

# 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

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
**TODAY**  
**For Catholic Charities USA**  
**For Hurricane Harvey Relief**

*Where two or three  
are gathered in my name,*



*there I am in the midst of them.*

September 10, 2017 23rd 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,

The Ten Commandments of the Old Testament have been condensed into the Greatest Commandment taught by Jesus to his disciples and to us. Jesus commands us to love God and our neighbor as ourselves. Thousands upon thousands of years have passed since the days of Mt. Sinai where God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses. Yet the commandment to love is still applicable to this day.

As human beings we have the capacity to love. It is in us to love. It is who we are. We were made by a loving God. We have the capacity to love because we have been loved first by God. God has taken the initiative to love us. To love is a choice. To love takes a concerted effort. To love takes commitment.

Violence, hatred, prejudice and other sinful and evil acts are the absence of love. Where there is love there is peace. Where there is love there is God. The problem with the world, therefore, rests solely upon our collective shoulders. God is not to blame. The blame falls on us. It is our fault why the world is the way it is. If we want to make the world a better place in which to live, then choose love. Make the concerted effort to love. Be committed to love. A little love makes all the difference in the world.

God bless, Fr. Paul

## We Believe

What do you do when someone wrongs you?

Of course, there's anger, hurt feelings, desire for revenge or justice. We rant on Facebook or Twitter. We look for someone to vent to. We post a Yelp! Review. We may even sign a petition, call our congressperson or march in the streets!

But directly confronting the person who wronged us? Sometimes that's just not possible because of distance or other obstacles. But would we confront them if we could? Most of us avoid direct confrontation. We are afraid it might get ugly, or violent. Or we might have to admit that we have wronged someone too. So we confront each other anonymously and we try to get others on our side first.

Jesus gives us step by step instructions in dealing with conflict. Step one is to talk with the person directly, and alone. If they listen, then you can stop right there! But if they don't, there's step two, get a couple of friends to go with you. And if that doesn't work, step three is to get the whole community to help you! But if that doesn't work either, and you've really tried to settle the conflict, walk away.

Thinking about the conflicts in our lives, the personal and the public ones, have we tried Jesus' approach? Have we been honest and direct and only involved others as a last resort? Or do we just default to public anger, ridicule and division, and justify it with our self-righteousness? Maybe it depends on the wrong that has been committed. Maybe it depends on who committed it.

Maybe I need to think and pray before I post, click send, or tweet!

Yours in the Lord, Lucy

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis

Sat. Sept. 9	5:30 pm	for grandparents
Sun. Sept. 10	7:30 am	Mary & Robert Hagman (+)
	9:30 am	Mary Margaret Koch (+)
	11:30 am	Harry Morey (+)
Mon. Sept. 11	8:00 am	Margaret Rodgers (+)
Tues. Sept. 12	8:00 am	Michael Wenzl (+)
Wed. Sept. 13	8:00 am	St. John Chrysostom
Thurs. Sept. 14	8:00 am	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Fri. Sept. 15	8:00 am	Our Lady of Sorrows

### Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat. Sept. 9	4:30pm	For Grandparents
Sun. Sept. 10	9:30am	Charles Maynard (+)

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 this 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!!

We are still looking to catechists for the 4th grade, and to help in other grades. 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 TONIGHT, 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!



### 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!

## Second Collections

There is a **SECOND COLLECTION TODAY** to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses in the areas affected by Hurricane Harvey.

The second collection **NEXT SUNDAY** will be for the Priest Retirement Fund.

Please be as generous as you can! Thank you!

## Liturgical Ministry Training

If you are interested in becoming a Lector or Altar Server, we will be scheduling a training soon! The training will be on a Sunday morning between Masses. Please contact Dede to sign up!

## 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

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

## Retreats and Speakers

### **SHOULDER TO SHOULDER: Fr. Greg Boyle**

Saturday, September 23, 6:00pm St. Ignatius Parish, Fromm Hall

The St. Ignatius Speaker Series welcomes Fr. Greg Boyle, founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, speaking on the power of radical kinship. For tickets to the dinner and talk, contact Franca Gargiulo (415)564-2600 [stignatiussf.org/event/jesuit-connections](http://stignatiussf.org/event/jesuit-connections)

### **THE JESUIT RETREAT CENTER OF LOS ALTOS**

300 Manresa Way, Los Altos

[jrclosaltos.org/retreats](http://jrclosaltos.org/retreats)

The Jesuit Retreat Center, El Retiro, has a variety of retreats and events. Visit the website above to see the full schedule and complete details, and to learn more about this beautiful retreat center in the hills of Los Altos. Private retreats for individuals and groups are also available.

### **The Response of Love and Faith**

Presenter: Fr. Kevin Leidich, SJ

Silent retreat for women and men

September 15-17

### **Workshop: Encountering God in Prayer**

Presenter: Fr. Chi Ngo, SJ and Fr. Andrew Rodriguez, SJ

Workshop for women and men

September 29-October 1

### **Rediscovering the Parables of Jesus**

Presenter: Ron Hansen, PhD

Non-silent retreat for women and men

September 29-October 1

## Upcoming Events

**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!**

**October 1st First Communion Parent meeting at 10:30am**

**October 3rd Senior Luncheon & Communion Service at 12 noon**

**October 8th Confirmation class at 5:30pm**

