

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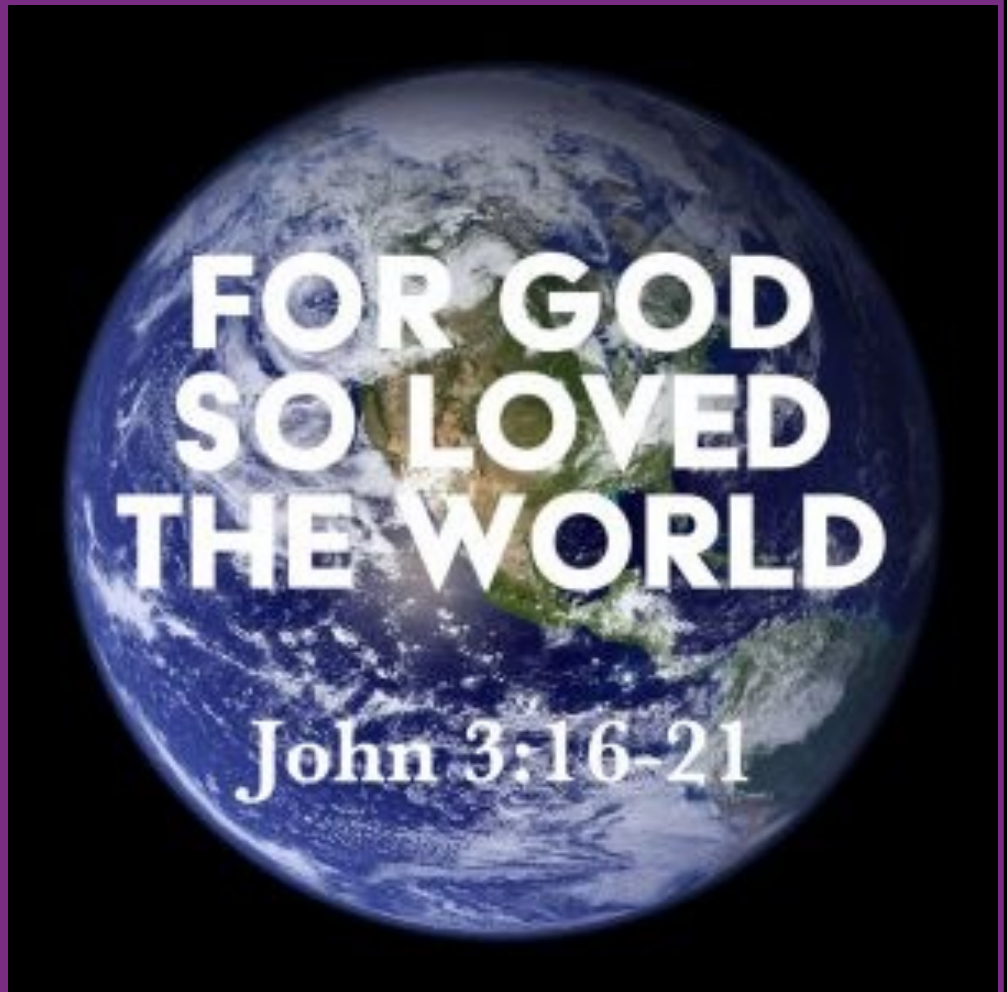
St. Denis Church
Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am
Monday-Friday: 8:00am

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



March 10th, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Lent

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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,

How God puts up with us human beings is beyond me. His patience runs so very long. God watches us make one mistake after another. At times, we fail God more than we succeed. As we hear in today's first reading from 2 Chronicles, God eventually needs to admonish his people. Prophet after prophet God sends them to us for us to return to him with a clean and pure heart. When we are too prideful or arrogant to change our sinful ways, God takes stronger measures. God has a way of getting us on our knees to ask for his forgiveness.

God does not do this out of cruelty. He disciplines us out of love for us. God does not want to lose any one of us. Each and every one of us is precious in his eyes for we are made in his image and likeness. Each and every one of us is his masterpiece uniquely created and invaluable. Ultimately, we are loved by God.

God knows what is best for us more than we know ourselves. Wealth, power, prestige and autonomy are pursuits not worth ruining our lives for. All these vain endeavors can take us away from God. All that God wants and desires is for us to spend time with him every day. If we are willing to make the time for God on a consistent basis, we will surely not regret it. We will never lose our way. God will show us the way. Our lives will bear much fruit.

God bless, Fr. Paul

About the Gospel

Overall, a modern understanding of salvation in John 3:14-21 emphasizes the inclusive nature of God's love, the importance of faith in God as the source of salvation, and the choice before each person to accept or reject God's grace and the transformative power of God's unconditional love.

We participate in salvation by exercising our free will for good, for engaging in a deeper relationship with God through prayer and good works, and committing to justice, forgiveness, and compassion whenever we recognize the need to do so.

Salvation is universal-open to everyone regardless of their history, race, or culture. It involves an ongoing inner transformation, a journey towards wholeness and healing. It is this shift in understanding and grace that enables us to a more loving and compassionate way in dealing with the world.

Jesus' humanity signifies God's salvific plan for all humanity. As believers, we see that Jesus modeled God's intention for each one of us. What better way could God make this known to us? Jesus' incarnation makes it clear.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

Jesus has shown us the way. The on-going process of salvation is in our hands.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. Mar. 9 5:30 pm For honest politicians
Sun. Mar. 10 7:30 am Anna Tornes (+)
9:30 am For honest politicians
11:30 am For the care of the earth
Mon. Mar.11 8:00 am Peace in the Middle East
Tues. Mar.12 8:00 am For those that are disabled
Wed. Mar.13 8:00 am For new martyrs
Thurs Mar.14 8:00 am For a culture of peace
Fri. Mar.15 8:00 am Matt Engstrom (+)

Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Mar. 9 4:30 pm For the care of the earth
Sun. Mar.10 9:30 am For the care of the earth

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/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 CLASS MEETS SUNDAY, MARCH 11

Join us for Mass at 11:30am then lunch and class til 2:00pm.

Bring your homework!

Plan to stay after class to help fill Easter Eggs and Easter Baskets for children!

This is a community service opportunity!!

Fr. Paul's First Communion class meets Monday, March 11 at 3:30-4:30pm.

Question Of The Week

Who would prefer darkness to light?

What am I hiding in the dark?

I can't hide anything from God.

But that doesn't keep me from trying to.

Second Collection

This weekend there is a second collection for Catholic Relief Services. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, & bring Christ's love & mercy to vulnerable people here & abroad.



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.



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)	\$269,977.00
February 2024 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$28,737.00
February 2024 Sunday Offertory Collections (Goal)	\$30,761.00
Annual Appeal 2024 (Goal)	\$89,282.00
Annual Appeal 2024 Collections (Received so far)	\$55,575.00

"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) 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

Lenten Retreat-Seder Meal

Parishioners & Associates of Notre Dame de Namur joined in prayer, to recall the Passover. Mary Chan and Kathy Noether spoke about the symbolism of the meal and how it connects to our Catholic faith. If you missed it, we celebrate another Seder Meal on Saturday, March 23rd, after the 5:30 pm mass. Please RSVP by emailing dianawatersmasters.com.



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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