

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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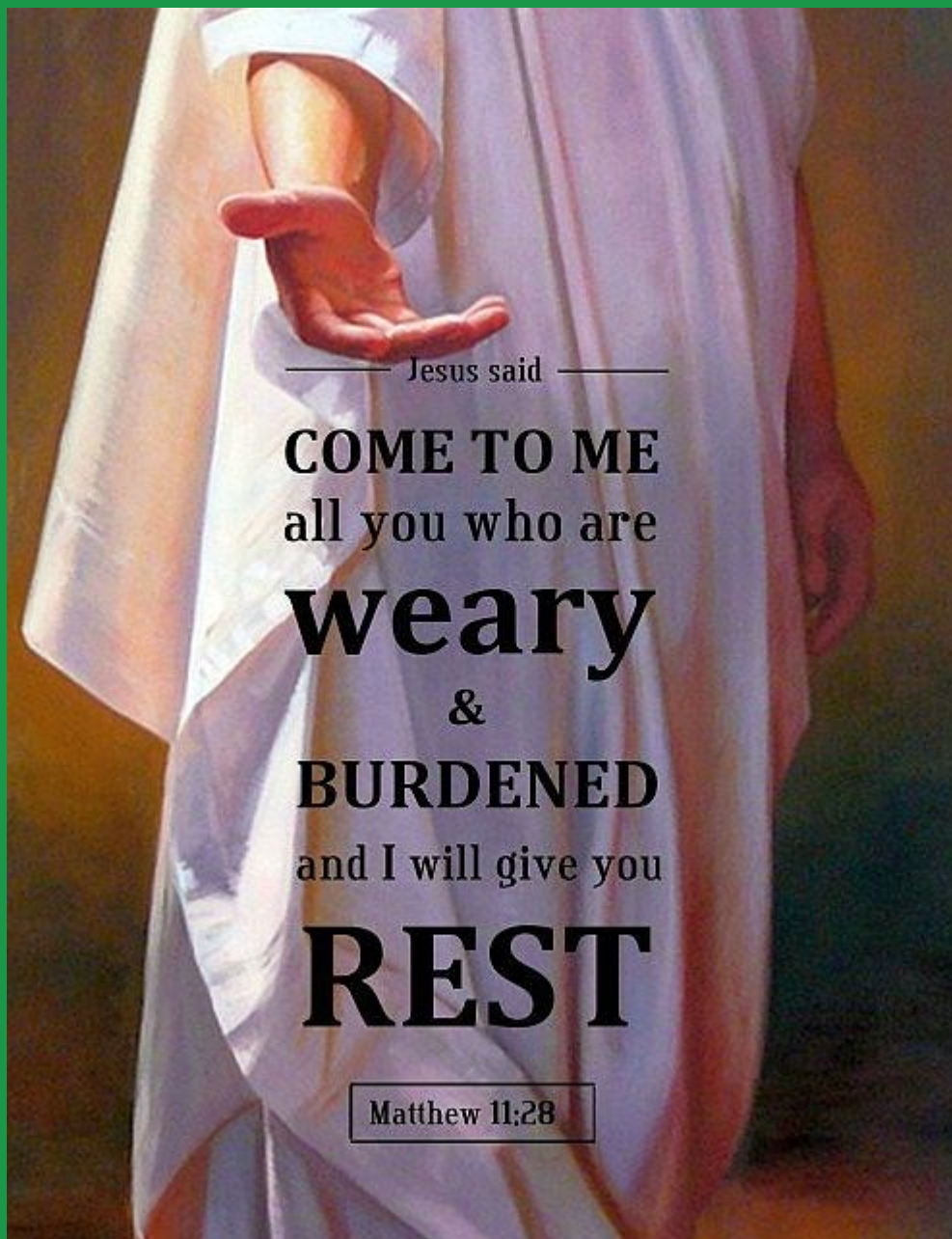
St. Denis Church
Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am
Monday-Friday: 8:00am

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



July 9th, 2023 14th 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 reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did.

Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

In the concluding sentences of today's Gospel, Jesus' teaching is again contrasted to the teaching of the Pharisees. This common theme of Matthew's Gospel probably reflects tension that existed between Jesus and the Pharisees and between the Pharisees and the community of Christians for whom Matthew wrote. Pharisaic Judaism became the predominant form of Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem about 70 A.D. Here that tension is expressed as alternative paths of holiness. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be experienced by some as difficult and burdensome. In contrast, Jesus' way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful.

Loyola Press "Sunday Connection"

We Believe

Last week the gospel reminded us to put God first in our lives. This week's gospel reading reminds us that God really puts us first. It is flowing from God's unconditional love for us that Jesus gives us the invitation, "Come to me all who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Mt. 11:28)

These inclusive words are Jesus' acknowledgement of the existence of human suffering, suffering that he himself knew well as a human being. During times of anxiety and stress, our first response is usually a "quick-fix" request. We assume we know the remedy and the appropriate time line to get the result we desire.

Jesus is telling us to turn our problems over to his care. This type of trust is putting our faith to a test of confidence in the goodness of God and becomes a means to grace, defined as "God's life in us."

When we make the attempt of placing our deepest cares into God's hands, the weight of our problems will lighten,

"...for my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Mt. 11:30)

While we may unavoidably ask ourselves from time to time, the rhetorical question, "Why is this happening!?" the purposeful exercise in trust in God and the willful acceptance God's unconditional love for us will unfold in God's time.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. July	8	5:30 pm	Eamon Carville (+)
Sun. July	9	7:30 am	for parishioners
		9:30 am	Nancy Anzilotti (+)
		11:30 am	for travelers
Mon. July	10	8:00 am	communion service
Tues. July	11	8:00 am	communion service
Wed. July	12	8:00 am	communion service
Thurs. July	13	8:00 am	communion service
Fri. July	14	8:00 am	communion service



Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. July	8	4:30 pm	for travelers
Sun. July	9	9:30 am	for travelers

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

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

What burden will I leave with Jesus, at the altar?
What burden am I willing to take up when I follow him?

Catechists (Teachers) Needed!!

We are always looking for new folks to join us in sharing the faith with our children.

If you have time, energy and faith, we have training, materials and resources!

Please consider sharing your faith with the next generation of Catholics.

Contact Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org for more information.



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 June, 2023 (Received so far)	\$380,088.00
June 2023 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$27,731.00
June 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.

CYO Family Camp

Register Now!

3 Day Camp August 6-8, 2023

4 Day Camp August 10-13, 2023

Disconnect & be with your family in the redwoods of Occidental. Build tighter bonds through discovering nature & enjoying activities.

Swimming, Archery, Night Hike & Stargazing, Campfires, Canoeing, Arts & Crafts, Games

Go to tinyurl.com/cyofamilycamp23 for more information



Juvenile Justice Ministry

Join our Bible scripture sharing & Book Club program at the San Francisco Juvenile Justice Center. Volunteers are needed to support young people between the ages of 12 & 25 with both their faith & their reading skills.

Orientation will take place on August 5th. Please visit sfarchdiocese.org/juvenile-justice-ministry for more information & to schedule an 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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