

July 13, 2014, 15th Sunday in Ordinary

# Saint Denis Parish

*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.*



*Our Lady of the Wayside Church was recently blest with two beautiful picnic tables. The tables were created by Diedrich Welling as part of his Eagle Scout Project. This project took a total of 143 hours! Thank you, Diedrich, for your example of stewardship.*

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## Mass Times

**St. Denis Church**

Saturday 8:00 am, 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

Weekdays 8:00 am

**Our Lady of the Wayside Church**

Saturday 4:30 pm (Vigil)

Sunday 9:30 am

*Weekdays: Please refer to the "Mass Intentions" schedule.*

## Confession Times

Saturday, 4:00 pm, Our Lady of the Wayside

Saturday, 5:00 pm, St. Denis

## St. Denis Church

2250 Avy Avenue • Menlo Park, CA 94025

**Office Hours:**

**Monday - Friday / 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

## Our Lady of the Wayside Church

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## Pastor's Corner

Dear fellow members of St. Denis and Our Lady of the Wayside,

The Gospel reading of this Sunday presents us with the parable of the sower. Reading through the parable we learn that a good portion of the seed perished because it fell on the path, rocky soil and among thorns. This happened not because of the sower. The sower, Christ, sows the seed which is the word of God. If the word does not take root and bear fruit, it is not because of the sower but the person who receives the word. If a person's mind is receptive then, the word will bear fruit. Christ invites us to today to open our minds and heart always to his word. May the word of God sown in our hearts bear rich fruits!

Yours sincerely,  
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

## Gospel Reading

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

## Mass Intentions

|                  | <u>St. Denis</u>  | <u>Our Lady of the Wayside</u>     |
|------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| <b>Sat. 7/12</b> | 5:30pm for the Parishioners of St. Denis  | 4:30pm for the Parishioners of OLW |
| <b>Sun. 7/13</b> | 7:30am Maria Sa-ing Swang-Ngam+ (J. Nitayo)<br>9:30am Al Yujuico+ (Yujuico family)<br>11:30am Lynn Morin+ (Tricia Wright) | 9:30am for the Parishioners of OLW |
| <b>Mon. 7/14</b> | 8:00am for the Parishioners of St. Denis  | 7:30am for the Parishioners of OLW |
| <b>Tue. 7/15</b> | 8:00am for the Parishioners of St. Denis  | 7:30am for the Parishioners of OLW |
| <b>Wed. 7/16</b> | 8:00am for the Parishioners of St. Denis  | 7:30am for the Parishioners of OLW |
| <b>Thu. 7/17</b> | 8:00am for the Parishioners of St. Denis  |                                    |
| <b>Fri. 7/18</b> | 8:00am for the Parishioners of St. Denis  |                                    |
| <b>Sat. 7/19</b> | 8:00am for the Parishioners of St. Denis  |                                    |

## In your charity, please pray for...

Carol Armstrong, Agnes Babcock, Louise Brent, Archie Briggs, Mike Carragee, Lily Chan, Sandra Dailey, Gertrude DeZelaya, Bob Ellis, Amelia Elsbree, Michael Fil, Susan Fil, Ruben Fuentez, Johnny Gentry, Lauren Goode, Michael Ho, Ryan Johnston, Maurice Kidd, Lisa Kitz, Dick Kusa, Matthew Lear, Craig London, Phyllis Lucas, Luke Mars, Ann Martin, Sheri Martin, Dorothy Meyers, Dennis Miller, Rozeh Nikili, Lorraine O'Connor, Lorie Ortega, Angie Real, Jim Rock, Raymond Schaaf Sr, Aileen Schiel, Marie Scott, Omid Sharif, Dorothy Skala, Rhonda Tillim, Frank Vitale, David Welling, Bev Wheat, Mila Wright, William Yates and Ada Zilli.

*Please call the parish office if you would like a priest to bring Holy Communion.*

## Saint of the Week: Kateri Tekakwitha



**July 14** - Kateri was born near the town of Auriesville, New York, in the year 1656, the daughter of a Mohawk warrior. She was four years old when her mother died of smallpox. The disease also attacked Kateri and transfigured her face. She was adopted by her two aunts and an uncle. Kateri became converted as a teenager. She was baptized at the age of twenty and incurred the great hostility of her tribe. Although she had to suffer greatly for her Faith, she remained firm in it. Kateri went to the new Christian colony of Indians in Canada. Here she lived a life dedicated to prayer, penitential practices, and care for the sick and aged. Every morning, even in bitterest winter, she stood before the chapel door until it opened at four and remained there until after the last Mass. She was devoted to the Eucharist and to Jesus Crucified. She died on April 17, 1680 at the age of twenty-four. She is known as the "Lily of the Mohawks". Devotion to Kateri is responsible for

establishing Native American ministries in Catholic Churches all over the United States and Canada. Kateri was declared venerable by the Catholic Church in 1943 and she was Beatified in 1980. Hundreds of thousands have visited shrines to Kateri erected at both St. Francis Xavier and Caughnawaga and at her birth place at Auriesville, New York. Pilgrimages at these sites continue today.

St. Kateri Teckakwitha is the first Native American to be declared a Saint. Her feastday is July 14. She is the patroness of the environment and ecology as is St. Francis of Assisi.

## Weekly Stewardship Report

*Due to the bulletin editor's travel schedule, last weekend's stewardship report will be included in next week's bulletin.*

**Thank you for your generous support of your parish!**

## Religious Education

### Children's Liturgy of the Word This Sunday and Next

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is a drop-in ministry for children 4 years old through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade at St. Denis Church. Children come to Mass with their parents and then are invited to come forward to Children's Liturgy of the Word after the welcome. The kids are then dismissed with a catechist and return for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. **CLOW will happening at the 9:30am Mass at St. Denis July 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be NO CLOW on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. We will resume on the 27<sup>th</sup>.**

### Faith Formation During the 2014-2015 School Year

Discipleship is an ongoing, life-long process of forming an enduring relationship with Jesus. Parents lead this process by example and Religious Education at St. Denis is here to help you with that process. **More than just a Sacramental Prep program, sign-up your kids for Religious Ed by August 31<sup>st</sup> in Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – registration is online at [www.stdenisparish.org/religiousedreg](http://www.stdenisparish.org/religiousedreg).** There are also a couple special programs for middle schoolers and high schoolers you can register for separately and lots of great opportunities for family faith sharing throughout the year. The earlier you register, the better we can plan how many catechists, aides, and how much materials we need, so registration is available now. If you have questions, please contact our Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry, Lindsey West, at [lwest@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lwest@stdenisparish.org) or 650-854-1081.

### Theology of the Body for Middle Schoolers

Not just another chastity talk or program, Theology of the Body for Middle Schoolers (TOB for short) is a course of study to introduce middle school students and their parents to St. Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body based on 129 of his General Audiences. The premise is that being created in God's image and likeness (Genesis 1) means something for us and our human existence as children of God. TOB helps provide solid and relevant answers to the questions and confusion tweens sometimes experience concerning their bodies, sexuality, and even their future. Our program, geared for middle school students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, will bring you and your child together for sessions that answer questions such as "Who am I?", "Are there consequences to my actions?", "What is the difference between love and lust?", "How do I balance family, friends, school, God, music, TV, internet, texting, etc., in my daily life?", and more. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend each of the 8 sessions with their middle school student. We will meet approximately once a month on Wednesday evenings 7pm-8:30pm (snacks provided). Register online at [www.stdenisparish.org/tob-for-middle-school](http://www.stdenisparish.org/tob-for-middle-school) by August 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have questions, please contact Lindsey West at [lwest@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lwest@stdenisparish.org) or 650-854-1081.

## Youth Ministry

### Youth Mission Trip

Please pray for the 5 high schoolers and 4 leaders who are departing for South Texas on a mission trip to build homes on July 20<sup>th</sup> early in the morning. Our group returns July 26<sup>th</sup>, so please remember us in your prayers that week. We are so excited to go serve and bring back stories to share with the parish community. Thank you again to everyone who has supported this trip, especially at our fundraising dinner this past school year.

### High Schoolers: Sunday Lunches on Sex, Dating, and Relationships

Theology of the Body for Teens (TOB for short) explores the meaning of our bodies, the significance of our sexuality, and the purpose for our lives. Using a mix of stories, real life examples, honest conversation, and a safe space for discussion, we'll delve into the answers to questions like "Why did God give us our sexual desires?", "What is the difference between love and lust?", "What does our sexuality teach us about God?", "What is the 'language of the body' and how do I 'speak' it?", and more. All high school students and your friends are invited to sign-up. We will meet one to two times a month Sundays after the 11:30am Mass from 12:30pm-2pm, beginning with lunch together. There are 12 sessions in total. Register online at [www.stdenisparish.org/hstobreg](http://www.stdenisparish.org/hstobreg) by August 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have questions, please contact Lindsey West at [lwest@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lwest@stdenisparish.org) or 650-854-1081.

## Ministry Schedule

### next week, July 19 & 20

#### St. Denis

- 5:30pm** Lector: Ann Marie Jewell  
E.M.: Brigitte Mornand, Tina Morris, Anne Marie Jewell
- 7:30am** Lectors: James Tornes, Paul Kirincich  
E.M.: Jackie Tornes, Sandy Rock
- 9:30am** Lectors: Val Baker, Greg Baker  
E.M.: Susanna Tang, Catherine Coluzzi, Marlene Hunter, Barbara Mason\*
- 11:30am** Lector: Richard Draeger  
E.M.: L Lombardi, Parsons, Marco

#### Our Lady of the Wayside

- 4:30pm** Lector: Mingram  
E.M.: Vonderlinden, Welling
- 9:30am** Lector: Broome  
E.M.: Carroll, Anderson, Alfano B.

\* sacristan