

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



September 10th, 2023 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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,

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. His voice refers to God's voice. It is a voice worth hearing though. Yet, so many of us do not want to hear the very voice of God. We want to hear another voice, a voice that does not command us to transform our hearts and minds. We prefer to hear a voice that tells us what we want to hear rather than what we need to hear. We want to hear a voice that tells us that it is okay to do what we want to do rather than what we need to do.

God has lived a lot longer than we have or ever will. He is a fountain of wisdom and insight which we could tremendously benefit from. God is our Father who wants to pass on his wisdom and insight to us. It is better to turn the other cheek than to seek vengeance. Vengeance leads to violence which leads to the death of innocent human beings. Loving our neighbor as ourselves leads to peace. Hatred leads to division, chaos and destruction. If only we are willing to hear the voice of God.

We have no one to blame but ourselves for the problems of the world. We are the root of it, not God. He gives us all that we need. It is up to each and every one of us to live a life of faith. It is up to us to make the world a better place in which to live. We can only do that if we hear the voice of God and act on it. Love one another as I have loved you.

God bless, Fr. Paul

About the Gospel

Today's gospel focuses on the importance of open communication, forgiveness, and the power of community in resolving conflicts. Matthew 18:15-20 is especially relevant for the times in which we live today, where misunderstandings, lies, exaggerations, and conflicts are so prevalent.

The need for open and honest communication in resolving problems is clear. Jesus tells us to address these issues directly with the person involved, rather than spreading rumors or fostering resentment.

Social media has added another layer of interaction and potential strife to our lives. In this age of online interactions and reactions, sometimes coupled with the ability to remain anonymous, it is even more crucial to approach conflicts with compassion, empathy, and a genuine willingness to listen. In a culture that values independence, violence, and revenge, Jesus teaches the value of forgiveness. For Jesus, it is not about winning or "having the last word," the goal is reconciliation and healing. The adage, "Hate the sin, but not the sinner," is a fitting approach to being loyal to our values and still respectful of others as followers of Christ.

Today's gospel also stresses the significance of community and the strength that can be found in coming together. Jesus promises that where two or three are gathered in his name, he is present. The power of collective action and the importance of supporting one another in times of conflict and difficulty are as essential to us today as it was for the survival of Jesus' first followers. As believers, we are challenged to promote healthy relationships and harmony wherever we find ourselves, giving real meaning to those familiar words, "Peace be with you."

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. Sept. 9	5:30 pm	for enslaved people
Sun. Sept. 10	7:30 am	John Zanoni (+)
	9:30 am	John Zanoni (+)
	11:30 am	for our parish community
Mon. Sept. 11	8:00 am	a day of service
Tues. Sept. 12	8:00 am	increase our compassion
Wed. Sept. 13	8:00 am	for those mentally abused
Thurs. Sept. 14	8:00 am	for animals/pets
Fri. Sept. 15	8:00 am	end human trafficking

Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Sept. 9	4:30 pm	Jack Sullivan (+)
Sun. Sept. 10	9:30 am	for our parish community

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

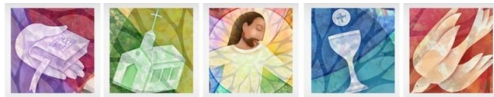
Time to register your children for another year of Faith Formation! Just use this link for the registration form: <https://stdenisparish.org/religiousedreg> There you will find schedules and forms and all the information you need. Or contact Lucy Soltau at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org for more details.

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. **REGISTER NOW** at <https://stdenisparish.org/religiousedreg>



Faith Formation

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Today is our last gathering for the summer! It's been so much fun talking with the children about the readings and spending time with the Lord in the garden. We'll do it again whenever we don't have Faith Formation sessions, so keep coming to the 9:30am Mass every Sunday.

Question Of The Week

Do I share God's truth with others, or just my own truth?

How do I know the difference?

When I shared God's truth, how did that go?

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)).

Blessing our Catechists

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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

Dede Waters-Masters leads the preschool/ kindergarten with the help of Zoe Hayward, Baird & Ethan Radford lead the first grade, Lisa Cooper has the second grade/First Communion preparation group, Yvonne Schmidt & Michelle Donatelli lead the third/fourth grade, Mark Leake will lead the fifth/sixth grade group, and Yolanda Cheung will help lead the Confirmation preparation.

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

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

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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.

After school snacks for St. Francis Center

We are collecting snacks for St Francis Center school children to keep them nourished. Please drop any of the below items in the barrels at the back of church and we will get them to St Francis. If you would rather make a donation, write your check to St Denis and put on the memo line St Francis snack collection.

Granola bars

Nut bars or bags of nuts

Fruit leather or snacks

Microwave popcorn

Meat snack sticks

personal size bags of Gold fish, pretzels, graham crackers, cookies, cheese crackers or peanut butter crackers



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