

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
**The parish office will be closed
Monday, September 2nd in
observance of Labor Day.**



September 1st, 2019 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
930 Portola Road • Portola Valley

Gospel Reading

Meals played an important role in the society in which Jesus lived. More than a time for sharing nourishment, they were a time to share ideas and to model different aspects of social relationships. In Luke's Gospel, the places that a person ate (at the home of a tax collector, 5:29), the people with whom a person ate (sinners, 5:30), whether a person washed before eating (11:38), and, as is the case here, the place that a person sits while eating are all important. The narrator says Jesus tells a parable, but it is really wise advice to both guests and hosts about finding true happiness at the heavenly banquet.

Jesus warns guests to wait before taking their places at the table lest they be asked to move if someone more important arrives. This is more than just a lesson about dinner etiquette. It is advice on how to find your true place in the Kingdom of God. Jesus advises hosts not to invite people who would be expected to repay them to dinner but to invite those who could not repay: the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. This is where real blessings can be found.

In these sayings, Luke gives us not only advice on how to approach the end times but also on how to live according to Jesus' vision of a good society. Luke's Gospel also advises us how the Church must be part of bringing about this society. It is yet another example in Luke's Gospel of the reversal the kingdom brings about.

We Believe

In God We Trust

It has been suggested that trust may be a better word than faith when describing our relationship with God. While faith is considered to be a gift, trust is our response to God's infinite love and care, and while some of our beliefs may differ, seem outdated, or alienating, we can all share our trust in God in solidarity with one another. If, as brothers and sisters, we seek to build bridges with all of God's children, trust in God seems more inclusive.

True trust in God requires humility. In today's Gospel, Jesus instructs us to act with humbleness as we deal with one another, "For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." To humbly surrender to God and God's providence is to trust. While our culture promotes pride, status, and personal achievements, the positive, public notoriety to which most aspire is fleeting. When we humbly allow ourselves to truly depend on God, we experience a side effect, namely freedom.

Giving our concerns to God is the answer to chronic anxiety, stress, and worry. When we are not so full ourselves, there may be an opening that God is ever ready to fill. When we willingly surrender our ego-driven image of what society expects us to be, we may actually become who God created us to be, individually and in unity with one another.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat.	Aug. 31	5:30 pm	Patricia McCurdy (+)
Sun.	Sept. 1	7:30 am	In gratitude
		9:30 am	For all workers
		11:30 am	For all workers
Mon.	Sept. 2	8:00 am	Communion Service
Tue.	Sept. 3	8:00 am	Communion Service
Wed.	Sept. 4	8:00 am	Communion Service
Thurs.	Sept. 5	8:00 am	Communion Service
Fri.	Sept. 6	8:00 am	Communion Service

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat. Aug. 31 4:30 pm For all workers
Sun. Sept. 1 9:30 am Martha Ellis (+)

Memorial Mass for Maria C Ponte

September 21st, 11am, at Our Lady of the Wayside.
All are welcome to attend.

In your charity, please pray for...

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

Faith Formation News

CATECHISTS (TEACHERS) WANTED AND NEEDED!

Sharing your faith with others is a great way to witness to your own children. We are always looking for energetic, faith-filled people willing to share that faith with others, to be co-teachers 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



Faith Formation

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. Just click on the Faith Formation tab to complete and submit the registration form. **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 Mass & Pancake breakfast: 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)

Family Retreat Day

FAMILY RETREAT DAY: SAT. SEPT. 21

Come and join us for an afternoon of fun and faith sharing!
 We'll start at 3:00pm with games and activities for the whole family.
 Then, we'll join the 5:30pm Mass, followed by dinner and a movie in the hall.
 Come for all or part of the day.
 RSVP to Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org so we know how many folks to plan for.



Senior Lunch

Join fellow seniors for food and conversation this Tuesday, September 3rd at noon in the St. Denis hall. Contact Dede at 650 854-5976, press 4, or email her at dedewm@pacbell.net



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.

Upcoming Events

**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

Catechist Gathering– Sunday, September 8th 10:30am in the St. Denis library

**Confirmation Parent/Teen Meeting (with mass & dinner) - Sunday September 8th from
5:30pm –8:00pm**

Catechetical Sunday, Pancake Breakfast- Sunday September 15th 9:30am mass St Denis

**NEW!! Family Retreat Day, with mass, dinner, & movie– Saturday September 21st
3:00pm to 9:00pm**



Bay Area Conference Of Associates And Religious

The Bay Area Conference of Associates and Religious (BACAR, Inc.) announces its 16th conference, “A Call to Engage this Chaotic and Painful World.” Saturday, September 21, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm at Notre Dame High School, 1540 Ralston Ave., Belmont. The conference will explore contemplative practice and the resulting action that is required. Prayer is not a private practice, but rather one that impels us into action. Keynote speaker is Sister Simone Campbell, SSS. Sr. Simone is a lawyer, lobbyist, and executive director of NETWORK. All are welcome to attend. General advance registration: \$60 (\$10/lunch). Student advance registration with Lunch: \$30. For information and registration, contact Kathy Noether, knoether@aol.com or bacar2.org

