

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 18th, 2019 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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2250 Avy Avenue • Menlo Park

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Gospel Reading

Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming judgment. His baptism will be the conflict into which he will be immersed as he approaches Jerusalem and his death on the cross. His followers will not be spared that distress. The angels at Jesus' birth proclaimed peace on earth, and Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in the Temple, said to God: "Master, now you may let your servant go in peace." Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think he has come to bring peace; he has come to bring division. Simeon said as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters.

The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here he reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. The angel who announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah said John would go before Jesus to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children. But a commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships.

We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus himself did not make easy decisions and avoid conflict. In today's reading, he reminds his followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well.

From Loyola Press "Sunday Connections"

We Believe

The Wake-Up Call

In today's political climate it is really difficult to avoid the confrontation and polarization that most of us have recently experienced. For some of us, today's Gospel reading, Luke 12:49-53, could be a description of our holiday dinner table. If perchance you don't know what I am talking about, switch your TV back and forth from CNN to FOX and you will get the picture.

As unsettling as this atmosphere of controversy is, many believe this current chaos is symptomatic of a turning point in human consciousness and development. To move toward an authentic peace, love, unity, and enlightenment requires us to leave the stability of order and certainty to a time of disorder and questioning. As Moses led the Hebrews out of Egypt you can bet that the real discomfort, fear, and uncertainty overshadowed any promise of a land of milk and honey.

Many of us have lived by a set of rules and traditions that gave us a sense of security that worked, but in today's complex world that sense of normalcy seems irrelevant. Some of us refuse to move out of this "tunnel vision safety zone," content, to focus on *thanking* Jesus for what he did on the cross rather than *imitating* what he did on the cross. If we truly "carry the cross," we will experience the disorder as described in today's Gospel.

Rather than being cynical and distrusting, we believers can rely on our faith to bring us to the other side of suffering, death, and confusion, physically and metaphorically, towards true Resurrection. As authentic Christians, aware of the complexity of the life-altering issues surrounding us, we are called to navigate between falling in the pit of accusatory, violent anger or advocating wholeheartedly for justice and compassion, and it will undoubtedly be painful. Perhaps it could come to loving our own truth enough to critique it. Yes, right now the world is getting its "wake-up" call. How will we answer?

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat. Aug. 17 5:30 pm Heidi Haskell (+)
Sun. Aug. 18 7:30 am James Mercer (+)
9:30 am Pauline Diaz (+)
11:30 am Don Macdonell (+)
Mon. Aug. 19 8:00 am For teachers
Tue. Aug. 20 8:00 am Fr. James O'Shaughnessy (+)
Wed. Aug. 21 8:00 am For students
Thurs. Aug. 22 8:00 am Mass of thanksgiving
Fri. Aug. 23 8:00 am In gratitude

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat. Aug. 17 4:30 pm For young children whose parents have been deported

Sun. Aug. 18 9:30 am Martha Ellis (living)

In your charity, please pray for...

Teresa Bautista, Maria da Ponte, Sarah Lucas, Holly Hermansen, Pier Iglesias, Rosa Sharif, John Hunter, Janice Varell, Anselmo Briones, Grace Kohan, Ken Newell **Names will be removed monthly unless you let the office know. Thank you.**

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!



EVERYTHING STARTS SEPTEMBER 8

Catechist gathering: Sept. 8 at 10:30am
 Confirmation Parents and Teens meeting: Sept. 8 at 5:30pm (Mass, dinner, meeting)
 Catechetical Sunday Outdoor Mass & Pancakes: Sept. 15 at 9:30am
 Family Retreat Day: Sat. Sept. 21 at 3:00pm (retreat, Mass, dinner, movie)
ALL CLASSES BEGIN: Sun. Sept. 22 at 9:15am (PreK to 4th grades)
 10:30am (5th & 6th)
 5:30pm (7th & 8th)

How to keep Your Kids Catholic

One good way is to volunteer in our faith formation program! Sharing your faith with others is a great way to witness to your own children. They learn more by what they see than what we say. 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

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. 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

NOTE: Announcement may not appear until the next

Bulletin due to space limitations.

Thank You!



Stewardship

July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 (Estimated goal)	\$459,000.00
July 1, 2019 to June, 2020	\$37,227.00
Monthly Goal- July 2019	\$36,000.00
July 2019 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$37,227.00

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 800 950-9952.

KEEPING KIDS CATHOLIC: Faith Formation Day

Saturday, Aug 24th 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Here at St. Denis Parish hall

The Parish Catechetical Leaders and Master Catechists of (Southern San Mateo County) are pleased to present a one-day seminar for parents and catechists.

There will be 4 workshop sessions to choose from and **FREE LUNCH!**

All parents and catechists are welcome!

Contact Lucy Soltau to sign up at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org



Upcoming Events

Wine & Cheese– Saturday, August 24th after 5:30pm mass at St. Denis

Wine & Cheese– Sunday, August 25th after 11:30am mass at St. Denis

Knit & Pray– Monday, August 26th at 5:30pm in the library at St. Denis

**Senior Lunch with Communion service– Tuesday, September 3rd at noon in the hall
at St. Denis**

Wine & Cheese– Saturday, September 7th after 4:30pm mass at Our Lady of the Wayside



Grow With Your Faith This Summer

Build a Mary garden Prayer gardens allow a person time in solitude to contemplate, pray, & meditate by reflecting on the sacred space that can include specific flowers, or statues. Mary gardens include flowers named after Our Lady, such as roses, lilies, marigolds, Our Lady's Tears, among other varieties. If you have space in your yard, take time this summer to make this a family endeavor of dedicating to Mary.

