

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

From healing to service. Mark 1:29-39



February 4th, 2024 Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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St. Denis Church (Parish Office)
2250 Avy Avenue • Menlo Park

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
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Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

The human body is not only the temple of God, but also susceptible to illnesses and diseases. We are finite human beings. The human condition is prone to many things. It is amazing how many afflictions the human body can acquire. Fortunately, we have modern medicine to cure and remedy illnesses and diseases.

During the time of Jesus, people were not so fortunate. They suffered greatly due to lack of treatment. An aspect of the ministry of Jesus was healing and curing human suffering. In today's gospel passage, Jesus cures Simon's mother-in-law as well as those needing healing and even those who were possessed. There is something to be learned from Simon's cured mother-in-law.

When she was cured of her fever, she did not run off to go shopping or to go see her friends. Instead, she served her guest. She was hospitable to Jesus and his disciples. She waited on them. Peter's mother-in-law was selfless and giving once she was healed. This begs the question. What do we do when we receive God's blessings? Do we use our blessings for selfish pursuits, or do we like Peter's mother-in-law serve God and our brothers and sisters in Christ? Our blessings are meant to be shared.

God bless, Fr. Paul

About the Gospel

This week's gospel reading describes Jesus' healing of Peter's mother-in-law. Jesus' compassion and ability to bring about physical healing is clearly demonstrated, but we can also recognize the role of Peter's mother-in-law in Mark's account.

Once her health is restored, this woman expresses her gratitude through her hospitality and service to Jesus and his disciples. Her willingness to use her restored health for the benefit of others is a worthy example for all believers to follow. Our blessings are meant to be shared.

Christ-centered service and hospitality are rooted in love and compassion. Jesus showed that caring by healing Peter's mother-in-law and countless others throughout his life. Likewise, our acts of service and hospitality should begin with a sincere desire to help those in need, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to serve others selflessly, without expecting anything in return.

Christ-centered service and hospitality involve humility. Peter's mother-in-law's recovery seamlessly affirmed her intention to provide for Jesus, Peter, and their houseguests. Her healing was complete and so was the hospitality she willingly provided. Did this woman know all the people she offered to feed that day? Probably not, but trusting Jesus, she welcomed them. When we serve others, we may have to step out of our comfort zones in serving our brothers and sisters, the children of God.

It is through our relationship with God that we are able to find the strength, wisdom, and compassion to serve others. By seeking God's guidance and relying on His grace, we can truly embody Christ-centered service and hospitality, something to purposely think about as we approach the upcoming season of Lent.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. Feb. 3	5:30 pm	Peace in the Middle East
Sun. Feb. 4	7:30 am	Fair wages
	9:30 am	Peter Fulchiron (+)
	11:30 am	Honest leaders
Mon. Feb. 5	8:00 am	Hansueli Wick (+)
Tues. Feb. 6	8:00 am	Tyler Scheetz (+)
Wed. Feb. 7	8:00 am	Peace in the Middle East
Thurs Feb. 8	8:00 am	An end to human trafficking
Fri. Feb. 9	8:00 am	In thanksgiving

Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Feb. 3	4:30 pm	Peace in the Middle East
Sun. Feb. 4	9:30 am	Fair wages

Long time St. Denis parishioner Elna Kusa passed away peacefully at home on January 19th. Private services will be held.

In your charity, please pray for...

EM, Frans Mertens, 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/religiouslyedreg>

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

Fr. Paul's First Communion Class meets Monday, February 5 at 3:30pm in the parish hall.

LENT FAMILY GATHERING AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 11 after the 9:30am Mass.

We'll have everything you need to observe Lent at home, and pancakes!

Everyone is welcome!

Question Of The Week

As Deacon Tom mentioned last week, in the Gospel we see Jesus having an ordinary day.

He prays, preaches, heals, and travels from town to town.

What am I doing, in my ordinary days, to spread the Gospel?

Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday Services on February 14th.

8:00am at St. Denis

12 noon at St Denis with soup luncheon in the patio all are welcome.

5:30pm at Our Lady of the Wayside Church



Sneaker & Socks Collection

The Sisters & Associates of Notre Dame de Namur are collecting sneakers & socks for children at their refugee processing center in Phoenix. If you can help, please put your donations in the box at the back of both church.



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 dianawatersmasters@gmail.com

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)	\$392,200.00
July 1, 2023 to June, 2024 (Received so far)	\$207,361.00
December 2023 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$56,606.00
December 2023 Sunday Offertory Collections (Goal)	\$38,451.00
Christmas Collections	\$40,253.00

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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.

Lent Family Gathering & Pancake Breakfast

Join us Sunday, February 11 after the 9:30am Mass at St. Denis.

We'll have everything you need to observe Lent at home, and pancakes!

Everyone is welcome!



Votive Candles In The Chapel

Please come, light a candle, and spend some time in prayer.

The candles are electronic and remain lit for up to 2 hours.

The chapel will be open whenever the parish office is open and during Masses.



How Cyber Exploitation Leads To Human Trafficking

The Archdiocese of San Francisco is having a virtual talk with guest speaker Susan Patterson, Wednesday, February 7, at 6 pm. Register at sfarch.org/event/cyber-exploitation or call Maria Martinez-Mont at 415 614-5533.



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