

# 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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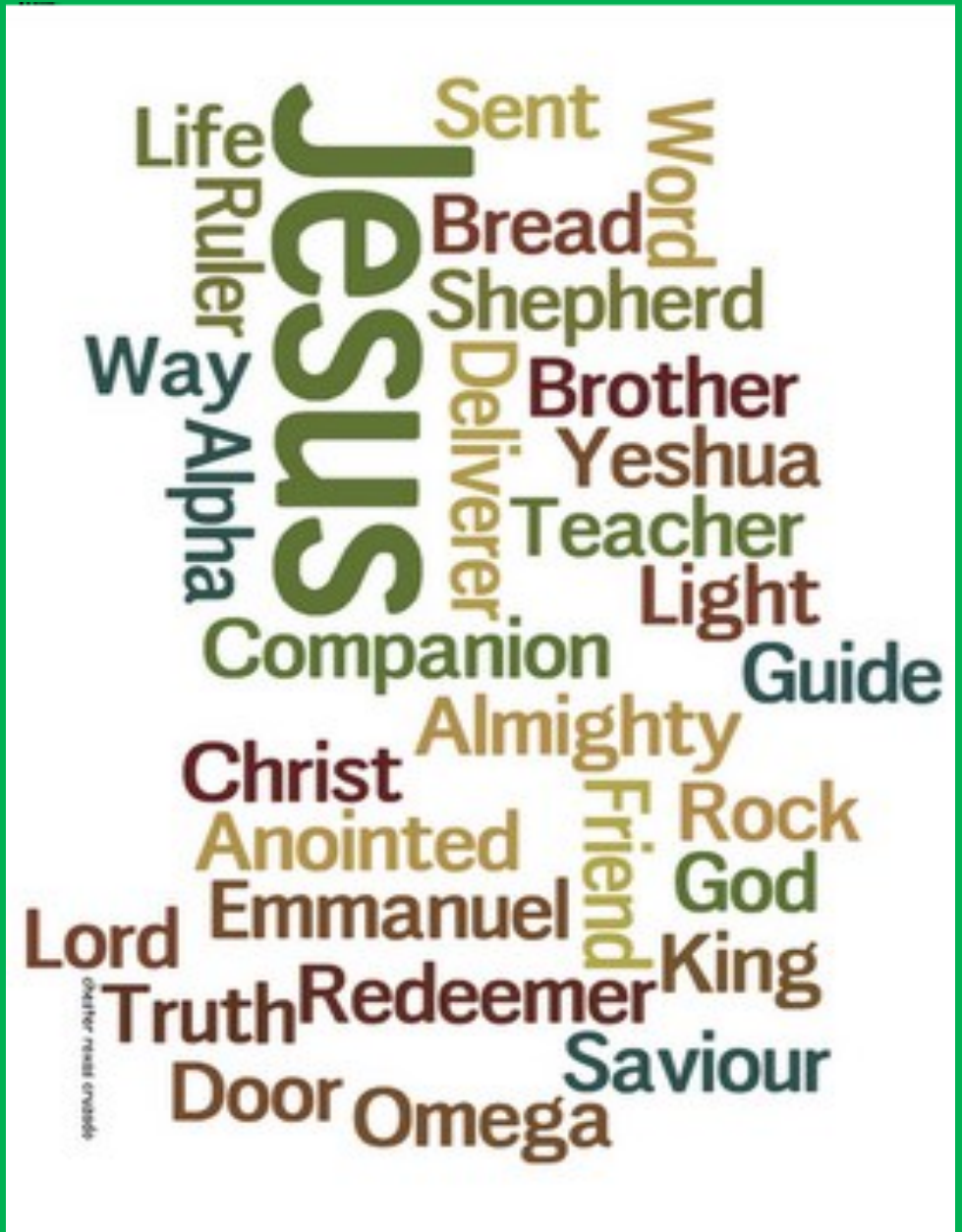
## Mass Times

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

**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  
Saturday: 5:00 pm, St. Denis

**Office Hours**  
M-F, 9:00 am—2:00 pm



August 27th, 2017 21st Sunday in ordinary time

(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,

In today's gospel passage, there are two very important titles that refer to Jesus. The first title is the Son of Man. This indicates the human nature of Jesus. When Jesus asked his disciples who the Son of Man is, they naturally mention significant people of faith: Elijah, Jeremiah and John the Baptist. It is interesting that the disciples do not mention Jesus at all. They have seen him perform miracle after miracle, and have heard new and astonishing teachings. They have not quite put their faith in him though. They are not convinced that Jesus is from God. They are still figuring him out. They do not know what to make of him. They see him as just another human being.

The second title is the Christ. This title indicates everything about Jesus. He is the Promised One that God vowed to send to his chosen people to set them free. The Christ is the long awaited Messiah, the Anointed One. The Christ indicates the divinity of Jesus, and so he is more than human flesh and blood.

To profess this title of Jesus is more than a leap of faith. To profess Jesus is the Christ is to take the greatest risk of all. It means one is willing to put one's life in the very hands of God.

To profess Jesus is the Christ is to give up everything and to have absolutely nothing except God alone.

To profess Jesus is the Christ is to give up control, and to surrender one's will to do the will of God, no matter how difficult and challenging it may be.

To profess Jesus is the Christ is to be selfless and self-giving, not self-serving.

To profess Jesus is the Christ is to be a servant of the Lord.

Perhaps this is why it is so hard to make this profession of faith about Jesus. It takes faith and courage indeed. It is worth it, though. In professing Jesus is the Christ, we become members of the kingdom of God, adopted sons and daughters of God, have Jesus as our Lord and Savior, and so much more. Recall the words of St. Francis, "Jesus, my Lord and my all!"

God bless, Fr. Paul

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis

Sat. Aug 26	5:30 pm	William Cintron
Sun. Aug 27	7:30 am	Sophie Daszkiewicz (+) Lillian Eustice (+)
	9:30 am	Justice
	1:30 am	Valerie Knapp (+)
Mon. Aug 28	8:00 am	wisdom
Tues. Aug 29	8:00 am	courage
Wed. Aug 30	8:00 am	understanding
Thurs. Aug 31	8:00 am	parishioners
Fri. Sept. 1	8:00 am	all who labor

### Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat. Aug 26	4:30pm	parishioners
Sun. Aug 27	9:30am	parishioners

In your charity, please pray for...

Mila Wright, Rosa Sharif, George Knapp, Barbara Ham, John Hunter, Janet Sue Cox, Janice Varell

The List has been updated. Names will be removed monthly unless you let the office know. Thank you.

## Faith Formation

### FAITH FORMATION NEWS

We have classes and programs for children age 4 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, including Sacrament preparation, and even some events and projects for high school students! Our elementary grades meet Sunday mornings and our Confirmation group meets on Sunday evenings. Our [schedule for next school year and registration form](#) are available NOW on the parish website!

Please check it out at [www.stdenisparish.org](http://www.stdenisparish.org)

We'll see you all on September 17 at 9:30am for our opening Mass and breakfast!

ALL classes begin again September 24.



### CATECHISTS NEEDED!!

Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade catechist has had to resign from teaching this year due to scheduling conflicts.

Thank you, Erika Lee, for your past two years of service!

This leaves us without a catechist for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

If you are feeling called to this lively ministry, especially if you have a child in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade,

Please contact Lucy at [lsoltau@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lsoltau@stdenisparish.org) as soon as possible!

CONFIRMATION: We'll have a special parent/teen information meeting for our Confirmation

program on Sunday, September 10 at 5:30pm. We'll begin with Mass, then dinner, then the meeting.

All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents are invited to join us!

All 8<sup>th</sup> graders interested in Confirmation should contact Lucy to schedule your interview before that!



### GOOD NEWS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILIES!

Beginning in September, parishes in our area will be coordinating a new religious education program for those on the Autism Spectrum and other special needs, focusing on preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation, and enabling greater participation in the Mass. They can accommodate various physical, speech and sensory needs. St. Charles Parish in San Carlos will be hosting. If you know someone who would benefit from a program like this, please contact Ana Uribe-Ruiz at [acuriberuiz@hotmail.com](mailto:acuriberuiz@hotmail.com) or Monica Miller at [mmiller@stcharlesparish.org](mailto:mmiller@stcharlesparish.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

## St. Vincent De Paul Summer Drive

### Summer Drive for St Vincent de Paul RWC Homeless Help Center

During the month of August, St. Denis will be collecting Summer items for the people served by SVdP's Redwood City Homeless Help Center. Items of greatest need include:

- Sunscreen (at least SPF 30)
- Chapstick
- Sun hats
- Baseball caps
- Sun visors



Bins will be available at the back of the church until Sunday August 27th. Your donations will enable guests of the centers to receive these essential Summer items that are not usually supplied. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

## Mass Rides

If you are in need of a ride to Mass, or if you can provide a ride to a fellow parishioner, please call Maritza Longland at 650 291-0657 or talk to any Outreach Committee member.



## Friendly Reminders

### Bulletin & Announcements

The Deadline for bulletin inserts is the Tuesday (before noon)

Before the weekend of publication, all Mass announcements are to be scripted and okayed by Dede prior to the masses. Contact her at [dedewm@pacbell.net](mailto:dedewm@pacbell.net)

**NOTE:** Announcements may not appear until the next bulletin due to space limitations. Thank You!



## Stewardship

July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 (Goal)	\$459,000.00
July 1, 2017 to July 31, 2017	\$35,896.00
Monthly Goal- July 2017	\$45,000.00

**Parish Pay Egiving Becomes WeShare.**

**Look For Further Info In Future Weeks.**

## Outreach Committee Project Updates

**The Azimi Family**—The Afghan family many of you met at the St. Denis BBQ on July 23, have achieved relative financial stability. He has income from a position as a security guard and as a driver for Lyft. His wife is working in the business of an Afghan friend> Their financial stability is due in large part to your generosity which covers their rent. Read more about our BBQ for the Azimis on line at The Catholic Voice at [www.catholicvoiceoakland.org](http://www.catholicvoiceoakland.org). Look for the article entitled “Cross Bay collaboration benefits refugee family.”

**Clothing**—Your donations of clothing for the Catholic family from the Congo are appreciated. The Clothes were delivered to Catholic Charities of the East Bay (CCEB). Thank you for all that you have done for those in so much need.

**Funds for future refugee families**—The Outreach Committee would like to continue collecting funds for refugee families. CCEB will distribute the funds as needed. Checks can be written to St. Denis with “refugee aid” in the memo line. Donations for specific items can also be helpful. For example, pre-paid Clipper Cards can be used for public transportation on BART, AC Transit, CalTrain, Muni, etc. CCEB distributes the cards to refugee families according to need. Send these and other specific items directly to:

CCEB  
433 Jefferson St.  
Oakland, CA 94607  
(510)768-3100



## Upcoming Events

**August 26th Our Lady of the Wayside Wine Social after 4:30pm mass**

**September 2nd Wine & Cheese after 5:30pm mass**

**September 3rd Wine & Cheese after 11:30am mass**

**September 5th Senior Luncheon with Communion Service at noon**

**September 10th Confirmation Parent & Student Mass,  
dinner, and meeting at 5:30pm**

**September 17th Outdoor mass & pancake breakfast  
St. Denis Church 9:30am**

**September 24th All Religious Ed Classes Begin!**

