation of Jesus' words. This is what we read in today's Gospel, John 3:16-18.

In the context of today's focus on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the reading calls our attention to the action of God, who reveals himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent his Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of the Son, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As three persons, God acts always as a God of love; he does not condemn the world but acts to save it.

The Gospel also calls attention to the response that is required of us. God's love for us calls us to respond in faith by professing our belief in God's son, Jesus, and the salvation that he has won for us. This profession of faith is a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Loyola Press "Sunday Connection"

We Believe

Today we celebrate the Blessed Trinity. While no one is fully capable of defining God, believers hold the three persons revealed in the Holy Scriptures and worshiped traditionally throughout the history of Christianity; namely the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as a true revelation to humankind. We begin and end all communal prayers with naming these dimensions of God and recognize the sacred relationship they have with one another and with all creation.

The concept, "God, in all things" is compatible with today's feast. God, the Father, Creator of the universe, Jesus Christ, our brother and earthly companion, and the Holy Spirit, rendering strength and graces of empowerment, attest to a divine relationship that invites each one of us to enter in the divine dance of co-creation, support and love for all God's children. Explaining the Blessed Trinity may be a lot more difficult than actually living in relationship with it.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. June 3 5:30 pm Joshua Santiago (+)
 Sun. June 4 7:30 am Holmes Family (+)
 9:30 am National unity
 11:30 am National unity
 Mon. June 5 8:00 am Communion Service
 Tues. June 6 8:00 am Victims of violence
 Wed. June 7 8:00 am For those with mental illness
 Thurs. June 8 8:00 am For graduates
 Fri. June 9 8:00 am In gratitude



Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. June 3 4:30 pm Bill Kerwin (+)
 Sun. June 4 9:30 am National unity

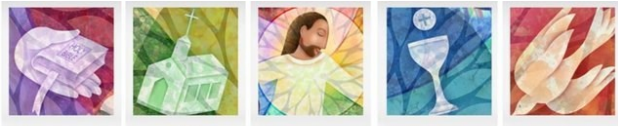
In your charity, please pray for...

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!



Faith Formation

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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

Three in One. God is a relationship of perfect love. What image of the Trinity helps me to understand the Mystery?

El Retiro Summer Retreat

Please join us at *El Retiro* Monday, July 31st 10:00 am to 1:00 pm as we celebrate the Feast Day of our Founder, St. Ignatius of Loyola. Experience the beauty of our 38 acres while celebrating the gift of St. Ignatius to the Church. Perhaps you may recall a special retreat made here and spend some time remembering how the Lord is active in your life. Lunch will be served.

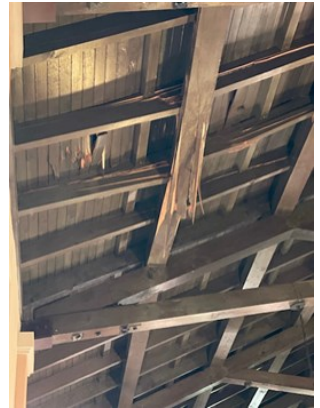
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Storm Damage To OLW

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

NOTE: Announcement may not appear until the next bulletin until the next bulletin due to space-limitations. Thank You!



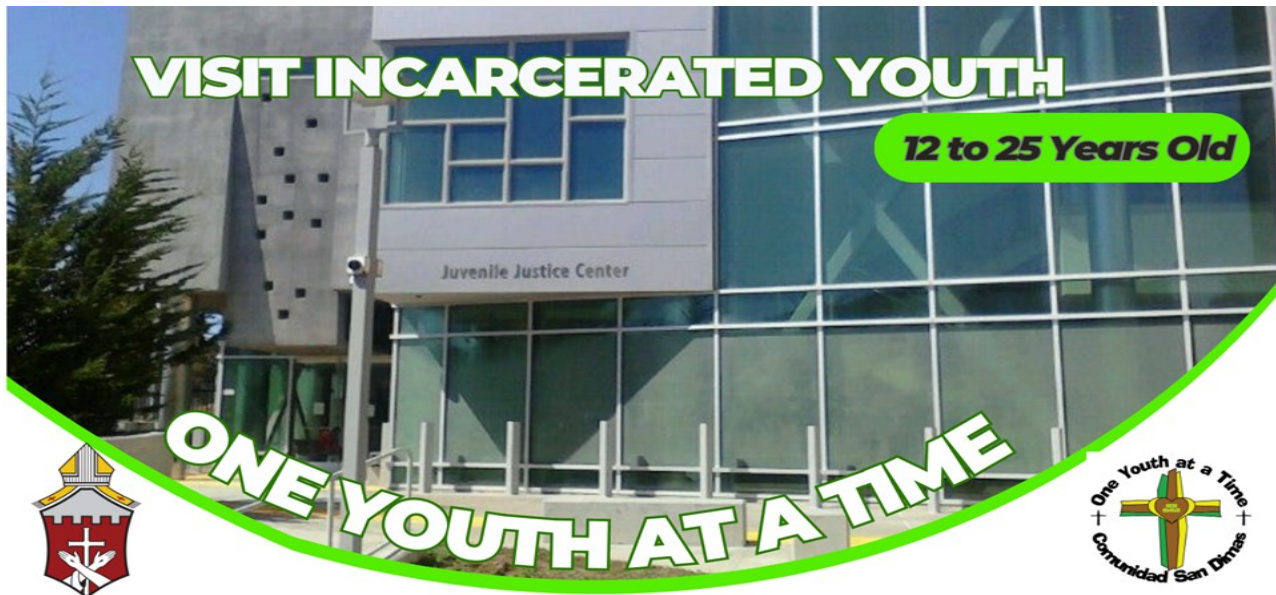
Offertory Stewardship

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

"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.

Bible Sharing Program For Incarcerated Youth



**Join our Bible scripture sharing and Book Club Program at
San Francisco Juvenile Justice Center**

REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ Screening Interview
- ✓ Must at least 18 years old
- ✓ 1 Day in-person training (8 A.M. - 4 P.M.), Sat. July 1, 2023 or Sat. August 5, 2023
- ✓ Complete City and County of San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department background application, live scan and required online training
- ✓ Volunteers must visit youth twice a month, every other week on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings
- ✓ Attend monthly in-person meetings, yearly spiritual empowerment retreats and restorative justice trainings and conferences
- ✓ Be a practicing Catholic
- ✓ Bilingual English/Spanish volunteers are preferable but not required

**Invest in a better future and create a lasting impact
Build faith and reading skills in our youth**



Get started now

Contact Julio Escobar at 415 244-5594 or via email at escobarj@sfarch.org to schedule a screening interview.

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