

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
By appointment, St. Denis

Office Hours
M-F, 9:00 am—2:00 pm

**“And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of
these little ones to drink because the little one is a
disciple— amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose
his reward.” Matthew 10:42**



July 2nd, 2023 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(650) 854-5976
www.stdenisparish.org

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 is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience.

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.

Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

Loyola Press "Sunday Connection"

We Believe

Our lives are full of decisions. We make choices every day. Much of the lives we live today are the result of decisions we made in the past. In the same way, the decisions we make today will influence our tomorrows. So, as followers of Christ, how do we make decisions so that we will have a favorable outcome, promoting a peaceful and happy life?

Jesus gives us the answer in today's gospel. It is simply to put God first. There are times when making decisions is not easy, especially if our basic principles in life are involved. In these moments, we often make compromises and many times we regrettably choose what is convenient for the time being. Rather than reaching for what is right, we often opt to stay in our comfort zone. When faced with a choice between God and an easier way out, many of us are strongly tempted to choose the latter. But in the long run, choosing God really ends up being the easy way out.

This is not about being self-righteousness though. As true followers of Jesus, we are called to kindness and generosity. We are called to face our decisions and ask ourselves the honest question, "What is the most loving thing to do?" If we consciously follow this guide, we will witness Christ in our lives. In a world full of problems and decisions, our Christ-centered belief in the power of love is what matters. Choosing what is most loving puts God first.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. July	1	5:30 pm	Lorette McGee (+)
Sun. July	2	7:30 am	Rosa & Omid Sharif (+)
		9:30 am	Bob Lindblom (+)
		11:30 am	Those suffering with mental illness
Mon. July	3	8:00 am	Eamon Carville (+)
Tues. July	4	8:00 am	National unity
Wed. July	5	8:00 am	For an end to human trafficking
Thurs. July	6	8:00 am	For victims of crimes
Fri. July	7	8:00 am	For our youth



Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. July 1 4:30 pm World Peace

Sun. July 2 9:30 am World Peace

In your charity, please pray...

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

The calendar and registration form for the 2023-2024 school year is now on the parish website at www.stdenisparish.org. Just click on the Faith Formation tab for all the schedules and forms. Looking forward to a new year of sharing faith!!



Faith Formation

NEW THIS YEAR!!

Our elementary grades PreK to 6th will meet Sunday mornings at 9:00am beginning September 24. The Confirmation group, grades 7, 8 and above, will meet on selected Sundays beginning with Mass at 11:30am. **PARENTS!** Please join us for an informal gathering each Sunday at 9:00am, before Mass.

Please check the complete calendar and schedules for each grade on our parish website www.stdenisparish.org or contact Lucy Soltau at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org with questions.

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

Jesus says that when we welcome even the least, we welcome him.

Just how welcoming am I?

Do I see Jesus in others, all others?

Second Collection For Peter's Pence

The Peter's Pence second collection is a gesture of solidarity through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church. The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. USCCB



Storm Damage To OLV

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



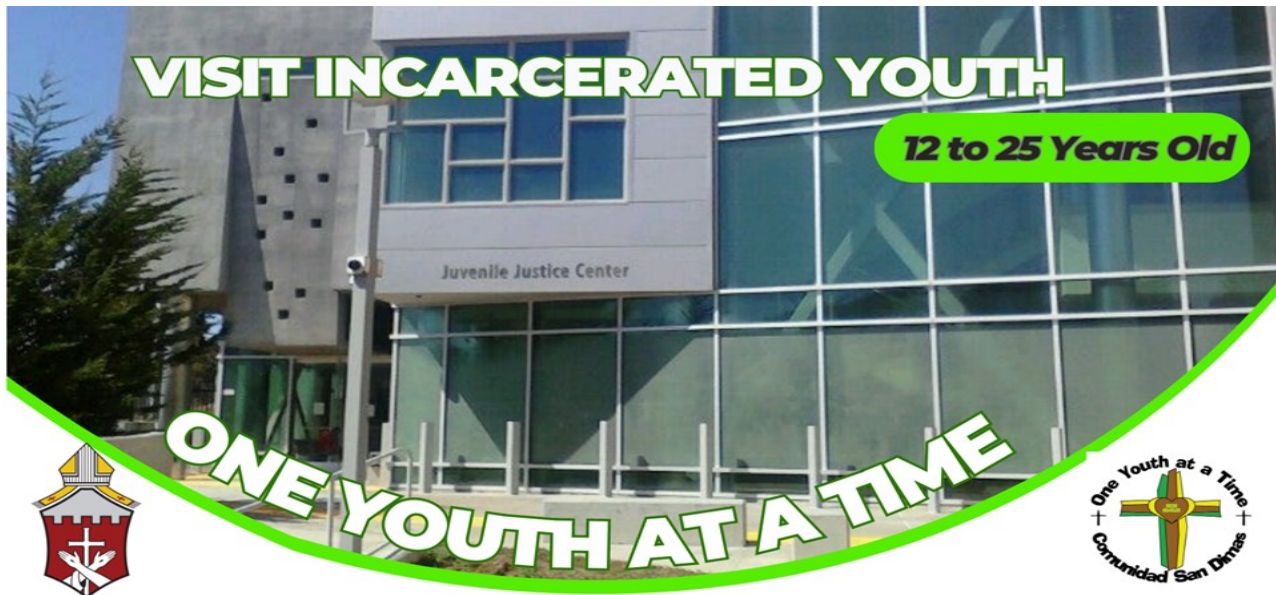
Offertory Stewardship

July 1, 2022 to June 30th, 2023 (Goal)	\$379,000.00
July 1, 2022 to May, 2023 (Received so far)	\$352,357.00
May 2023 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$34,941.00
May 2023 Sunday Offertory Collections (Goal)	\$29,152.00
Annual Appeal (Goal)	\$91,995.00
Annual Appeal (Reached)	\$91,995.00

"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.

Support Your Parish!

Financially supporting your parish helps us 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 Egiving. Simply use the QR Codes, or go to our website stdenisparish.org to find the links to set up your donation. If you need assistance call WeShare 877 316-0260. We thank you for your support!

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