

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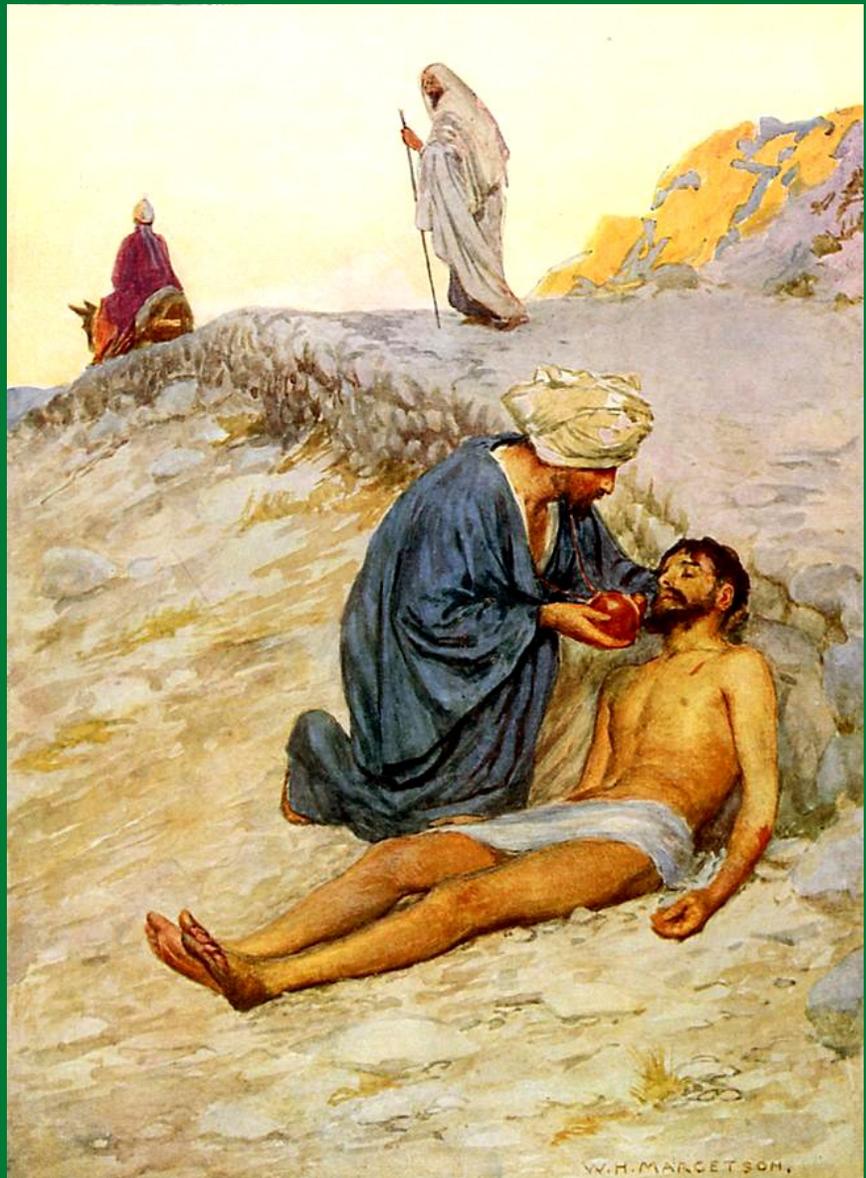
**Mass Times**  
**St. Denis Church**  
Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)  
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30  
am  
Monday-Friday: 8:00 am

**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

## *Parable of the good Samaritan*



**July 14, 2019 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

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## Gospel Reading

As Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem, he is confronted by a scholar of the law who wants to test him. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is asked about the greatest commandment. Here, in Luke's Gospel, the lawyer asks what we must do to inherit eternal life. In the other two Gospels, Jesus answers the question by quoting [Deuteronomy 6:5](#), on loving God with all your heart, and [Leviticus 19:18](#), on loving your neighbor. Here Jesus asks the expert to answer this question, "What is written in the law?" The man is caught and responds with Deuteronomy 6:5. This verse is one of the most important prayers in Judaism, and it was said twice a day in Jesus' time. Love of God and love of neighbor are what is required for eternal life. Jesus' response is simple, "Do this and you will live."

Having been shown up by Jesus, the lawyer tries another question: Who is my neighbor whom I must love like myself? In the society of Jesus' time, with its distinctions between Jews and Gentiles, men and women, clean and unclean, this was a trick question. Jesus responds with one of the most beautiful of all the parables, the Good Samaritan. It is found only in Luke's Gospel.

The road from Jerusalem to Jericho descends 3,300 feet in just 17 miles. Its narrow passes and rocky terrain made it an easy place for bandits to wait for travelers. The traveler in this parable is identified only as "a certain man." Luke uses this phrase in many of his parables so that the audience, Jew or Gentile, could identify with the man. After the attack, the man is left for dead, naked and bleeding on the side of the road. A priest comes along, but rather than helping, as one might expect, he moves to the other side of the road. Another religious person comes along, a Levite who assists in the Temple. His reaction is the same as the priest's. Both of them choose to not even find out if the man is alive. A third person comes along. The listeners would probably expect him to be an Israelite. This would make the parable a criticism of the religious leadership. Instead he is a Samaritan, an Israelite's most hated neighbor. Samaritans were descendants of Jews from the northern part of the country, who had intermarried with Gentiles and did not worship in Jerusalem. The Samaritan not only goes over to the injured man but cleans his wounds, puts him on his own animal, takes him to an inn to recover, and promises to pay all his expenses. The hated enemy is the compassionate neighbor in this parable.

Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbor. A neighbor is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.

When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbor in the story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: "Go and do likewise." The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it.

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## We Believe

### LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

'You shall love the Lord, your God,  
with all your heart,  
with all your being,  
with all your strength,  
and with all your mind,  
and your neighbor as yourself.'

But who is my neighbor?  
Everyone is my neighbor.

That means I am called to love  
My homeless neighbor  
My Muslim neighbor  
My black neighbor  
My LGBTQ neighbor  
My migrant/refugee neighbor  
My Republican/Democratic neighbor  
My Latino neighbor  
My disabled neighbor  
My addicted neighbor  
My millennial neighbor  
My \_\_\_\_\_ neighbor

Love is not a warm, fuzzy feeling.  
Love is a decision about how to treat someone.

I am called to treat others  
the way I would want to be treated,  
no matter who they are.

Maybe if I treat others with love,  
I'll get the warm, fuzzy feeling anyway!

Yours in the Lord, Lucy

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis

Sat. July 13 5:30 pm For victims of shootings  
Sun. July 14 7:30 am Jeanne Anderson (+)  
9:30 am For safety of vacationers  
11:30 am For all students and teachers  
Mon. July 15 8:00 am For authors and poets  
Tue. July 16 8:00 am Special intentions  
Wed. July 17 8:00 am For the Sisters of Oakwood  
Thurs. July 18 8:00 am Sinfiorosa Ferinon (+)  
Fri. July 19 8:00 am For those suffering Alzheimer's  
& their families

### Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat. July 13 4:30 pm For victims of shootings  
Sun. July 14 9:30 am For safety of vacationers

## 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](http://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](mailto:lsoltau@stdenisparish.org)

### Online Giving

Summer is here and many people will spend time enjoying vacations. Whether you're planning to visit the beach or camp in the mountains, don't forget about St. Denis and Our Lady of the Wayside Churches. The best way to maintain your financial support is to set up a recurring gift. It's fast, easy, and convenient. Once you sign up, you'll never need to think about it again. A link to our online giving site can be found on our website [stdenisparish.org](http://stdenisparish.org). Thank you for your generosity.



### 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](mailto: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 June, 2019	\$444,555.00
Monthly Goal- June 2019	\$45,000.00
June 2019 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$42,634.00

### 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](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

## Summer Donations For St. Vincent de Paul

This is the last weekend that the Outreach Committee is collecting sunscreen, hats, sunglasses, and water bottles for the clients of St. Vincent de Paul. Please put all donations in the barrels in the back of church. Thank you for your generosity.



## Updating Parish Website



### **NEW LOOK FOR OUR PARISH WEBSITE!**

Please take a look at [www.stdenisparish.org](http://www.stdenisparish.org) and see the changes!

## Knit & Pray

Join fellow knitters for a fun time. If you haven't knitted before and would like to learn there is someone to help. Upcoming dates are July 22nd and August 26th, in the St. Denis Parish Hall Library from 5:30pm to 7:00pm.

