

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



October 1st, 2023 26th 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,

When I was in the seminary, I took an ecclesiastical art class. The professor showed us many slides of beautiful Catholic churches. It amazed me how these massive and ornate churches were built given the technology or lack of technology they had back then. It dawned on me that many people may have died while constructing these churches. Most likely there were no safety measures to help prevent accidents. When I mentioned this in class, the professor was not very pleased with me. I got a B in class rather than my usual A. Laborers were probably underpaid and not well treated. Institutions and corporations tend to treat their workers as objects, easily disposable and replaceable. It is no wonder why we have so many labor laws.

Our faith provides the guiding principles of treating all people with justice. St. Paul in his Letter to the Philippians writes do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others. What if all business schools taught this as the main principle of management and business ownership. I imagine companies would greatly thrive.

Real success in life comes down to how we view and treat others. Are people mere objects to be used for one's selfish pursuits or are people treated as valued contributors to our endeavors? Remember that each and every human being is made in the image and likeness of God. We will be judged on how we treat others. Rather than seeing through our own eyes let us see through eyes of faith. In doing this, we will see what God sees in all of us.

God bless, Fr. Paul

About the Gospel

The parable in Matthew 21:28-32 tells the story of two sons who are asked by their father to go and work in his vineyard. The first son initially refuses but later changes his mind and goes, while the second son agrees to go but ultimately does not.

This parable can be seen as a lesson about the importance of actions and sincerity. Based on this parable, a good criterion for judging a person's character can be their actions and their ability to follow through on their words. It is not enough for someone to simply say the right things or make promises; their actions must ultimately align with their words.

The ability to reflect on one's actions and make necessary changes is an important aspect of character. The first son in the parable initially refused but later changed his mind and went to work in the vineyard. Let us strive, as followers of Christ, to examine what we say and do, and be willing to change when necessary.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. Sept. 30	5:30 pm	For St. Denis parishioners
Sun. Oct. 1	7:30 am	Pat Nelligan (+)
	9:30 am	For all animals
	11:30 am	For the care of our planet
Mon. Oct. 2	8:00 am	Communion service
Tues. Oct. 3	8:00 am	Communion service
Wed. Oct. 4	8:00 am	Communion service
Thurs. Oct. 5	8:00 am	For those with mental illness
Fri. Oct. 6	8:00 am	In thanksgiving

Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Sept. 30	4:30 pm	National unity
Sun. Oct. 1	9:30 am	Joseph Soffey (+)

In your charity, please pray for...

Frans Mertens, 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.

FAITH FORMATION GROUPS HAVE BEGUN!

Our elementary grades PreK to 6th are meeting Sunday mornings at 9:00am.

Parents are welcome to join us on the patio for discussion of Sunday readings, share ideas, etc. You can still register at <https://stdenisparish.org/religiousedreg>

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING

TODAY! Sunday, October 1 at 10:30am in the church (between Masses)

We'll be talking about preparing the children for First Reconciliation.

Please come to pick up your folders and materials for home.

CONFIRMATION GROUP MEETS NEXT SUNDAY

October 8, beginning with Mass at 11:30am, then lunch and class til 2:00pm

Bring your Bibles and your homework!

Question Of The Week

It's not fair! How many times have I said that?
My vision of fairness is not how God sees it.
How can I act in fairness the way God does?

Blessing Of Pets

Blessing of the pets honoring St. Francis of Assisi is this Wednesday, October 4th at 4:30pm at St. Denis Church in front of the chapel.



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)	\$58,084.00
August 2023 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$26,712.00
August 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.

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

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Monday Night Football Fundraiser

Join Father Paul & fellow parishioners Monday October 23rd, at 5:00 pm in the St. Denis hall for a Fun Football Fundraiser.

Admissions is \$20/family (from 1 to 6 people) recommended minimum. We will serve beverages of choice.

Dinner will be available for purchase but we raise money on admission & our live raffle.

We will be raising money for The Maple Street Shelter (LifeMoves-San Mateo Navigation Center) & St. Anthony's of Padua Dining Room to help low-income families struggling in these tougher economic times. Your donations to the 5th Sunday second collection has been supporting these groups over the years.

Purchase your family admission ticket on WeShare by using the QR Code on the back of the bulletin or use the link on our parish website, stdenisparish.org. You can also write a check, (in the memo line put MNFF,) or you can just show up that night & pay.



LifeMoves

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!

St. Denis QR Code



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