

August 17, 2014, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Denis Parish

*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: 5:30 pm (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

St. Denis Church

2250 Avy Avenue • Menlo Park, CA 94025

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Our Lady of the Wayside Church

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Pastor's Corner

Dear fellow members of St. Denis and Our Lady of the Wayside,

In last Sunday's gospel reading, Peter prayed to Jesus as he was sinking, "Lord, save me!" In the Gospel reading of today, like Peter, the Canaanite woman prays to Jesus, "Lord, Help me." This incident took place during the only time Jesus went out of his country, as he was traveling through Samaria. He was reluctant to help her for reasons we do not know. But, eventually, Jesus helps her and even praises her faith, "O woman, great is your faith!" She was a pagan. On another occasion, Jesus praised the faith of another pagan. To the Roman centurion Jesus said, "Nowhere in Israel have I found such faith." As a follower of Christ, we work with everyone who has faith. People of faith are those who have the values of Christ, those who work to bring about the kingdom of God, a kingdom that is permeated with love, forgiveness, mercy, justice and peace. May we be always open to everyone who has faith, so that we can all work together to build up the kingdom of God.

Yours sincerely,
Fr. Jose Shaji

Gospel Reading

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

Mass Intentions

	<u>St. Denis</u>	<u>Our Lady of the Wayside</u>
Sat. 8/16	5:30pm Terry Edel+ & George Edel+ (Rose Edel)	4:30pm for the Parishioners of OLW
Sun. 8/17	7:30am Maria Sa-ing Swang-Ngam+ (J. Nitayo) 9:30am Al Yujuico+ (Yujuico family) 11:30am Pauline Diaz+ (Irene Oncley & Jose Diaz)	9:30am for the Parishioners of OLW
Mon. 8/18	8:00am Steve Burke (Sherri Burke)	
Tue. 8/19	8:00am for the Parishioners of St. Denis	
Wed. 8/20	8:00am Fr. James O'Shaughnessy+ (Koch family)	
Thu. 8/21	8:00am for the Parishioners of St. Denis	
Fri. 8/22	8:00am in Thanksgiving (Koch family)	

In your charity, please pray for...

Carol Armstrong, Agnes Babcock, Louise Brent, Archie Briggs, Mike Carragee, Lily Chan, Sandra Dailey, Gertrude DeZelaya, Bob Ellis, Amelia Elsbree, Michael Fil, Susan Fil, Ruben Fuentes, Johnny Gentry, Lauren Goode, Michael Ho, Ryan Johnston, Maurice Kidd, Lisa Kitz, Dick Kusa, Matthew Lear, Craig London, Phyllis Lucas, Luke Mars, Ann Martin, Sheri Martin, Dorothy Meyers, Dennis Miller, Rozeh Nikili, Lorraine O'Connor, Lorie Ortega, Angie Real, Jim Rock, Raymond Schaaf Sr, Aileen Schiel, Marie Scott, Omid Sharif, Lilly Schulte, Dorothy Skala, Frank Vitale, David Welling, Bev Wheat, Mila Wright, William Yates and Ada Zilli.

Please call the parish office if you would like to receive Holy Communion at home.

Religious Education

Register Now For Religious Ed!

More than just a Sacramental Prep program, sign-up your kids for Religious Ed by August 31st in Pre-K through 8th Grade – registration is online at www.stdenisparish.org/religiousedreg. The earlier you register, the better we can plan how many catechists, aides, and how much materials we need, so registration is available now. If you have questions, please contact our Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry, Lindsey West, at lwest@stdenisparish.org or 650-854-1081.



Theology of the Body for Middle Schoolers: An Enrichment Program

Theology of the Body for Middle Schoolers (TOB for short) is a course of study to introduce middle school students and their parents to St. Pope John Paul II's "Theology of the Body". TOB helps provide solid and relevant answers to the questions and confusion tweens sometimes experience concerning their bodies, sexuality, and even their future.



Our program, geared for middle school students in 6th through 8th grade, will bring you and your child together for sessions that answer questions such as "Who am I?", "Are there consequences to my actions?", "What is the difference between love and lust?", "How do I balance family, friends, school, God, music, TV, internet, texting, etc., in my daily life?", and more. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend each of the 8 sessions with their middle school student (but it is NOT mandatory). We will meet approximately once a month on Wednesday evenings 7pm-8:30pm (snacks provided). Register online at www.stdenisparish.org/tob-for-middle-school by August 31st. If you have questions, please contact Lindsey West at lwest@stdenisparish.org or 650-854-1081



Outdoor Mass & BBQ 2014!

Save the date for the official Religious Ed Kick-Off: Outdoor Mass and BBQ will be Sunday, September 21st at 9:30am.

Catholic Scouting

Calling all Girl Scouts! Are you interested in furthering your scouting adventures and deepening your faith through service, fun and prayer? Join our Faith-Bases Girl Scout Group which will meet once a month during the school year. Sign-ups will begin at the upcoming outdoor mass. Contact Elizabeth Radford: lizradford@yahoo.com or 650-485-9491.

Young Adult Ministry

Wine & the Word



Join Catholic Young Adults (21+) for some delicious wine while mulling over Sacred Scripture at Fr. Jose's house. The first Wine and the Word is Monday, September 15th at 7:30pm. Fr. Jose's house is behind the parish office. Please RSVP to Lindsey West or Fr. Jose at lwest@stdenisparish.org or joseshaji.62@gmail.com.

20s-30s Group: Holy Hour, Happy Hour

Young adults from several different parishes in the mid-peninsula (Redwood City-Menlo Park-Palo Alto) are meeting every Thursday at 8pm at Nativity Parish in Menlo Park for a Holy Hour followed by a Happy Hour at the Dutch Goose (Ave and Alameda de las Pulgas). If you're a young adult looking to connect with a young adult community, please join us! If you can't make the Holy Hour, stop by the Dutch Goose around 9:20pm and join us for a couple drinks. To sign up for our mailing list and find out about other activities, please contact Brendon Ford at BrendonRuelas@gmail.com

Youth Ministry

GATHER BE INSPIRED
WORSHIP
PRAISE
PRAY
ADORE

St. Denis
St. Raymond
Nativity

Mid-Penninsula
Encounter

Guest Speaker:
Jim Harbaugh

Wednesday,
October 22 @ 6:30p-8:30p

Tickets are \$10 each

For tickets contact Lindsey West:
lwest@stdenisparish.org or 650.854.1081

Event is for High School & Middle School students

Our Youth Ministry is joining St. Raymond, Sacred Heart and Nativity's youth ministry for a day of prayer, worship and rides at OnFire NorCal Jam at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo, CA on Saturday, September 20th from 6:00am-11:00pm. Children must be high school age or older to participate. The cost is \$80 per student which includes the entrance to the OnFire Jam, three meals, and transportation. Contact lwest@stdenisparish.org for more info on the OnFire NorCal Jam 2014 teen event.

Promo video and permission slip available at www.stdenisparish.org/onfire2014

Return permission slip and payment by Sunday, September 7th to Lindsey West in the Parish Office



What is XLT?

St. Denis' Youth Ministry has begun collaborating with Nativity and St. Raymond's in developing a tri-parish "XLT Mid-Penninsula" gathering every three months for our youth. Our XLT events will begin with some praise and worship, followed by a witness talk then adoration during which the Blessed Sacrament is processed in and out of the chapel at Sacred Heart School. Our first witness/speaker is one of our very own neighborhood Catholics, Jim Harbaugh. Jim is a former professional football player for the NFL and the current head coach of the San Francisco 49ers.

Jim will be getting back from Arizona (lets pray that the 49ers win) and will take time out of his crazy schedule to inspire our youth during our first XLT Mid-Penninsula gathering on October 22, 2014 at 6:30pm on the Sacred Heart Campus. Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to attend. This will be a drop off event because of limited seating. Pick up will be 8:30pm. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and tickets are limited.

For tickets or if you have questions, contact Lindsey West at lwest@stdenisparish.org.

High Schoolers: Sunday Lunches on Sex, Dating, and Relationships

Theology of the Body for Teens (TOB for short) explores the meaning of our bodies, the significance of our



sexuality, and the purpose for our lives. Using a mix of stories, real life examples, honest conversation, and a safe space for discussion, we'll delve into the answers to questions like "Why did God give us our sexual desires?", "What is the difference between love and lust?", "What does our sexuality teach us about God?", "What is the 'language of the body' and how do I 'speak' it?", and more. All high school students and your friends are invited to sign-up. We will meet one to two times a month Sundays after the 11:30am Mass from 12:30pm-2pm, beginning with lunch together (yup, food is included). There are 12 sessions in total. Register online at

www.stdenisparish.org/hstobreg by August 31st. If you have questions, please contact Lindsey West at lwest@stdenisparish.org or 650-854-1081.

Saint of the Week: St. Monica

August 27 - St. Monica had at least three children who survived infancy. The oldest, Augustine is the most famous. At the time of his father's death, Augustine was 17 and a rhetoric student in Carthage. Monica was distressed to learn that her son had accepted the Manichean heresy (all flesh is evil) and was living an immoral life. For a while, she refused to let him eat or sleep in her house. Then one night she had a vision that assured her Augustine would return to the faith. From that time on, she stayed close to her son, praying and fasting for him. In fact, she often stayed much closer than Augustine wanted. When he was 29, Augustine decided to go to Rome to teach rhetoric. Monica was determined to go along. One night he told his mother that he was going to the dock to say goodbye to a friend. Instead, he set sail for Rome. Monica was heartbroken when she learned of Augustine's trick, but she still followed him. She arrived in Rome only to find that he had left for Milan. Although travel was difficult, Monica pursued him to Milan. In Milan, Augustine came under the influence of bishop, St. Ambrose, who also became Monica's spiritual director. Monica became a leader of the devout women in Milan as she had been in Tagaste. She continued her prayers for Augustine during his years of instruction. At Easter, 387, St. Ambrose baptized Augustine and several of his friends. Although no one else was aware of it, Monica knew her life was near the end. She became ill shortly after and suffered severely for nine days before her death.



Weekly Stewardship Report

Deficit Fund Goal: \$21,748

Collected to Date: \$8,479

August 9/10, 2014			August 10/11, 2013		
	<u>Sunday Collection</u>	<u>E-Giving</u>		<u>Sunday Collection</u>	<u>E-Giving</u>
St. Denis	\$3,449.00	\$2,678.25	St. Denis	\$2,849.00	\$2,412.66
OLW	\$787.00	\$531.66	OLW	\$831.00	\$816.25
Total: \$7,445.91			Total: \$6,908.91		
Monthly Total, July 2014			Monthly Total, July 2013		
	<u>Sunday Collection</u>	<u>E-Giving</u>		<u>Sunday Collection</u>	<u>E-Giving</u>
St. Denis	\$12,983.00	\$10,713.00	St. Denis	\$15,735.00	\$9,650.67
OLW	\$4,614.00	\$2,126.66	OLW	\$3,095.00	\$3,265.02
Total: \$30,436.66			Total: \$31,745.69		

The Outreach Committee will be collecting **magazines and paperback books** for San Mateo County Jail. Collection boxes will be placed at the back of both churches on Aug 23, 24, 30, and 31. The inmates love National Geographic magazines. Please note: **NO HARDCOVER BOOKS.**

Rector Installation Mass

Fr. Bud Stevens
will be installed as the sixteenth
President-Rector of St. Patrick Seminary



Monday, August 25, 2014, 5:00 PM

St. Patrick Seminary
320 Middlefield Road
Menlo Park

Pillow Case Dresses

Parish Tea Committee will be collecting Pillow cases, fabric, buttons, lace, ribbons from Sunday September 14-28. Please no see thru fabric and no Disney characters. We will arrange two workshops (TBC: Oct 5 and 12 "Lunch Provided") or you could make the dress at home. Instructions will be provided after 9:30 Mass on the Patio on September 14 and 9/28. ***We're not just sending dresses, we're sending hope." Human traffickers are less likely to snatch little girls for slavery if the girls are well clothed.*** In the red dirt of Malawi, a simple idea was born to not only offer relief, but to also plant the seeds of worthiness, in the hearts of God's most vulnerable: little girls. For more detail please call Josephine at 650.506.6571 or email: jsdorval@yahoo.com



Music Ministry

Cantor Workshop

St. Denis will be hosting a cantor workshop on Saturday, August 30, 9:00 am - 11:00 am. The workshop will introduce you to the NPM Basic Cantor Certification program. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Jeffery Abbott: jabbott@stdenisparish.org or (650) 854-5976, ext. 101.

Choir

Choir resumes singing at Mass on September 7. We need your voice! If you read music, *even just a little*, we have a spot for you. We have an exciting program in the works: in addition to our regular Sunday Mass, we will be singing Evening Prayer (Vespers) on November 2 (All Souls) in a service commemorating of our faithful departed. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm. Please contact Jeffery Abbott: jabbott@stdenisparish.org or (650) 854-5976, ext. 101, to sign up.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

There will be a brief updating session for all Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors on Sunday, Sept. 7 from 10:30-11:30am in the Church. There will be a repeat session on Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 7 pm.

If you serve in these ministerial positions, please plan to attend these brief but informative in-service meetings. Any youth who have been confirmed are invited to these ministries and should contact Lindsey West.

Ministry Schedule

next week, August 23 & 24

St. Denis

5:30pm Lector: Jerry Griffin

E.M.: Brigitte Mornand, Tina Morris, Anne Marie Jewell

7:30am Lectors: Paul Kirincich, James Tornes

E.M.: Jackie Tornes, Sandy Rock

9:30am Lectors: Heather Scholl, Sean Monahan

E.M.: Ann O'Hearn, George Quiter III, Kathie Shaw, Jill Stanley*, Scott Stanley, Estelle Crawford

11:30am Lector: L Lombardi

E.M.: Parsons, Marco, Dewes

Our Lady of the Wayside

4:30pm Lector: DeBois

E.M.: Schar, Sullivan

9:30am Lector: Reid-Krensky

E.M.: Aymerich, Alfano B., Ruggeri

* sacristan