

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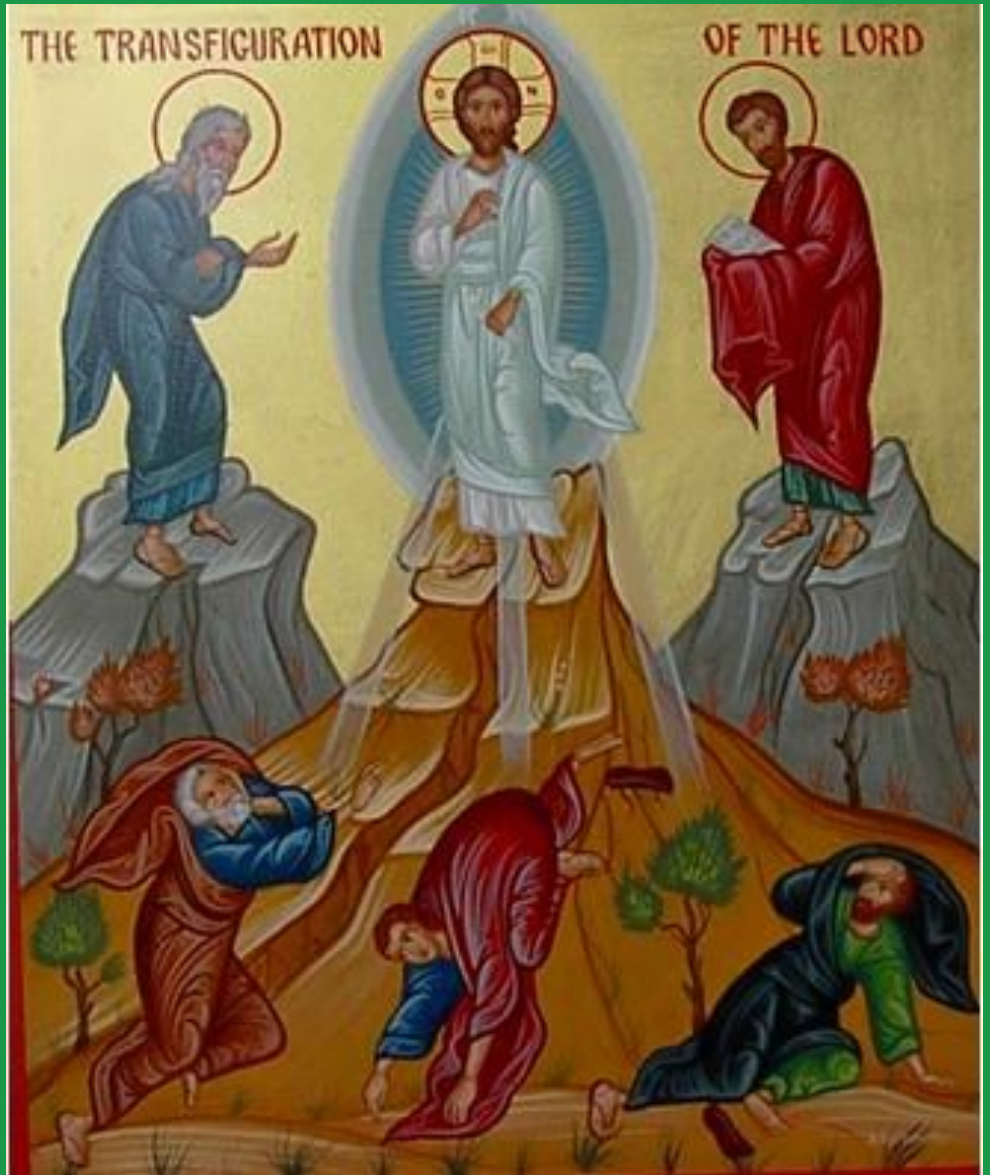
St. Denis Church
Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am
Monday-Friday: 8:00am

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



August 6th, 2023 The Transfiguration of the Lord

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Gospel Reading

Today's liturgy invites us to celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This feast calls to our attention the importance of this event in Jesus' life, further affirmed by its report in each of the Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In Cycle A, the reading for this feast is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah and after Jesus predicts his Passion. In each of these Gospels, a discussion of the cost of discipleship precedes the Transfiguration.

In each Gospel, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear and converse with Jesus. Elijah and Moses are both significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. Moses represents the Law, which guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh, and some believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. The appearance of these two figures from Israel's history indicated Jesus' continuity with the Law and the prophets. They also reveal that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

Upon witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, an awestruck Peter offered to construct three tents for them when a voice from Heaven affirms that Jesus is "my beloved Son" and commands the disciples to listen to him.

In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructed the disciples to keep secret what they had seen until after "the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." Until they witnessed Jesus' Passion and Death, the disciples could not possibly understand what he meant by being "raised from the dead." We, however, have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of the Transfiguration Gospel, we see an anticipation of Jesus' Resurrection, a foreshadowing of Christ's glory in Heaven, and the promise of our own resurrection.

Loyola Press "Sunday Connection"

We Believe

Matthew's account of the Transfiguration in this week's gospel reading is depicted as a moment of new awareness. As we engage with this account today, perhaps we can draw parallels between the Transfiguration and our own faith journeys.

Just as Jesus led his beloved followers up an unnamed mountain, we, too, can allow ourselves the opportunity to seek an unnamed higher ground, elevating our insights and deepening our encounters with God. Recognizing the moments of God touching our lives renders us a sense of continuity and enhances our relationships, not only with God, but with one another as true brothers and sisters of Christ.

The appearance of Moses and Elijah in today's gospel represents the historical presence of God with the Divine Presence presently being revealed to the Apostles. Can we link our own spiritual histories with where we spiritually find ourselves today? How is God touching our lives?

While we may not directly hear a thundering voice from the heavens, we can hear God's words in our hearts. The followers of Jesus were challenged to integrate their new insights and revelations of Jesus into their collective identity as God's Chosen People and as individuals touched deeply by the Messiah, once again affirmed as God's true Son.

Jesus' invitation to Peter, James, and John was a grace-filled call to join with Jesus, revealed as God's beloved Son and our brother, in bringing God's love to a very challenging world. While our current understanding of "world" is obviously vastly larger and more complex, Matthew's Transfiguration is revealing God's call to you and me to do the same.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. Aug.	5	5:30 pm	Eamon Carville (+)
Sun. Aug.	6	7:30 am	For teachers & students
		9:30 am	For teachers & students
		11:30 am	Josy Ryan (+)
Mon. Aug.	7	8:00 am	For national unity
Tues. Aug.	8	8:00 am	For scientists
Wed. Aug.	9	8:00 am	For our Jewish sisters & brothers
Thurs. Aug.	10	8:00 am	For travelers
Fri. Aug.	11	8:00 am	James Bruno (+)



Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Aug.	5	4:30 pm	Mary Sheppard (+)
Sun. Aug.	6	9:30 am	For teachers & students

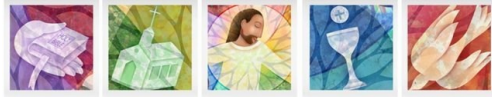
In your charity, please pray for...

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

Time to register your children for another year of Faith Formation! Just go to the parish website at www.stdenisparish.org and click the Faith Formation tab. There you will find schedules and forms and all the information you need. Or contact Lucy Soltau at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org for more details.



Faith Formation

NEW THIS YEAR!!

BEGINNING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Our elementary grades PreK to 6th will meet Sunday mornings at 9:00am. 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. Meet other parents, talk about the Sunday scriptures, share ideas, facilitated by our catechists and others.

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 have been my "mountaintop moments", where I experienced God most directly?

Have I told others about it? Have I shared my faith experience?

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, 2023 to June 30th, 2024 (Goal)	TBD
July 1, 2023 to June, 2024 (Received so far)	\$31,372.00
July 2023 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$31,372.00
July 2023 Sunday Offertory Collections (Goal)	TBD

"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.

Missionary Cooperation Plan



Kabale Diocese is one of the 19 dioceses in Uganda located in the southwestern corner of the country—about 280 miles from the capital city of Kampala. We serve a population of about 1.8 million people, and 800,000 are Roman Catholic. The vast majority of the people we serve are located in rural, underserved, and mostly remote areas of the country. Most critical among the challenges they face is healthcare. Leading causes of death in Uganda include neonatal disorders, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, lower respiratory infections, diarrheal diseases, congenital defects, heart disease, stroke, road injury, and malnutrition.

Purpose of the appeal

The purpose of my request is to seek financial support toward the development of a hospital for the rural poor—Our Lady of Good Health Hospital Rushoroza. Through the gracious generosity of many, we have managed to complete the initial phase—outpatient department, minor operating room, medical/ surgical ward and small delivery/maternity unit. We are transitioning into the next phase for which we are seeking assistance, a phase that comprises of children's ward, dental, ophthalmology, radiology, medical laboratory units, and expansion on emergency room, operating room, maternity unit, and ambulance services. Our one and only ambulance is 16 years old and almost beyond repair.

We are also seeking assistance to support our long-term Kabale Diocese Orphaned and Vulnerable Children Program. Through our foster home care program, we provide out-reach support to orphaned children the vast majority of whom have lost both parents and are left all alone to fend for themselves. We provide them with shelter, school tuition, clothing, and healthcare. We are currently supporting 540 children out of well over 20,000 greatly in need of help.

Additionally, although we are eternally grateful for the gift of vocations, currently 78 major seminarians and 820 catechists, we face a mounting challenge of their training and formation costs—\$400/year for one seminarian, and 150 for one catechist in training.

Any measure of outreach help will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely in the Lord,

Rev. Frederick K. Byaruhanga

Diocesan Representative

Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos

Unlike other filmed versions about Jesus' life, *The Chosen* uses “backstories” to help us place the story in context. Isn't this what Ignatius of Loyola does in inviting us to use our own imaginations in filling in the details of a Gospel scene, to better “see” Jesus? Each session will include the viewing of an episode, discussion and prayer. If you have questions please email: iclemmensens@jrclosaltos.org. September 12, 19, 26; October 17, 24, 31; November 14, 28; December 5 Tuesday Mornings (9 Sessions, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.). Sr. Ingrid Clemmensens, O.P. is a native of San Francisco and joined the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose in 1972. www.jrclosaltos.org.



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