

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



July 7, 2019 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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St. Denis Church (Parish Office)
2250 Avy Avenue • Menlo Park

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
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Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel begins immediately after the final verse in last Sunday's Gospel. After strong language about the difficulties of discipleship, Jesus immediately appoints 72 people to go ahead of him to every town and place he plans to visit, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. He sends them in pairs. In the Law of Moses two witnesses were needed for a testimony to be credible. It was probably also a safer way to travel.

Jesus admits it will be difficult, that he is sending them out like lambs among wolves. Yet they are to bring nothing with them. They are to greet no one on the way so as not to be distracted from their mission. When they enter a house, their message is simply "peace." The response they will receive may be positive or negative. Either way, they are to know that the Kingdom of God is at hand. They are not to demand special treatment. They are to stay in one house and are not to look around for one that provides better accommodations. They are to heal the sick as a sign that the Kingdom of God is at hand for them. If the town will not receive them, they are to shake the dust from their feet and move on. Even in the case of such rejection they should know that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

When they return from their journeys, they are rejoicing because their mission has been successful. Jesus may have sent them out as lambs among wolves, but at the conclusion of this passage he assures them that they have been given power over the enemy and nothing will harm them.

A key theme of today's Gospel and last Sunday's Gospel is discipleship—its challenges, its difficulties, and its rewards. Sharing in the mission of Jesus is difficult, but everyone is called to do it, not just some professionals trained for ministry.

From Loyola Press "Sunday Connections"

We Believe

Peace and Mercy Be to All

In today's gospel Jesus instructs his disciples, "Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.'" Our varied roles as followers of Christ call each one of us to be peace facilitators. This challenge is further emphasized by a careful look at our 2nd reading, in the Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians which reads, "For neither does circumcision mean anything, nor does uncircumcision, but only a new creation. Peace and mercy be to all..." This is an unmistakable call to inclusivity.

As Catholic Christians we should be mindful of the *universality* of Christ. In his most recent book, [The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope for, and Believe](#), Fr. Richard Rohr calls for a return to the original, non-political openness that sought to flourish in the first days of Christianity. "It is so simple that it is hard to teach in words, yet we all know when we see it. After all, there is not a Native, Hindu, Buddhist, Jewish, Islamic, or Christian way of loving. There is not a Methodist, Lutheran, or Orthodox way of running a soup kitchen. There is not a gay or straight way of being faithful, not a Black or Caucasian way of hoping. We all know positive flow when we see it, and we all know resistance and coldness when we feel it. All the rest are mere labels."

In the backlash of isolationism, those of us who choose to embrace the pure message and meaning of Christ are called to look within ourselves and within our cherished institutions. We cannot afford to wash our hands as Pilate did. "Unless we find the communal meaning and significance of the suffering of all life and ecosystems on our planet, we will continue to retreat into our individual, small worlds in our quest for personal safety and sanity." (Rohr) Embracing today's scriptural message begins with our personal soul-searching and our sincere commitment to bring peace and mercy to all.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat. July 6 5:30 pm Wilkes Rohlen (living)
Sun. July 7 7:30 am for the homebound
9:30 am for godparents
11:30 am Liav Knapp (living)
Mon. July 8 8:00 am Francis O'Rourke (+)
Tue. July 9 8:00 am Hutton Gloria Kynes (living)
Wed. July 10 8:00 am for the elderly
Thurs. July 11 8:00 am for doctors, engineers & scientists
Fri. July 12 8:00 am for those who are sick

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat. July 6 4:30 pm for doctors, engineers & scientists
Sun. July 7 9:30 am for godparents

In your charity, please pray for...

Judy Lucier, Maria da Ponte, Sarah Lucas, Holly Hermansen, Pier Iglesias, Rosa Sharif, Barbara Ham, John Hunter, Janice Varell, Anselmo Briones

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

The Faith Formation calendar and registration form are now on our parish website www.stdenisparish.org Please take some time this summer to check it out and register your children for our programs and classes. **NEW THIS YEAR:** Sunday classes will gather at 9:15am instead of 9:30am to give the children more time in class and give parents more time in church! Also, we're planning a **FAMILY RETREAT DAY** on September 21 which will include Mass, dinner and a movie night! More details to come!



LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

On most Sundays during the summer, we invite the children to join us during the 9:30am Mass at St. Denis for the Liturgy of the Word. We'll share the Gospel, talk about the message God is giving us, and discuss ways we can live it out in our daily lives. All children are welcome!

Catechists Needed & Wanted !

We are always looking for energetic, faith-filled people willing to share that faith with others, to teach in our faith formation programs. All our programs meet on Sundays during the school year. We provide all the materials, training and children! You supply your time, talent and faith! If you are interested, please contact Lucy Soltau anytime at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org

Knit & Pray

It's time to get your knitting and crochet materials out again. Please join us this Monday June 24th in the St. Denis Parish Hall Library from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Other dates are July 22nd, and August 26th.



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 masses. Contact her at dede@pacbell.net

NOTE: Announcement may not appear until the next

Bulletin due to space limitations.

Thank You!



Stewardship

July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 (Estimated goal)	\$468,000.00
July 1, 2018 to May, 2019	\$401,921.00
Monthly Goal- May 2019	\$36,000.00
May 2019 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$40,603.00

Donation Corner

"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

Summer Donations For St. Vincent de Paul

The Outreach Committee is collecting sunscreen, hats, sunglasses, and water bottles for the clients of St Vincent de Paul for **ONE MORE WEEK!!** Please put all donations in the barrels in the back of church. Thank you for your generosity.



Mass Rides Program

“The Outreach Committee is looking for parishioners who would like to volunteer for our Mass Rides program. Let us know if you’re available to bring someone to mass. Please send your contact information and mass preference (St. Denis 5:30, 7:30, 9:30 or 11:30) or (OLW 4:30 or 9:30,) to Barbara Mason (babs412@yahoo.com or 650-854-2526.

We Thank you!



Summer Retreat at Vallombrosa

Beating Back The Gates Of Hell– Weekend retreat with Bishop Robert Christian July 26-28.

Are you discouraged and heartbroken about the scandals rocking our Church? Find out how a weak church strengthens saints and sinner with a 3 day retreat at Vallombrosa Retreat Center. Bishop Christian, rector of St. Patrick Seminary will confront the realities of sin in the church and show how we can still live Jesus’s victory today.

Full weekend rates and commuter rates for each day are available at www.vallombrosa.org or call 650 325-5614.

