

September 21, 2014, 25th 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

930 Portola Road • Portola Valley, CA 94028

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## RELIGIOUS ED BEGINS NEXT WEEK!

Sunday, September 28  
9:30 am: PreK - 5th Grade  
10:30 - 11:30 am: 6th/7th Grade  
12:30 - 2:00 pm: TOB for High School

## Pastor's Corner

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

We heard in the first reading, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord" These words were written around seven hundred years before the birth of Christ. They sum up the Gospel parable of this Sunday. The man who worked one hour received the same wage as the one who worked the entire day. The employer's response to their bitter complaint was, "Are you envious because I am generous?" The parable speaks to us the way God treats us. It looks as if there is a conflict of justice and generosity. There is no conflict because God is more than just. God is generous. That generosity God extends to us in his mercy!

Every year we have a bake sale at St Denis to support St. Antony of Padua Dining Room. The bake sale will be on October 5 Sunday. I would like to invite you to participate in the bake sale and make it a success.

Yours sincerely,  
Fr. Jose Shaji

## Gospel Reading

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

## Mass Intentions

	<u>St. Denis</u>	<u>Our Lady of the Wayside</u>
<b>Sat. 9/20</b>	5:30pm for the Parishioners of St. Denis	4:30pm for the Parishioners of OLW
<b>Sun. 9/21</b>	7:30am Irene Goodwin+ (Elaine Schack) 9:30am Al Yujuico+ (Yujuico family) 11:30am Steve Bellumori+ (Liz Carson & Susan Spiegel)	9:30am for the Parishioners of OLW
<b>Mon. 9/22</b>	8:00am for the Parishioners of St. Denis	
<b>Tue. 9/23</b>	8:00am Lino Imperial+ (Marissa Imperial)	
<b>Wed. 9/24</b>	8:00am Donald Tomei+ (Tina Melendez)	
<b>Thu. 9/25</b>	8:00am Isabel Garcia+ (Sherri Burke)	
<b>Fri. 9/26</b>	8:00am for the Parishioners of St. Denis	

## 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 Fuentez, 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, Kathy Schoendorf, Lilly Schulte, Marie Scott, Omid Sharif, 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

## Religious Ed News

**Sunday, Sept 28th**

**9:30am**—Pre-K through 5th Grade

**10:30-11:30am**—6th/7th Grade

**12:30pm-2pm**—TOB for High School Lunch #1



Register at [stdenisparish.org/religiousedreg](http://stdenisparish.org/religiousedreg)

## Upcoming Dates & Events

**10/1 (Wed)** - TOB for Middle School Class 1 7pm-8:30pm

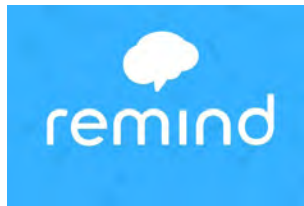
**10/5 (Sun)** - Year 1 Confirmation Parent Info Meeting 10:30am-11:30am

**10/5 (Sun)** - Year 2 Confirmation Parent Info Meeting 5:30pm-7:45pm

**10/22 (Wed)** - XLT Mid-Peninsula: praise & worship, talk by Jim Harbaugh, and adoration. 7pm-8:30pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

## Text Reminders for Religious Ed Class

Sign-up to receive text reminders when there is Religious Ed classes through Remind.com. Text the appropriate code to 650-231-4224:



Pre-K - "@stdprek" | Kinder - "@stdkinder"

1st - "@std1stgr" | 2nd - "@std2ndgr"

3rd - "@std3rdgr" | 4th/5th - "@std4th5th"

6th - "@std6thgr"

7th/Year 1 Confirmation - "@stdyr1conf"

Year 2 Confirmation - "@stdyr2conf"

Big Kids' Sacramental Prep Program - "@stdbksp"

## New Altar Server Training

If you're in 3rd Grade and older and are interested in being an Altar Server this year, training will be Sundays in October at 8:45am in the Church at St. Denis. Contact Chuck Muenzen to reserve your training spot: [cmuenzen@pacbell.net](mailto:cmuenzen@pacbell.net)



**A HUGE thank you** to the Religious Ed Board, Fr. Jose, Jeff and the singers and musicians, and the numerous parent volunteers who helped in the kitchen and with set-up to make our outdoor mass and BBQ a great success today! Thank you to our Catechists and Aides for serving in Religious Ed this year!

## Theology of the Body for Middle Schoolers Last Day to Register is TODAY

"The Talk" can be so awkward and challenging. Theology of the Body presents the theology of who God created us to be and what our bodies are meant for to answer questions like "Who am I?", "What is the difference between love and lust?" and "How do I balance family, friends, school, God, music, TV, internet, texting, etc., in my daily life?"



Sign-up your middle schooler for our monthly TOB sessions to help them go deeper in their understanding and practical applications of our Catholic Faith. Parents are encouraged to attend each of the 8 sessions to foster dialogue at home (but it is NOT mandatory). Sessions are Wednesday evenings 7pm-8:30pm (snacks provided). Register online at [www.stdenisparish.org/tob-for-middle-school](http://www.stdenisparish.org/tob-for-middle-school) by **September 21st**. If you have questions, please contact Lindsey at [lwest@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lwest@stdenisparish.org)

## Sacramental Prep for Older Kids

If you have child who has never been baptized OR who is in 3rd grade and up and has never received First Communion, contact Lindsey West to sign-up for our Big Kids' Sacramental Prep class. The first class is Sunday, October 19th.

## 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-Based 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](mailto:lizradford@yahoo.com) or 650-485-9491.





## Youth Ministry

### High School Series: Sex, Dating, and Relationships

Last Day to Sign-Up = Today!

All high school students and your friends are invited to sign-up.



Come for lunch, reflection, and discussion on St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. We'll talk about things like "What is the difference between love and lust? Why did God give us our sexual desires? How do we speak the 'language of the body'?"

**First Session is Sunday, September 28th.** We will meet 12 times between September and May (so about one to two times a month) Sundays after the 11:30am Mass from 12:30pm-2pm, beginning with lunch together (**free food!**).

Register online at [www.stdenisparish.org/hstobreg](http://www.stdenisparish.org/hstobreg) by **September 21st**. If you have questions, please contact Lindsey West at [lwest@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lwest@stdenisparish.org).

## Religious Education

### Love & Logic: Free Parent Education Seminar

Do your kids sometimes frustrate and frazzle you? Do you feel more tired and less effective as a parent?



Would you like to: Stop the arguing, temper tantrums and whining, Leave the house with calmness instead of chaos, Have kids listen the first time?

**Tuesday Oct 14, 7-8:30 PM @ St. Denis Parish**

**Registration:** [www.janadaclark.com](http://www.janadaclark.com)

Drawings for prizes! Love & Logic books, parent coaching sessions valued at \$50 and a chance to win a class series at half price! Join us for a lively presentation & add 3 new tools to your parenting tool kit!

Love and Logic class series to follow on Saturdays from 10-11:30 AM starting 11/01.

A poster for the Mid-Peninsula Encounter event. The background is dark with a sunburst in the center. Text includes: "GATHER BE INSPIRED", "PRAISE", "WORSHIP", "PRAY", "DORE", "Mid-Peninsula Encounter", "Guest Speaker: Jim Harbaugh", "Wednesday, October 22 @ 6:30p-8:30p", "Tickets are \$10 each", "For tickets visit [stdenisparish.org/xlt](http://stdenisparish.org/xlt)", "Questions? Contact Lindsey West at [lwest@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lwest@stdenisparish.org)", "Event is for High School & Middle School students". There are also images of speakers and a photo of Jim Harbaugh in a baseball cap.

St. Denis  
St. Raymond  
Nativity

Guest Speaker:  
**Jim Harbaugh**

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

Tickets are \$10 each

For tickets visit [stdenisparish.org/xlt](http://stdenisparish.org/xlt)  
Questions? Contact Lindsey West at  
[lwest@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lwest@stdenisparish.org)

Event is for High School & Middle School students

### What is XLT (exalt)?

Everyday you have people who expect great things from you. There is pressure to do well at school, sports, music, dance, etc. Stress is high. XLT is an hour and a half opportunity once every few months to just come and be. Be yourself. Be with friends. Be with God. Be inspired.

**Wednesday, 22 October 2014**, our first XLT Mid-Peninsula of the year, will welcome speaker, **Jim Harbaugh**, head coach of the 49ers. A phenomenal band will provide the stellar music. XLT brings together middle schoolers and high schoolers from throughout the peninsula. XLT is 7pm-8:30pm, with hospitality beginning at 6:30pm at Sacred Heart School.

**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](mailto:lwest@stdenisparish.org).

## Saint of the Week: St. Vincent de Paul



**September 27** - St. Vincent was born of poor parents in the village of Pouy in Gascony, France, about 1580. He enjoyed his first schooling under the Franciscan Fathers at Acqs. Such had been his progress in four years that a gentleman chose him as subreceptor to his children, and he was thus enabled to continue his studies without being a burden to his parents. In 1596, he went to the University of Toulouse for theological studies, and there he was ordained a priest in 1600. In 1605, on a voyage by sea from Marseilles to Narbonne, he fell into the hands of African pirates and was carried as a slave to Tunis. His captivity lasted about two years, until Divine Providence enabled him to effect his escape. After a brief visit to Rome he returned to France. In 1617, he began to preach missions, and in 1625, he lay the foundations of a congregation which afterward became the Congregation of the

Mission or Lazarists, so named on account of the Priory of St. Lazarus, which the Fathers began to occupy in 1633. Charity was his predominant virtue. It extended to all classes of people, from forsaken childhood to old age. The Sisters of Charity also owe the foundation of their congregation to St. Vincent. In the midst of the most distracting occupations his soul was always intimately united with God. He was a very humble person. The Apostle of Charity, the immortal Vincent de Paul, breathed his last in Paris at the age of eighty. His feast day is September 27. He is the patron of charitable societies.

## Weekly Stewardship Report

**Deficit Fund Goal: \$21,748**

Collected to Date: \$8,479

September 13/14, 2014			September 14/15, 2013		
	Sunday Collection	E-Giving		Sunday Collection	E-Giving
St. Denis	\$3,603.00	\$2,110.28	St. Denis	\$5,585.00	\$1,704.79
OLW	\$1,127.00	\$431.33	OLW	\$876.00	\$405.33
<b>Total: \$7,271.61</b>			<b>Total: \$8,571.12</b>		
Monthly Total, August 2014			Monthly Total, August 2013		
	Sunday Collection	E-Giving		Sunday Collection	E-Giving
St. Denis	\$17,796.80	\$10,551.42	St. Denis	\$17,579.00	\$8,523.99
OLW	\$4,770.00	\$2,156.66	OLW	\$6,138.00	\$2,026.68
<b>Total: \$35,274.88</b>			<b>Total: \$34,267.67</b>		

**Today's second collection is for the Priests' Retirement Fund.**



## Senior Ministry

### Senior Luncheon

Come celebrate the beginning of the Fall season with us on Monday, September 29, at 12:00. Please join us for a Communion Service, some good food and wine, and lots of friendly conversation. Call Gina at the parish office (650) 854-5976 or email Dede at dedewm@pacbell.net if you can join us. All seniors are welcome!

## MassRide (Outreach Committee)

MassRide is a service of the Outreach Committee, offering rides to non-driving parishioners to weekend Masses at St. Denis Church and Our Lady of the Wayside Church. We have 20 volunteer drivers, and welcome newcomers to help our service.

**Please think about people you know who might need MassRide help, and call Tom Kirkbride (650) 323-1172 or the parish office.**

## 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. Two workshops have been scheduled on Oct 19 and 26 from 11 am to 2 pm at St. Denis Parish Hall, (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



## Adult Religious Ed

### Adult Religious Ed Class

The classes will start on Sunday, October 5, about 10 minutes after the end of the 9:30 Mass. Each of the six classes will last about one hour. In the first part of the class, we will explain the Bible readings for that particular Sunday with their historical background and meanings. Then we will give some applications for these readings for today's world. In the second part of the class, we will discuss what may be of interest to the class in the Church's ongoing activities in today's world. In the last part of the class, we will be going over the Councils of the Church up to and including Vatican II.

Everyone is invited to come. There is no preparation needed. If you have any questions, just pick up the phone and call **John Lippert at (650) 854-3278.**

## Family Italian Dinner

Save the date of Saturday, October 11, at 6:30 pm for the Family Italian Dinner. Everyone is welcome to join us. You can sign up at Sunday Masses beginning Sunday, September 28 or by calling the Parish Office. Adults are \$15 and kids 18 and under eat free!

## Ministry Schedule

### next week, September 27 & 28

#### St. Denis

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

7:30am **Lectors:** Danuta Eustice, Maria Decker  
**E.M.:** Jackie Tornes, Sandy Rock

9:30am **Lectors:** Scott Stanley, Jill Stanley  
**E.M.:** Susanna Tang, Catherine Coluzzi, Josephine Dorval, Marlene Hunter, Barbara Mason\*, Heather Scholl

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

#### Our Lady of the Wayside

4:30pm **Lector:** Vonderlinden  
**E.M.:** Vonderlinden, Ponte

9:30am **Lector:** Aymerich  
**E.M.:** Anderson, Aymerich, Alfano B.