

Lenten Day of Reflection

St. Denis will be hosting a Day of Reflection for all adults on Monday, March 23, from 10:00am—2:00pm. Fr. Russ Roide, S.J., will give a presentation on the topic, "Lessons of Inner Strength for Challenging Times." Our day will start with coffee and treats and will include Mass, reflection time, and lunch. We will have sign-ups following the Masses at St. Denis beginning THIS weekend or you can drop off your check at the parish office during business hours. Please feel free to invite your friends to join us. The cost is just \$10 and is open to everyone.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to donate an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one, please make the donation in the envelope provided at the entrance of the church with the name of the person in whose memory the lily is offered. If you prefer you may also bring an Easter Lily to the Church to be placed at the altar.

Bulletin Editor Wanted

St Denis is looking for a Bulletin Editor. If any High School student would like to apply for the position, please contact Fr. Jose Shaji. The parish will pay you for your services

Easter baskets

St. Denis Parish Outreach Committee will be collecting Easter baskets for Pre-schoolers at Hoover School. The baskets will be delivered to the school on Wednesday, April, 1, 2015. If you cannot donate an Easter basket but would prefer to contribute to this annual event there will be colored envelopes in the pews which can be placed in the collection baskets at each mass. Any amount is appreciated and questions should be directed to Marlene Hunter, 325-4058. Thank you and God Bless.

Spiritual Book Group

The Spiritual Book Group will take a break and not meet on March 10. We'll resume on March 17th. Currently we are reading Iona Dreaming: the Healing Power of Place by Clare Cooper Marcus. We read a couple of chapters each week and meet in the library in the Parish Center. Tuesdays, 9:00 am. Please call Tereza McNamee for specifics, 323-6859 and join us later this month.

Lenten Services

March 18 Wednesday
6:00 pm Reconciliation Service and
Confessions at St Denis.

March 28, Saturday
6:30 pm Seder Dinner

Director of Religious Ed Wanted

St. Denis Parish is looking for a full-time Director of Religious Education & Youth Ministry. Please see the website for Job Description. Applications can be sent to Fr. Jose at joshshaji.62@gmail.com.

Organist/Pianist Wanted

St. Denis Parish is looking for a part-time Organist/Pianist. Please see the website for details. Applications can be sent to Fr. Jose at joshshaji.62@gmail.com.

Dementia Caregiver Course

Please join Catholic Charities and the City of San Mateo Parks and Recreation department as we host the "Dementia Care Strategies for Family Caregivers" course. This 2 hour overview will be held on Saturday March 28 from 10am-12pm at the San Mateo Senior Center (2645 Alameda de las Pulgas). Please register by visiting www.erec.org (Course #66167). For help with registration you can call 650.522.7490.

Ministry Schedule

St. Denis Mar. 21 / Mar. 22

5:30pm **Lector:** J. Griffin
E.M.: AM Jewell, B. Mornand, T. Morris

7:30am **Lectors:** Paul Kirincich, James Ternes
E.M.: Jackie Ternes, Sandy Rock

9:30am **Lectors:** S. Monahan, H. Scholl
E.M.: A O'hearn, G. Quiter, K. Shaw, J. Stanley, S. Stanley, E Crawford

11:30am **Lectors:** R. Draeger
E.M.: L. Lombardi, R. Lombardi, P. Dewes

Our Lady of the Wayside

4:30pm **Lectors:** Jenkins
E.M.: Schar, DeStabler

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

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.

Join us **Wednesday, Mar. 18th**
for reconciliation service at
7:00 pm at St. Denis Church

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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

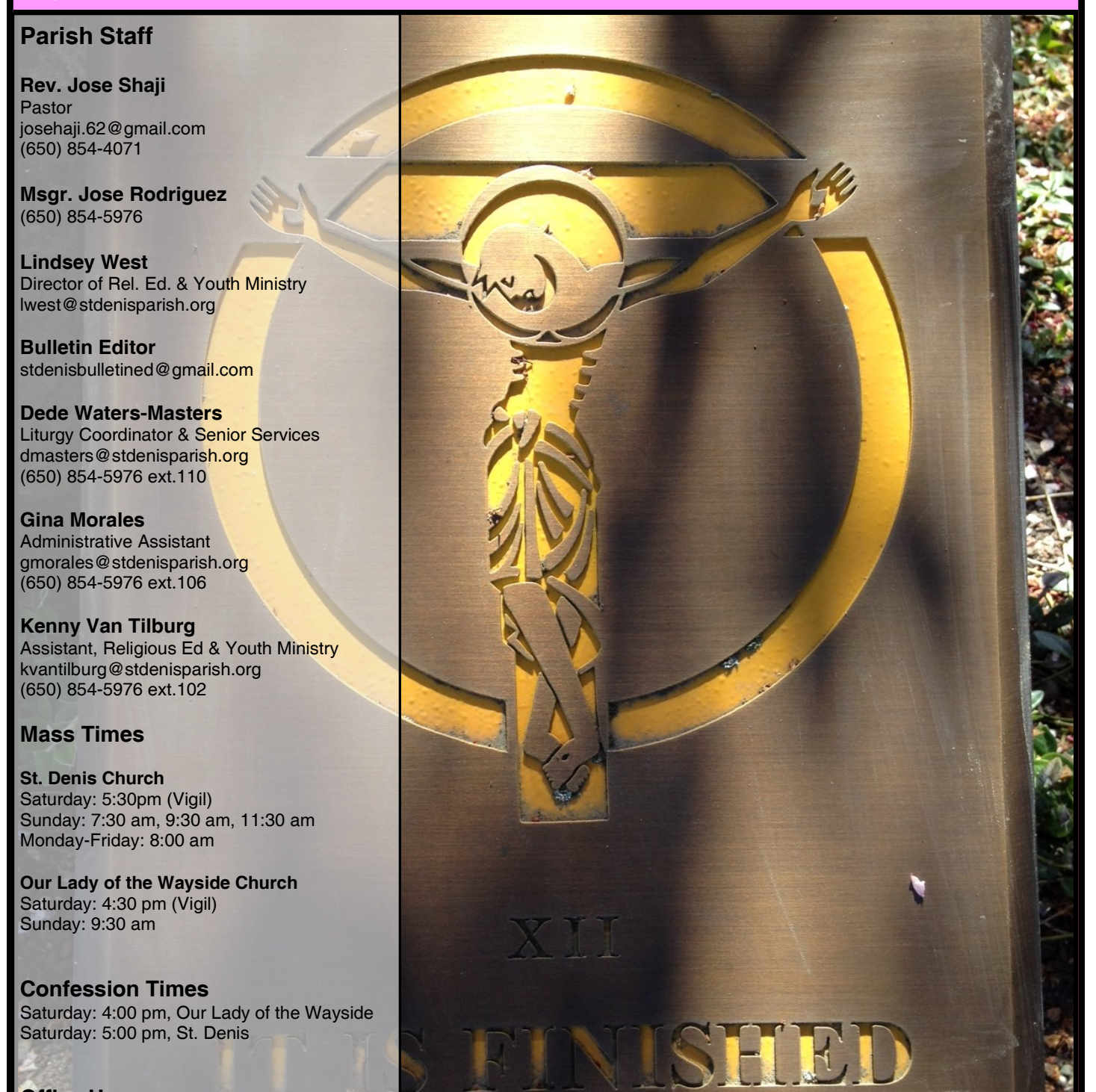
M-F, 9:00 am—2:00 pm

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March 15th, 2015 | Fourth Sunday of Lent



Pastor's Corner

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

The fourth Sunday of Lent is known as the *Laetare* Sunday. *Laetare* (Rejoice) is the first word in the entrance antiphon. Can we truly rejoice and experience joy this Sunday? Happiness is conditional, it may depend on many factors; good friends, good surroundings, good fortune, freedom from worry, financial security etc. But joy is unconditional. One can experience joy even in the absence of happiness. The source of our joy is God's love for us, he loved us first. As St. John would say, "We love because God loved us first." (1 Jn. 4:19) Lenten season takes us to the passion, death and Resurrection of Christ, the events that speak of God's unconditional love for us. May this realization fill our lives with joy.

I am very grateful to Lindsey West for serving our Community as the DRE and Youth Minister for the past three years. Lindsey was a real blessing to our community. Her strong faith, dedication and hard work is an example for each one of us. I wish her all the very best! Our blessings, prayers go with you as you begin another phase of your life! Blessings!

This coming Wednesday, 18th of March there will be a reconciliation service followed by opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation individually. The service will be at 7:00 pm at St Denis. This will be a wonderful preparation for the celebration of the Holy Week.

Yours Sincerely,
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

Gospel Reading

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

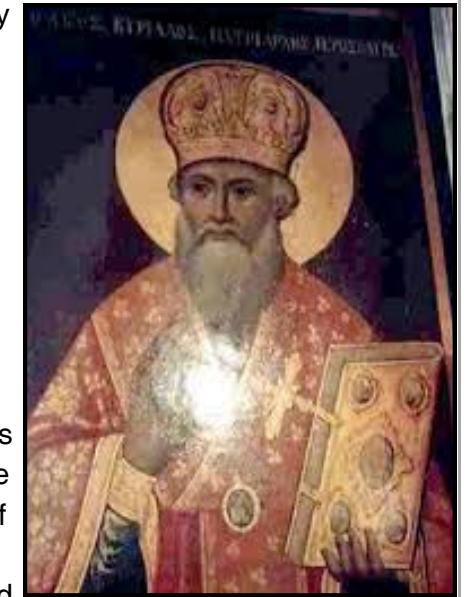
Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - John 3:14-21

Saint of the Week: St. Cyril of Jerusalem—March 18

The crises that the Church faces today may seem minor when compared with the threat posed by the Arian heresy, which denied the divinity of Christ and almost overcame Christianity in the fourth century. Cyril was to be caught up in the controversy, accused (later) of Arianism by St. Jerome (September 30), and ultimately vindicated both by the men of his own time and by being declared a Doctor of the Church in 1822. Raised in Jerusalem, well-educated, especially in the Scriptures, he was ordained a priest by the bishop of Jerusalem and given the task of catechizing during Lent those preparing for Baptism and during the Easter season the newly baptized. His Catechesis remain valuable as examples of the ritual and theology of the Church in the mid-fourth century.



There are conflicting reports about the circumstances of his becoming bishop of Jerusalem. It is certain that he was validly consecrated by bishops of the province. Conflict soon rose between Cyril and Acacius, bishop of the rival nearby see of Caesarea. Cyril was summoned to a council, accused of insubordination and of selling Church property to relieve the poor. He was condemned, driven from Jerusalem, and later vindicated. He finally returned to find Jerusalem torn with heresy, schism and strife, and wracked with crime. Even St. Gregory of Nyssa, sent to help, left in despair. They both went to the (second ecumenical) Council of Constantinople, where the amended form of the Nicene Creed was promulgated in 381. Cyril accepted the word consubstantial (that is, of Christ and the Father). Some said it was an act of repentance, but the bishops of the Council praised him as a champion of orthodoxy against the Arians. Though not friendly with the greatest defender of orthodoxy against the Arians, Cyril may be counted among those whom Athanasius called "brothers, who mean what we mean, and differ only about the word."

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Our Lady of the Wayside

Sat. 3/14	5:30pm Mary C Miller (Nancy Miller)	4:30pm Donald & Mary Miller† (Nancy Miller)
Sun. 3/15	7:30am Maria Sa-ing Swang-ngam† (Jidapa Nitayo) 9:30am Mary C Miller† (Nancy Miller) 11:30am Jim Meltzer† (Joe & Mary Merkert)	9:30am Floyd Kenlay† (The Kenlay Family)
Mon. 3/16	8:00am Donald & Mary Miller† (Nancy Miller)	
Tue. 3/17	8:00am Mary C. Miller† (Nancy Miller)	
Wed. 3/18	8:00am Bro. Claude Rheume† (Lea Mitiguy & Family)	
Thu. 3/19	8:00am Donald & Mary Miller† (Nancy Miller)	
Fri. 3/20	8:00am Josephine Stafford †(Connie & Tom Courtney)	

In your charity, please pray for...

Carol Armstrong, Baby Stella Arde, Agnes Babcock, Bob Bark, Louise Brent, Mike Carragee, Lily Chan, Lynn Cintron, 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, Matthew Lear, Phyllis Lucas, Luke Mars, Ann Martin, Sheri Martin, Dorothy Meyers, Dennis Miller, Rozeh Nikli, Lorraine O'Connor, Lorie Ortega, Angie Real, Jim Rock, Raymond Shaaf Sr., Aileen Schiel, Kathy Schoendorf, Marie Scott, Dorothy Skala, Frank Vitale, Walter Weber, Bev Wheat, Mila Wright, William Yates, Ada Zilli, and Jean Zonner.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

I am grateful to Fr. Anthony Giampietro, CSB, the Director of Development of the Archdiocese of San Francisco speak at all the Masses at St Denis last weekend. I would like to invite you to make a contribution to the Appeal. The Annual Appeal supports the many Ministries of the Archdiocese. Our target for this year is \$91,800. Here is how much we collected last weekend:

St Denis \$3,229.00
OLW \$1,663.00

Weekly Stewardship Report

	March 7/8 2015		March 8/9, 2014	
	Sunday Collection	E-Giving	Sunday Collection	E-Giving
St. Denis	\$6,037.00	\$2,544.08	St. Denis \$3,245.00	\$2,120.83
OLW	\$1,149.00	\$511.66	OLW \$711.00	\$637.70
Total: \$8,092.74			Total: \$7,334.53	
	Monthly Total, February 2015		Monthly Total, February 2014	
	Sunday Collection	E-Giving	Sunday Collection	E-Giving
St. Denis	\$14,675.00	\$10,176.33	St. Denis \$12,563.00	\$8,483.34
OLW	\$3,167.00	\$2,046.66	OLW \$4,110.00	\$2,550.82
Total: \$30,064.99			Total: \$27,707.16	