

# 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



**My Father will honor the  
one who serves me.**

John 12:24-26

**March 17th, 2024 Fifth 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,

Only a few times have I had to tell some parishioners that priests, especially pastors have feelings too. Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will always hurt me worse. God has feelings too. This is evident in today's first reading from the prophet Jeremiah. God is hurt because his people have broken his covenant time and time again. They have turned their backs, and have replaced him with idols. They have forgotten that God delivered them from slavery in Egypt. Although God has always been faithful, his people have not.

God desperately wants to be our one and only and true God, and he desperately wants us to be his people. Even though we have the gift of free-will, God has done something remarkable for us to remember him always. No longer is his covenant written on stone. It is forever written on our hearts. God's Law, more specifically his presence is inscribed on our hearts for us to be reminded that he is with us always.

In doing this, hopefully we can remain faithful to God's covenant and to him. We will surely not be lost as long as we stay close to God, and not forget all that he has done for us. Ever so often, I reflect upon God's many blessings in my life, and how he has been with me through difficult times. I marvel at God's faithful presence and his watchful eye upon me. May you do the same.

God bless, Fr. Paul

## About the Gospel

As we move closer towards Palm Sunday and Holy Week, we come face-to-face with our deep connection to the Paschal Mystery, the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Paschal Mystery is the culmination of Jesus' earthly ministry and the core of our faith, the fullest expression of suffering, death, and eternal life. As followers of Christ, we are called to enter into the Paschal Mystery by living out the values Jesus' earthly life demonstrated—love, sacrifice, and the promise of eternal life.

Here are some suggestions to assist in our acknowledgment of the Paschal Mystery in our lives.

As the Lenten season winds down, we might make it a point to reflect on the depth of Jesus' love for humanity and ask ourselves how we can emulate his selfless love in our own relationships and interactions with others.

Connecting our sufferings and life challenges to Jesus' suffering and sacrifice can give us the hope and strength we need to get through them.

The Paschal Mystery highlights the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation. We are called to forgive others as God forgives us and to try to mend the broken relationships in our lives.

When we celebrate the resurrection, we embrace the essence of the Paschal Mystery and come to the spiritual reality of eternal life and the grace-filled hope that can be our companion on our own lifetime journey.

Our connection to the Paschal Mystery makes Jesus' story our story. Taking time to reflect on this can make the remaining days of this Lenten season a time of true holiness, hope, and blessing.

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis Church

Sat. Mar. 16 5:30 pm Denis Baylor (+)  
Sun. Mar. 17 7:30 am For those preparing to receive Sacraments  
9:30 am Jose Diaz (+)  
11:30 am For those preparing to receive Sacraments  
Mon. Mar.18 8:00 am Melvin Nicholas DiSalvo (+)  
Tues. Mar.19 8:00 am For those living in exile  
Wed. Mar.20 8:00 am Josephine Stafford (+)  
Thurs Mar.21 8:00 am In thanksgiving  
Fri. Mar.22 8:00 am Marjorie Bruno (+)

### Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Mar.16 4:30 pm For those preparing to receive Sacraments  
Sun. Mar.17 9:30 am For those preparing to receive Sacraments

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lsoltau@stdenisparish.org) for more information.

## 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.



## Question Of The Week

A covenant is more than a contract, or agreement between two people. It's supposed to be a real joining two together, forever, on a deeper level.

God made a covenant with me, and God always keeps God's promises.

What about me? Am I holding up my end? Am I forever joined to God?

## Easter Lilies

If you would like to donate an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one, you can drop a check or cash in the amount of \$10.00 in the collection basket, or bring to the parish office. We need the name of your loved one, & which church, St. Denis or Our Lady of the Wayside. Last day to donate is March 28th, Holy Thursday.



## Knit & Pray

Knit & Pray meets March 25th, at 4:00pm in the St. Denis library. All are welcome!



## 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 the church. Last day to drop off is March 24th.



## 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](mailto: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](http://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 to [dianawatersmasters@gmail.com](mailto:dianawatersmasters@gmail.com) or 650 854-5976 ext.4



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