

August 31, 2014, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Denis Parish

Labor Day
Monday, September 1
Mass 9:00 am, St. Denis Church
The parish office will be closed.

*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

930 Portola Road • Portola Valley, CA 94028

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JOIN THE CHOIR!
Rehearsals begin this week.
7:00 pm Thursday
St. Denis Church

Pastor's Corner

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

In the Gospel reading of this Sunday, Jesus speaks of his impending suffering and death. Suffering is part of every person's life. We can deal with suffering in two ways. We can accept it and carry it on our shoulders and walk with it. Or we can sit down under its weight and feel like victims. Usually our first reaction to suffering is to run away from it and if that is not possible, we treat it like an enemy and then we begin to complain and become full of self-pity. The example of Jesus tells us that we must face our suffering like Him and befriend it. That way, we share in the redemptive suffering of Christ.

With the celebration of Labor Day we are coming to the end of summer. I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Labor Day celebration with your family and friends!

Yours sincerely,
Fr. Jose Shaji

Gospel Reading

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat. 8/30 5:30pm John & Bernice Meyer+ (Steven Meyer)

Sun. 8/31 7:30am Lillian Eustice+ & Sophie Daszkiewicz+
(Jim & Danuta Eustice)

9:30am Steve Bellumori+ (Joe & Mary Merkert)

11:30am for the Parishioners of St. Denis

Mon. 9/01 **9:00am for the Parishioners of St. Denis**

Tue. 9/02 8:00am for the Parishioners of St. Denis

Wed. 9/03 8:00am Mary Ann O'Brien (Ray O'Brien)

Thu. 9/04 8:00am William Feeney+ (Joan Feeney)

Fri. 9/05 8:00am for the Parishioners of St. Denis

Our Lady of the Wayside

4:30pm for the Parishioners of OLV

9:30am for the Parishioners of OLV

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 josesahji.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



Our Youth Ministry is joining St. Raymond and Nativity's youth ministries 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.

Info & Registration form available at:

www.stdenisparish.org/onfire2014

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

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.

GATHER BE INSPIRED TO PRAY PRAISE

St. Denis
St. Raymond
Nativity

Mid-Peninsula Encounter

Guest Speaker:
Jim Harbaugh

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

Tickets are \$10 each

For tickets visit stdenisparish.org/xlt
Questions? Contact Lindsey West at
lwest@stdenisparish.org

Event is for High School & Middle School students

What is XLT (exalt)?

St. Denis' Youth Ministry, along with St. Raymond and Church of the Nativity are excited to present the first-ever **XLT-Mid-Peninsula** with 49ers head coach, **Jim Harbaugh**, on **Wednesday, 22 October 2014**, to be held at **Sacred Heart School**. During XLT ("exalt"), teens from different Catholic parishes come together to pray and worship. The night includes inspiring music by a phenomenal band and a dynamic talk geared for teens. High School and Middle School students are invited to this special evening. XLT is 7pm-8:30pm, with hospitality beginning at 6:30pm.

To order your tickets (\$10/ticket), please go to <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/xlt-mid-peninsula-encounter-with-jim-harbaugh-tickets-12537178037>. Seating is limited. If you have questions, contact Lindsey West at lwest@stdenisparish.org.

Saint of the Week: St. Gregory the Great

September 3 - St. Gregory, born at Rome about the year 540, was the son of Gordianus, a wealthy senator, who later renounced the world and became one of the seven deacons of Rome. After he had acquired the usual thorough education, Emperor Justin the Younger appointed him, in 574, Chief Magistrate of Rome. He was only thirty-four years of age.

After the death of his father, he built six monasteries in Sicily and founded a seventh in his own house in Rome, which became the Benedictine Monastery of St. Andrew. Here, he himself assumed the monastic habit in 575, at the age of thirty-five.

After the death of Pelagius, St. Gregory was chosen Pope by the unanimous consent of priests and people. Now began those labors which merited for him the title of Great. His zeal extended over the entire known world, he was in contact with all the Churches of Christendom and, in spite of his bodily sufferings, and innumerable labors, he found time to compose a great number of works. He is known above all for his magnificent contributions to the Liturgy of the Mass and Office. He is one of the four great Doctors of the Latin Church. He died on March 12, 604. He is the patron of teachers and singers.



Weekly Stewardship Report

Deficit Fund Goal: \$21,748
Collected to Date: \$8,479

August 23/24, 2014			August 24/25, 2013		
	Sunday Collection	E-Giving		Sunday Collection	E-Giving
St. Denis	\$3,033.00	\$2,678.25	St. Denis	\$3,770.00	\$2,412.66
OLW	\$1,407.00	\$531.66	OLW	\$1,129.50	\$816.25
Total: \$7,649.91			Total: \$8,128.41		
Monthly Total, July 2014			Monthly Total, July 2013		
	Sunday Collection	E-Giving		Sunday Collection	E-Giving
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 August 23, 24, 30, and 31. The inmates love National Geographic magazines. Please note: **NO HARDCOVER BOOKS.**

Our Worship Space

Are you interested in enhancing our parish worshipping spaces? We would love to have your creative ideas and helping hands. If you are interested please contact Tina through the Parish Office, 650-854-5976.

Bingo, Bunco & Bridge

Saturday, September 27

Veteran's Memorial Senior Center
1455 Madison Avenue, Redwood City

11:30 am to 4:00 pm
Lunch served from 11:30 - 12:45

Cost: \$35.00 per person
Deadline to purchase tickets is September 10
Reservations Required

80% of all proceeds benefit the families at Fisher House in Palo Alto, who have relatives in treatment at the Veteran's Hospital.

Pillow Case Dresses

Parish Tea Committee will be collecting Pillow cases, fabric, buttons, lace, ribbons from Sunday September 14-28. Please do not see thru fabric and no Disney characters. We will arrange two workshops (TBC: Oct 19 and 26 "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

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.

Parish Band

Do you play a musical instrument? Please sign-up to participate in the parish band for the outdoor Mass & BBQ (Sunday, September 21, 9:30 am). Please contact Jeffery Abbott: jabbott@stdenisparish.org or (650) 854-5976, ext. 101, to sign up.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

We are having an important In-Service Meeting on Sunday, September 7th, following the 9:30am Mass in the St. Denis Chapel. This meeting is for both sites, Our Lady of the Wayside and St. Denis, and will be repeated on Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 7 pm. If you are in these ministries, please plan on attending one of these informative meetings. If you are a confirmed youth and would like to join these ministries, please contact Lindsey at lwest@stdenisparish.org.

Ministry Schedule

next week, September 6 & 7

St. Denis

5:30pm **Lector:** Joan Mersch-Foss
E.M.: Brigitte Mornand, Tina Morris, Anne Marie Jewell

7:30am **Lectors:** James Tornes, Paul Kirincich
E.M.: Jackie Tornes, Bill or Gerri Beasley

9:30am **Lectors:** Greg Baker, Val Baker
E.M.: Ann O'Hearn, George Quiter III, Kathie Shaw, Jill Stanley, Scott Stanley*, Heather Scholl

11:30am **Lector:** L Lombardi
E.M.: Flax, Quiterio, Marco

Our Lady of the Wayside

4:30pm **Lector:** Welling
E.M.: Welling, DeStaebler

9:30am **Lector:** Carroll
E.M.: Carroll, Healey, Aymerich

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