

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.

Parish Staff

Rev. Paul O'Dell
Pastor
wpodell@aol.com
(415) 686-9951

Deacon Russ Wertenberg
deaconruss@stdenisparish.org
(650) 854-5976 press 5

Gina Morales
Operations Manager
gmorales@stdenisparish.org
(650) 854-5976 press 1

Lucy Soltau
Director of Faith Formation
lsoltau@stdenisparish.org
(650) 854-5976 press 3

Dede Waters-Masters
Pastoral Minister in charge of
Hospitality and Senior Services
dianawatersmasters@gmail.com
(650) 854-5976 press 4

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

Lenten Workshop with Pancake Breakfast!



February 18th, 2024 First Sunday of Lent

(650) 854-5976
www.stdenisparish.org

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,

On this First Sunday of Lent, we hear about the temptation of Jesus in the desert. The evangelist Mark writes these powerful words: The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert. It seems as though Jesus did not have a say in being driven out into the desert. In terms of faith, we believe that we have freewill. God gave human beings the capacity to choose and decide everything in life. We are not puppets. There are no strings. We are free in every sense of the word.

In light of faith, I believe Jesus opened his heart to do God's will. As a result of being completely and totally open to God, Jesus surrendered his will to do his Father's will which involved being driven out into the desert. Jesus was willing to do and go where God wanted him to go. In doing this, Jesus experienced what he needed to experience. God willed that Jesus be tested. Being tested is a motif in the bible.

Adam and Eve and Abraham were tested. We were tested in school. As human beings, we need to know where we stand. It is the same in terms of our faith. Great things can happen if we pass the test. We get to go on to high school, college, graduate school and get a great job. In passing the test in the desert, God entrusted Jesus with proclaiming the Good News, building up the Kingdom of God and healing those who were sick. May we be open and willing like Jesus to be driven out wherever God wants us to go and to experience what we need to experience no matter how challenging it may be. Great things are in store for those who pass God's test.

God bless, Fr. Paul

About the Gospel

Welcome to the First Sunday of Lent! Lent offers us the opportunity to ponder who we were meant to be, and, to date, are not. Lent is the time to make changes. Instead of focusing on doing without, Lent is far better spent doing and changing whatever it is within that is blocking us from the fullness of life as God intends. What kind of changes are we talking about?

We may be called to revive relationships, revisit old commitments we've allowed to wither, or forgive echoing hurts that prevent us from moving onto promote a productive Lenten mindfulness, perhaps limiting social media might work for some of us. Certainly, focused acts of kindness will bring us closer to the season's purpose. Perhaps an emphasis on sustainable practices could not only recycle our waste but may serve to help "recycle" ourselves. It's a pretty safe bet that most of us could all use some fasting when it comes to cynicism and negativity. These 40 days can make a difference!

Jesus modeled both the importance of individual and communal prayer. This Lent 2024 offers us rich opportunities to partake in both, reminding us that we truly need God—and our world desperately needs the "us" God graces us to be.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. Feb. 17 5:30 pm Suzanne Schaffner (+)
Sun. Feb. 18 7:30 am Janice Covolo (+)
9:30 am For deceased parishioners
11:30 am George & Terry Edel (+)
Mon. Feb. 19 8:00 am For honest politicians
Tues. Feb. 20 8:00 am For the terminally ill
Wed. Feb. 21 8:00 am Peace in the Middle East
Thurs Feb.22 8:00 am In thanksgiving
Fri. Feb.23 8:00 am Those suffering with long term illnesses

Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Feb. 17 4:30 pm For deceased parishioners
Sun. Feb. 18 9:30 am For deceased parishioners

In your charity, please pray...

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/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.



NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Feb. 18

Feb. 18 is President's Day weekend.

All classes resume Feb. 25

Question Of The Week

Jesus was tempted, but never sinned. He knew how to say NO to temptations.

What am I being tempted to do?

What should I be saying NO to?

(Remember, temptations ALWAYS look good, that's what makes them so tempting!)

Knit & Pray

Knit & Pray meets Monday, February 26th at 4 pm in the St. Denis library. All are invited!



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 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) | \$241,240.00 |
| January 2024 Sunday Offertory Collections | \$33,879.00 |
| January 2024 Sunday Offertory Collections (Goal) | \$30,761.00 |
| Annual Appeal 2024 (Goal) | \$89,282.00 |
| Annual Appeal 2024 Collections (Received so far) | \$24,450.00 |

"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.

Lenten Schedule

Every Friday during Lent at 8:00 am at St. Denis Mass, Stations of the Cross

Seder Meal (Passover supper) Tuesday, March 5th at 11:00 am, & Saturday March 23rd after the 5:30 pm Mass.

The Triduum (March 28, 29, 30, 31)

Holy Thursday 7:00 pm at St. Denis (Mass with feet washing, Benediction)

Good Friday services Noon at St. Denis (Stations, Passion, Adoration of Cross, Communion)

Easter Vigil 7:00 pm at St. Denis

Easter Sunday Regular Sunday schedules.

Participate In The Synod On Synodality!

Pope Francis invites the whole Church to participate in the next phase of the Synod on Synodality through engagement sessions that will inform the upcoming Synod of Bishops on Synodality in October 2024.

Engagement Sessions are taking place in each county this Lent. Contact Teresita Contreras at tcontreras@stmatthewcath.org

San Mateo:

When: Friday, March 8, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Where: St. Matthew Catholic Church
1 Notre Dame Avenue
San Mateo, CA 94402



Pray, Fast, Give

Take a Rice Bowl home and use it to help your Lenten practices.

Pray for those in need, make a sacrifice, then put that sacrifice in the bowl!

Filled bowls will be collected during Holy Week and Easter season.



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



OLW QR Code

