

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

**You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your
heart. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

Matthew 22 :34-40



October 29th, 2023 30th 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 doing my training as a Navy Chaplain, I learned something very important. Chaplains are noncombatants, which means they do not carry a gun of any sort. Under the Geneva Convention, killing chaplains is not permitted during wartime. Even though this may be true, it does not mean chaplains will not be killed. Hanging on the walls of the Chaplain School were picture of dozens of chaplains killed in the various wars. How we treat our enemy is indicative of a nation's moral character.

The Word of God is very clear in the Book of Exodus. God commands his chosen people to treat their enemies with respect and dignity. For God commands, "You shall not molest or oppress an alien. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If the Israelites did, they would have suffered God's wrath.

How we treat those we do not like is indicative of our moral character as well. Jesus commands that we turn the other cheek, pray for our enemies and persecutors and to love our neighbor as ourselves. These days, it is evident that so many of us are ignoring the very Word of God. We have no one to blame but ourselves for the evil and atrocities that are happening at this moment. Common human decency is lacking. People may have faith, but they are not living it the way God intended. God cannot force us to put down arms nor force us to be kind to one another. We have the gift of free will. Therefore, choose to do no harm on others. Wish no ill on our persecutors. By doing this, people will know that we are living the faith.

God bless, Fr. Paul

About the Gospel

A popular take on Matthew 22:34-40 focuses on the concept of self-love as a foundation for loving others. By nurturing a healthy relationship with oneself, individuals can then extend that love and compassion to others with purpose and authenticity.

With this in mind, and judging by the current culture in which we live, we might ask ourselves, "How can we determine if we are exercising a balanced self-love or an inflated self-centeredness?"

Healthy self-love is about recognizing and valuing one's own worth, taking care of one's physical, emotional, and mental well-being, and setting healthy boundaries without disregarding the needs and feelings of others. Rooted in a sense of self-worth doesn't rely on external validation or superiority over others. It does involve finding a healthy balance between taking care of oneself and considering the needs of others. Making a genuine and on-going effort to understand and respect the feelings and priorities of others is the loving behavior Jesus teaches.

If self-love is truly rooted in self-acceptance and a genuine attempt to follow Jesus' teachings, it involves setting and respecting boundaries, knowing when to say no, and when to prioritize one's well-being.

On our journey to grace-filled self-love we have to accept ourselves, seek to improve our strengths, and work on our weaknesses. This is not an isolated task.

Recognizing our common bonds with all our brothers and sisters as children of God fosters self-love, love of neighbor, and most assuredly, love of God.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. Oct. 28	5:30 pm	World peace
Sun. Oct. 29	7:30 am	Concepcion Pazzibugan (living)
	9:30 am	John Gaetano (+)
	11:30 am	Patricia Onorato (+)
Mon. Oct. 30	8:00 am	Guido & Florence Budelli (+)
Tues. Oct. 31	8:00 am	For our beloved pets
Wed. Nov. 1	8:00 am	For the intercession of the saints
Thurs. Nov. 2	8:00 am	For those who have died
Fri. Nov. 3	8:00 am	For national reconciliation

Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Oct. 28	4:30 pm	World peace
Sun. Oct. 29	9:30 am	For those who have died
Wed. Nov 1	5:30 pm	For the intercession of the Saints

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/religiousedreg>

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 NEXT SUNDAY

November 5, beginning with Mass at 11:30am, then lunch and class til 2:00pm.

Bring your Bibles and your homework!

Question Of The Week

Love is not a feeling; it is a decision about how to treat others.

Can I decide to act with love towards others, even if I don't like them?

Senior Lunch & Communion Service

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



Gardening Morning Jesuit Retreat Center

All happy gardeners & those who would enjoy a morning of working outdoors! We are holding a morning of gardening at the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos on Saturday, November 4th. We will start with Mass at 9:00 am, & then we'll work until lunch at 12 noon. Fr. John Auther will have work for everyone according to talents & strength. Please register online so that we know you are coming! <https://jrc.retreatportal.com/>



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.

Monday Night Football Fundraiser

Even though the 49ers lost the game, the fundraiser was a success. We hope to do more in the future. Thank you for your participation & generosity.



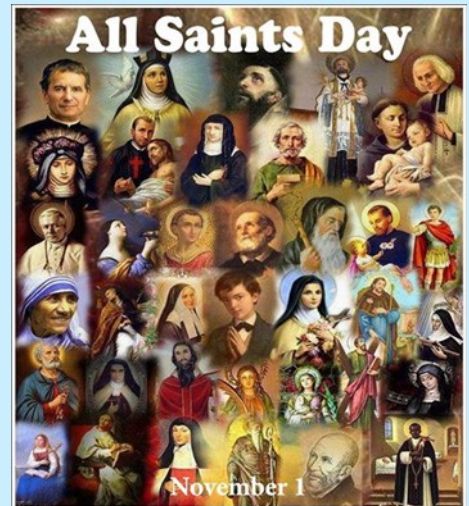
Solemnity of All Saints November 1st Holy Day Of Obligation

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

Mass times are

8:00am at St. Denis

5:30pm at Our Lady of the Wayside



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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