

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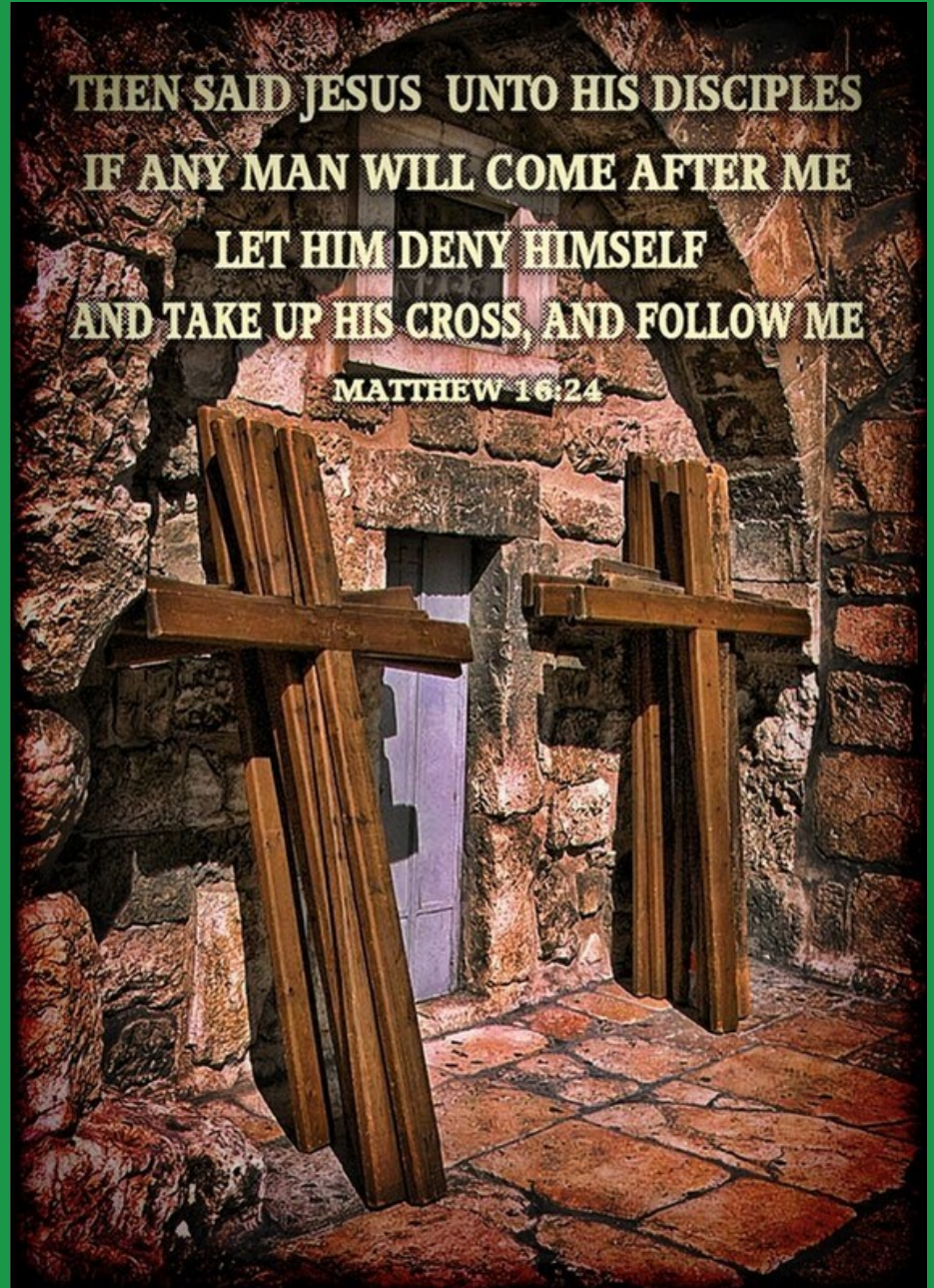
St. Denis Church
Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am
Monday-Friday: 8:00am

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



September 3rd, 2023 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(650) 854-5976
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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

Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

How often do we say the word “no” to ourselves? Saying “no” though can be good for the soul, our soul. When we give into our desires, it can often lead to our demise. Eating too much junk food can lead to obesity. Drinking too much can lead to driving under the influence, risking harm to ourselves and to others. Working too much so that we can acquire possessions can lead to ignoring what really matters in life, our family and health. Saying “no” by denying ourselves is a matter of faith.

Jesus commands that we deny ourselves if we want to be his disciples. Following Jesus requires that we make personal sacrifices for the greater good. World class athletes make numerous sacrifices each and every day. They deny themselves ice cream, junk food and going on vacations. As Christians, we are called and challenged to deny our selfish ambitions.

Jesus lived his life for others. Did he not heal numerous people? Did he not do God’s will and not his own? Did he not serve others rather than being served? Jesus teaches us by his example how to live in this world. He denied himself so that we could be saved.

God bless, Fr. Paul

About the Gospel

In this week’s gospel reading, Matthew 16:21-27, Jesus predicts his own suffering, death, and resurrection, and then goes on to explain the cost of discipleship,—emphasizing sacrifice, selflessness, and transformative power. As followers of Christ, we are called to prioritize our spiritual growth and service to others over personal comfort and worldly desires. Paradoxically, it is through this focus on putting God first and caring for others that we find true life and fulfillment.

In this holy endeavor, as we take up our particular crosses, we are called to periodically re-examine our priorities, choosing to re-align ourselves with God and towards the well-being of others. Sacrificial love can be a beautiful expression of selflessness and compassion. However, it can become destructive when it crosses certain boundaries.

One indication that sacrificial love may be destructive is when it consistently prioritizes the needs of others over one's own well-being to the point of self-neglect. If sacrificial love enables unhealthy behaviors or perpetuates harmful patterns, it can be destructive. It's important to strike a balance between caring for others and caring for oneself. Seeking guidance from reliable sources, practicing discernment, promoting open communication, realizing one’s limitations, and valuing self-care, are all avenues to travel when following Christ.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. Sept. 2	5:30 pm	Joan Whitehorn (+)
Sun. Sept. 3	7:30 am	For laborers
	9:30 am	Lourdes de Guzman (+)
	11:30 am	Victims of fires
Mon. Sept. 4	8:00 am	For laborers
Tues. Sept. 5	8:00 am	For those with disabilities
Wed. Sept. 6	8:00 am	For those with mental illness
Thurs. Sept. 7	8:00 am	In gratitude
Fri. Sept. 8	8:00 am	Blessed Mother Mary’s intentions

Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Sept. 2	4:30 pm	Victims of fires
Sun. Sept. 3	9:30 am	Victims of fires

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.

NEW THIS YEAR!! BEGINNING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Our elementary grades PreK to 6th will meet Sunday mornings at 9:00am.

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! September 10 will be our last time!

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

We have some great catechists helping to form the faith of our young people!

Please join us at the 9:30am Mass to bless them for the new school year.

If you would like to be a catechist too, just contact Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org

Question Of The Week

Doing God's will is not supposed to be easy.

What cross am I will to carry behind Jesus?

Am I willing to lose it all for the sake of gaining heaven in the end?

Maui Fire Relief

We are called to help those in need by supporting humanitarian needs. If you would like to support those in need due to the fires in Maui, go to, [\(Maui - Archdiocese of San Francisco \(sfarch.org\)\).](http://(Maui-ArchdioceseofSanFrancisco.sfarch.org))



St. Denis Parish Outreach

St. Denis Parish Outreach has been asked to help with the evening meal on Sunday Sept 10th at the new RWC Navigation Center. Pat Mach is looking for volunteers to serve and help provide salads, drinks and healthy dessert for the group. If you are interested in helping, please email Pat at patricia.mach@sbcglobal.net.



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.

Parish Picnic

Our annual picnic is Sunday, September 10, at noon at Our Lady of the Wayside. We will be barbequing chicken & hotdogs & serving up some great sides & libations too. Please join your parish family! All are welcome. Use the sign up sheet in back of the church or call Dede to give us an idea about the food.



Lay Mission Project



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Lay Catholic?**

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