

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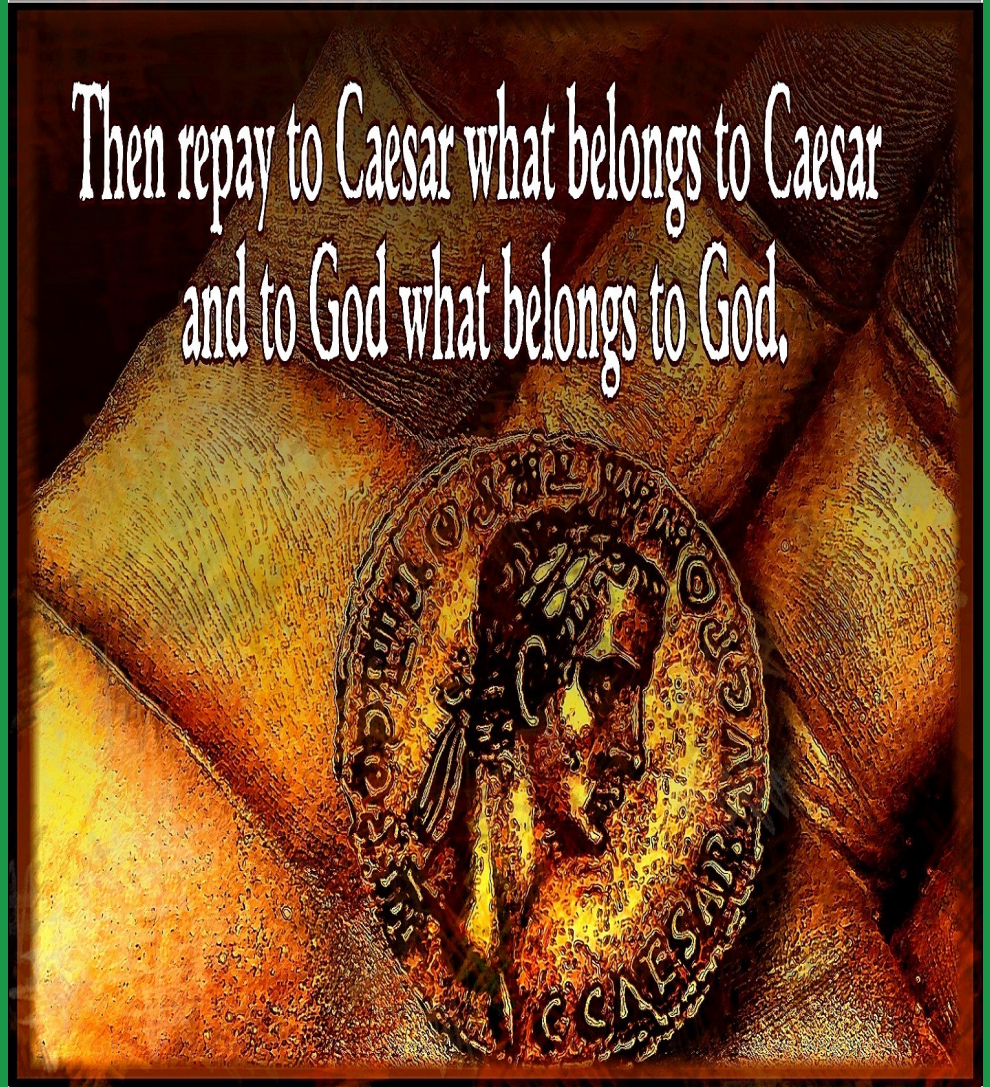
St. Denis Church
Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am
Monday-Friday: 8:00am

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



October 22nd, 2023 29th 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,

Today's first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah reminds us that the Jewish people are the chosen People of God: "Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not. I am the Lord and there is no other". In ancient times, surrounded by pagan nations, the Jewish people were the only ones who were monotheistic. They believed in only one God. The one and only God in the Book of Genesis who made heaven and earth. The one and only God who delivered the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. The one and only God who promised to send the Messiah.

The one and only God the Israelites believe in is the same one and only God we believe in as well. Our God fulfilled his promise to send the Messiah. He sent his son Jesus to free us from the slavery of sin, and to give us eternal life. I believe Jesus is the only one who sacrificed his very life by dying an agonizing death on a cross. I believe Jesus is the only one who taught to turn the other cheek, pray for your enemies and persecutors, love God and your neighbor as yourself and to forgive seven times seventy times which means always and forever.

I believe that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. His way is the way of peace. God's peace and love cannot reign in our hearts if we harbor hatred towards our neighbor. Our neighbor is not just the person living next to us. Our neighbor includes those who live down the street, on the opposite side of town, in another city, in another state and in another country. We are seeing what is happening before our very eyes when we do not follow the way of Jesus, death, and destruction. The Truth is that we are all made in the image and likeness of God. The annihilation of a race or nation is the greatest failure of believing in the one and only God. If only we truly believe and live it.

God bless, Fr. Paul

About the Gospel

Today's Gospel presents the principle of living as responsible citizens while also remaining faithful to our spiritual beliefs. Highlighting his wisdom and ability to navigate difficult situations, Jesus skillfully responds to the religious leaders' question without falling into their trap. This is a reminder of the importance of discernment and tact in all our interactions with others, especially the uncomfortable ones.

Matthew 22:15-21 teaches us about the balance between our earthly responsibilities and our spiritual commitments. It reminds us to prioritize our relationship with God while also fulfilling our obligations in society.

Balancing daily responsibilities with spiritual commitments is a common challenge for many people. If we take the time to examine our deepest values and beliefs, we can find a way to set our spiritual priorities. Through time management and a commitment to God, we can create routines that incorporate prayer, worship, and fellowship. We can look to others who model the ability to balance prayer lives with all the other commitments that pull us in varied directions. Finally, paying mindful attention to all the challenges that touch our lives can be a true opportunity of grace if we consciously seek God in all things. This cultivation of inner peace and harmony will bring that balance we desire. "Rendering to God, the things that are God's" really can become all-inclusive.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. Oct. 21 5:30 pm Peace in the Middle East
 Sun. Oct. 22 7:30 am Matthew & Ginny David (living)
 9:30 am Peace in the Middle East
 11:30 am Aldo Didero (living)
 Mon. Oct. 23 8:00 am Peace in the Middle East
 Tues. Oct. 24 8:00 am End to human trafficking
 Wed. Oct. 25 8:00 am Increase in compassion
 Thurs. Oct. 26 8:00 am For those struggling
 with mental illness
 Fri. Oct. 27 8:00 am Lisa Maskarich (+)

Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Oct. 21 4:30 pm Jack Sullivan (+)
 Sun. Oct. 22 9:30 am Peace in the Middle East

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

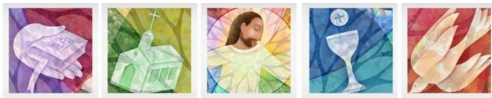
FAITH FORMATION

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

Our Confirmation group meets on selected Sundays at 11:30am.

Parents are welcome to join us on the patio at 9:00am for discussion of Sunday readings, share ideas, etc. Please use this link to register: <https://stdenisparish.org/religiouslydereg>

There you will find our schedules and other information about activities and events for families. Contact Lucy Soltau at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org for more information.



Faith Formation

CONFIRMATION GROUP MEETS TODAY

October 22 beginning with Mass at 11:30am, then lunch and class til 2:00pm.

Bring your Bibles and your homework!

FR. PAUL'S FIRST COMMUNION CLASS (optional)

Fr. Paul will meet with the First Communion class on Monday, October 23 at 3:30pm in the parish hall. This is an optional class for the children to get to know Father better.

Question Of The Week

What do I owe to God?
And how will I ever repay it?

Senior Lunch & Communion Service

Join fellow seniors at the St. Denis hall patio on Monday, October 30th for Communion Service and lunch. All seniors are welcome!



Kenya Help

Fr Daniel Kiriti of St Francis Lare Parish in Kenya will be giving a talk at the home of Margo McAuliffe on the Kenya Help foundation we have been supporting for high school students. He will describe the conditions in Kenya, and it will be a great opportunity to catch up on our scholarship students. Margo's address is 179 East Creek Drive Menlo Park, and the talk will begin at 2:00p Sunday Oct 22. All are welcome. RSVP to go.kenyahelp@gmail.com.



Knit & Pray

Knit & Pray meets this Monday, October 23rd at 4pm in the St. Denis Parish library. All are welcome!



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)	\$87,033.00
September 2023 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$28,949.00
September 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.

Used Kitchen Towels Need to St. Anthony's Dining Room

St. Anthony's Dining Room is in need of **USED KITCHEN TOWELS**. The volunteers at St. Anthony's will use these to wipe down tables and countertops. You can also purchase new ones. Look for the barrel in back of the church. The last pick up will be Sunday, October 22nd.

As always, thank you for your generosity!



Monday Night Football Fundraiser

Join Father Paul & fellow parishioners this 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. Click give now, then search the fund list for Monday Night Football. 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!

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