

November 23, 2014, Solemnity of Christ the King

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.

Thanksgiving Day

Mass Schedule:

9:30 am OLW

9:30 am St. Denis

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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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Annual Family Advent Workshop

today (Sunday)

10:30 - 11:30 am

see bulletin insert for details...

Pastor's Corner

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

The title of shepherd was traditionally applied to kings in the ancient world. Like a shepherd over a flock of sheep, a king was expected to care for the people. This was especially true for the royal house of Israel.

The Lord is like a shepherd and God's chosen people are like the sheep of the flock. "The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal." God cares for those most in need. Saint Paul writes of Christ raised from the dead, the "first fruits" of the fulfilled Kingdom where God may be all in all. As a community of believers, we embrace the coming of the day of the Lord with open arms. Jesus states, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink... Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine you did for me." Are we able to recognize Christ our King in each other? Through service we come to exercise this divine royalty in service for others.

Next Thursday we will celebrate Thanksgiving. It seems the perfect occasion for us to take special notice of more than our national plenty. We can give thanks for the people who offer us a chance to serve. We can give thanks for the many opportunities we have to receive and accept the gratitude of others. We can give thanks for the ability to recognize the face of Jesus in all of God's good creation. We can give thanks for the challenge to connect with all who seek forgiveness, and reconciliation.

Yours sincerely,
Msgr. Jose Rodriguez

Gospel Reading

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Mass Intentions

	<u>St. Denis</u>	<u>Our Lady of the Wayside</u>
Sat. 11/22	5:30pm Gordy Soltau+ (Mary Schleifer)	4:30pm Baby Margot (Emmanuel Vonderlinden)
Sun. 11/23	7:30am Irene Goodwin+ (Hagman family) 9:30am Suzanne DeValck+ (Mertens) 11:30am Lorne Eltherington+ (Joseph & Mary Merkert)	9:30am for the parishioners of OLW
Mon. 11/24	8:00am for the parishioners of St. Denis	
Tue. 11/25	8:00am for the parishioners of St. Denis	
Wed. 11/26	8:00am Tom Kirkbride+ (Mary Ann Robbiano)	
Thu. 11/27	9:30am THANKSGIVING DAY	9:30am THANKSGIVING DAY
Fri. 11/28	8:00am for the parishioners of St. Denis	

In your charity, please pray for...

Carol Armstrong, Agnes Babcock, Louise Brent, Mike Carragee, Lily Chan, Sandra Dailey, Gertrude DeZelaya, Bob Ellis, Amelia Elsabee, Michael Fil, Susan Fil, Ruben Fuentes, Johnny Gentry, Lauren Goode, Michael Ho, Ryan Johnston, Maurice Kidd, Lisa Kitz, Matthew Lear, 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, Ada Zilli and Jean Zonner.

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

Religious Education

Religious Ed News

THIS Sunday, Nov. 23rd

9:30am—NO CLASSES because of workshop

10:30-11:30am—**Annual Family Advent Workshop: The Manger Project**

Project

12:30pm-2pm—TOB for High School



Next Sunday (11/30)

NO CLASSES—Happy Thanksgiving!

Upcoming Dates & Events

12/6 (Sat) - Year 2 Confirmation Retreat

12/7 (Sun) - 1st Reconciliation Workshop

12/13 (Sat) - First Reconciliation (2nd Grade)

Family Advent Workshop!

Join us TODAY for our Annual Family Advent Workshop 10:30am-11:30am!



Learn about a new Advent devotion, prep your project, and walk away with something you can do throughout the Season of Advent to bring you and your family closer together and closer to God.

This year we are learning about and making **The Manger Project**. This Advent practice is something good for any age member of the family.

Join us THIS Sunday, November 23rd!

Advent Art Contest

SUBMIT YOUR ARTWORK TODAY!

Students of all ages are encouraged to submit an original piece of art that reflects the Season and symbols of Advent and Christmas.



The Parish staff will choose four pictures to be used for the front cover of the Parish Bulletin with the students' name. ALL artwork submissions will be made into a collage that will be hung in the Church during the Advent and Christmas Seasons. Artwork size

should be a maximum of 8.5 x 11 paper.

Children can submit their artwork to the parish office up until Sunday, November 23rd, by 1pm.

Children can incorporate symbols of Advent (the wreath, candles, Jesse Tree), the Nativity Story (manger scene, angels, Wise Men), etc. Contact Lindsey: lwest@stdenisparish.org.

Children's Choir

Calling All Singers!!!

There will be four rehearsals for Children's Choir, Christmas Eve Mass. The rehearsals will each be on Sunday following the 9:30 am

Mass, in the church. There will be a sign-up table outside of the church on November 16 and November 23. You can also sign-up by emailing Jeffery Abbott at jabbott@stdenisparish.org.

The rehearsal schedule is:

November 30, December 7, 14 and 21.



Beyond Words

Make more sense out of Mass.

Beyond Words is a weekly 3-minute video by Mark Hart, breaking open the context and meaning behind the Sunday readings. Watch it before Mass as a family and see how your and your kids' experience of Mass and the Sunday readings is transformed. Two ways to access the videos:

<http://www.faithandlifetv.com/channels/beyond-words/home>

OR

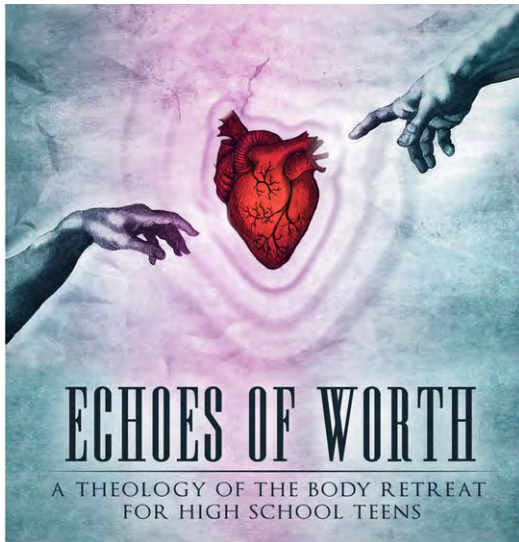
<https://www.youtube.com/user/faithandlifetv/videos>

Youth Ministry

High School Series: Sex, Dating, and Relationships 5th Session is THIS Sunday!



12:30pm-2pm in Room #2
at the Parish Center.



Echoes of Worth is a call to the young of the Bay Area to hear, maybe for the first time, the depth & truth of John Paul II's teachings on Theology of the Body.

Our Guest Hosts for the weekend, **Jackie Francois Angel & Bobby Angel**, will lead us in understanding the reality of God's love found in our creation and our purpose.

This weekend encounter will take place **February 6 -8, 2015** at Mission Springs in Scotts Valley, CA.

Registration IS OPEN. Go to EchoesofWorth.COM to reserve your space.



Religious Education



Christmas Caroling Service Opportunity

Once again LisaMarie Lombardi is organizing our Christmas Music for

Seniors project. All musicians (any age, any instrument, any level of experience) are invited to join us on Sunday December 7 from 2pm to 5pm to bring music of the season to those in retirement homes. We will have one practice session on Wednesday December 3 at 7:00pm at St. Denis Church, 2250 Avy Avenue, Menlo Park. The practice is not mandatory but strongly encouraged. LisaMarie will sign off on service hours for the practice session as well as the concert for those coming to the practice.

Please RSVP directly to LisaMarie Lombardi at lmombardi1220@hotmail.com. Let her know which pieces you (or your child) would like to play, which instrument, and years of experience.

For Parents

Parents of Toddlers

We are so happy you and your family are here at Mass at St. Denis. We know Mass with little ones can be a challenge, so we have a couple of newer resources to help you out. In the Chapel at St. Denis Church, we have a small organizer with religious and biblical coloring pages and supplies.

We've also just added a Toddler Board Book Library. We invite to check out the **books and coloring pages**, if you'd like, **for your little ones.**



Please take home pictures with you, but please leave the books in the chapel for others to use. Questions or ideas? Contact Lindsey West—
lwest@stdenisparish.org or 650-854-1081.

Saint of the Week: St. Elizabeth of Hungary



November 17 - St. Elizabeth was born in Hungary in 1207, the daughter of Alexander II, King of Hungary. At the age of four she was sent for education to the court of the Landgrave of Thuringia, to whose infant son she was betrothed. As she grew in age, her piety also increased by leaps and bounds. In 1221, she married Louis of Thuringia and in spite of her position at court began to lead an austere simple life, practiced penance, and devoted herself to works of charity.

Her husband was himself much inclined to religion and highly esteemed her virtue, encouraging her in her exemplary life. They had three children when tragedy struck - Louis was killed while fighting with the Crusaders. After his death, Elizabeth left the court, made arrangements for the care of her children, and in 1228, renounced the world, becoming a tertiary of St. Francis. She built the Franciscan hospital at Marburg and devoted herself to the care of the sick until her death at the age of 24 in 1231.

St. Elizabeth is the patron saint of bakers, countesses, death of children, falsely accused, the homeless, nursing services, tertiaries, widows, and young brides. Her symbols are alms, flowers, bread, the poor, and a pitcher.

Musical Opportunities for Advent and Christmas

All parishioners are invited to become involved in music ministry.
Here is a detailed schedule of musical opportunities:

Children's Choir

rehearses after 9:30 Mass 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/23
sings at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass, St. Denis

Adult Choir, OLW

rehearses Wednesday, 7:30 pm 12/10, 12/17
sings at 9:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass, OLW

Adult Choir, St. Denis

rehearses Thursday, 7:00 pm 12/4, 12/11, 12/18
sings at 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass, St. Denis

Musicians' Recital

Please join us on Sunday, December 21, 4:00 pm at St. Denis Church for an organ, piano and guitar recital and Christmas Carol Sing featuring our parish musicians: Kelly Lim, Ethan Williams, Bryan Lorentz and Jeffery Abbott.

Weekly Stewardship Report

November 15/16, 2014			November 16/17, 2013		
	<u>Sunday Collection</u>	<u>E-Giving</u>		<u>Sunday Collection</u>	<u>E-Giving</u>
St. Denis	\$2,607.00	\$2,667.25	St. Denis	\$4,814.00	\$2,635.04
OLW	\$1,471.00	\$545.41	OLW	\$928.00	\$578.34
Total: \$7,290.66			Total: \$8,955.38		
Monthly Total, October 2014			Monthly Total, October 2013		
	<u>Sunday Collection</u>	<u>E-Giving</u>		<u>Sunday Collection</u>	<u>E-Giving</u>
St. Denis	\$15,974.00	\$10,669.00	St. Denis	\$20,456.00	\$10,540.17
OLW	\$5,822.00	\$2,181.66	OLW	\$5,381.00	\$2,313.34
Total: \$34,646.66			Total: \$38,690.51		

Last week's **second collection** is for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** raised \$2,638. Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Giving Tree

The Christmas Giving Trees will be in both churches beginning Saturday, Nov. 29. Gift tags may be removed and attached to gifts that should be returned to the church no later than Sunday, Dec. 14. Please securely attach the tags to your gifts paying special attention to whether gift wrapping is required which will be noted on the back of each tag. Gifts will be delivered to St. Francis Center, Catholic Worker House, Maple Street Homeless Shelter and Hoover Pre-School. If you cannot take a tag but would prefer to contribute there will be a box in the back of each church for donations. Any amount is appreciated. Questions should be directed to **Marlene Hunter, (650) 325-4058.**

Caroling, Sweets & Savories

Our Lady of the Wayside will be having an afternoon of singing, sweets and savories on December 14, Sunday at 3:00 pm at the OLW Rectory. Everyone is invited to this celebration!

Men's Group

St Denis Parish will be forming a Men's Group. The purpose of the group is to come together to enrich ones faith, to bond, to socialize and to build community. The first gathering of the Men's group will be on Wednesday, December 4, at 7:00 pm at the St Denis Parish Hall. All the men in the parish are invited to the gathering.

Senior Luncheon

Thanksgiving Senior Luncheon on November 25, Tuesday at 1:00 pm.

Please call **(650) 854-5976** to RSVP!

Insight Series at Woodside Priory

"The Path of Beauty: Spirituality and Creativity"
Wednesday, December 3, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Presentation and Art Exhibit with Fr. Arthur Poulin

Monk and artist, Fr. Arthur Poulin, will present on the spirituality of his creative process, from which his paintings emerge. In response to his work, Sister Wendy Beckett said: "It is intense and strong, with a pure clear inner radiance that is a silent witness to your vocation."

Fr. Arthur's presentation will be accompanied by his artwork, which he will be exhibiting in Kriewall-Haehl Gallery located in the Rothrock Performing Arts Center, at Woodside Priory School, from **November 26 through December 18, 2014.** For questions or to RSVP, please contact: Carrie Rehak at crehak@prioryca.org.

Wine and the Word

The next wine and the word will be on Monday, December 8, at 7:00 pm at St. Denis Rectory.

Ministry Schedule

Christmas Tea

8th Annual Parish Christmas Tea

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Saturday, December 13, 1:00-3:00 pm
St. Denis Parish Center

Guest Speaker:
Fr. Gladstone H. Stevens, S.S.

The Parish Tea Committee will sell tickets on Sunday November 16th after the 9:30 am Mass. Tickets can also be purchased (\$25.00 per guest) in the parish office.

November 29/30

St. Denis

5:30pm Lector: Beverly Huss
E.M.: Brigitte Mornand, Tina Morris, Anne Marie Jewell

7:30am Lectors: Paul Kirincich, Maria Decker
E.M.: Jackie Tornes, Sandy Rock

9:30am Lectors: Heather Scholl, Josephine Dorval
E.M.: Ann O'Hearn, George Quiter III, Kathie Shaw, Jill Stanley, Scott Stanley*, Estelle Crawford

11:30am Lector: R. Draeger
E.M.: R. Lombardi, S. Flax, E. Parsons

Our Lady of the Wayside

4:30pm Lector: Sullivan
E.M.: Welling, Schar

9:30am Lector: Jenkins
E.M.: Ruggeri, Aymerich, Carroll

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