

Saint Denis /Our Lady Of The Wayside Churches

*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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MassTimes

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



November 27th, 2016 1st Sunday of Advent

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2250 Avy Avenue • Menlo Park

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Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

We begin the 2017 new Liturgical Year on this First Sunday of Advent. Today's scripture readings set the tone for Advent. We have been summoned to climb the mountain of the Lord to the house of God. There in lies the challenge for all of us. The house of God does not rest on a hill which can be easily reached. The house of God is on the highest of mountains. To reach it requires tremendous effort on our part. It is an arduous journey, but a journey worth taking. For we will be in the presence of God himself. We will dwell in his house, a place we can call home. God's house is home to everyone.

Most of us will never experience homelessness. The homeless though know what it is like to live on the cold streets of our town or city. They know what it is like to live in a temporary shelter. They know what it is like to not be welcomed, to be shunned and to be unwanted. It is to these people that God's house is their home. The evangelist Luke reminds us that those living on the streets have been invited to the banquet of the Lord.

We go to the house of the Lord once again to be instructed by him and to walk in his paths. There we are reminded that the poor and the homeless are our brothers and sisters in Christ. Yet, they are more than that. Christ is in them. They are Christ himself. What we do or do not do for the poor and homeless we do or do not do for Christ. Simply, we are instructed by the Lord to give of ourselves to those in need.

On this first day of the new Liturgical Year, let us recommit ourselves to always climb the Lord's mountain to the house of God, and to be of service to our brothers and sisters in Christ. May we live our lives not for ourselves, but for others. This is how we prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ in this Advent season.

Fr. Paul

What We Believe

Emmanuel 2016

This weekend marks the beginning of the season of Advent. Our culture hardly cooperates with the observance of Advent because the decorations, shopping, and overall preparations of Christmas seem to take over our lives. After thanksgiving hits, many of us are either immersed in the "Christmas Rush," (usually the women), or purposefully withdrawn from the entire season, (usually the men.)

Still, our faith reminds us that this is the time to remember "Emmanuel," "God with us." How do we live in such a way that expresses that God is truly with us? Advent challenges us to look and see where Christ is truly present in our lives, in both our giving and receiving. In this more purposeful awareness, perhaps Advent can hold more meaning for us as we recognize the blessings given to us and the blessings we strive to give to others.

After this tumultuous election, I heard a political analyst suggest that we should all ask ourselves, "What makes America great?" Perhaps Advent is a time to personally ask ourselves "What makes me great?" and deliberately strive to hit that mark as we journey through this Advent.

Dede

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat.	Nov	26	5:30 pm	Bruce Halpern MD (+)
Sun.	Nov	27	7:30 am	Bob & Mary Hagman (+)
			9:30 am	Beatrice Buss (+)
			11:30 am	Peace for Advent Season (+)
Mon.	Nov	28	8:00 am	Deceased Members
Tues.	Nov	29	8:00 am	Peace for Advent season
Wed.	Nov	30	8:00 am	World Peace
Thurs.	Dec	1	8:00 am	Christian Unity
Fri.	Dec	2	8:00 am	In Thanksgiving

Our Lady Of The Wayside Church

Sat. Nov. 26 4:30 pm Blessed Virgin Mary

Sun. Nov. 27 9:30 am Peace for Advent Season

In your charity, please pray for...

Lillian Schulte, George Sutton, Rosa Sharif, Dean Babcock, Carol Armstrong, 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, Lorraine O'Connor, Lorie Ortega, Robert Roger, Raymond Shaaf Sr., Kathy Schoendorf, Marie Scott, Dorothy Skala, Doug Ury, Walter Weber, Bev Wheat, Mila Wright, William Yates, Ada Zilli, and William and Jean Zonner. **NAMES WILL REMAIN ON THE LIST FOR A MONTH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.**

Religious Education

NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES

There will be NO CLASSES on the following days:

November 27 Thanksgiving weekend

All classes resume on Sunday, December 4 at the usual times.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Children of school age (able to read) are invited to join the Children's Choir. We'll be leading the singing at the Christmas Eve Family Mass. Rehearsals begin November 27 in the chapel right after the 9:30am Mass. All other children will be invited to participate in other ways throughout the Mass.

For more information, contact Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org

RECONCILIATION WORKSHOP AND CELEBRATION

Sunday, December 11 at 1:00pm in St. Denis Church.

For those children and parents preparing to receive First Eucharist this spring.

We'll review the Sacrament of Reconciliation, how it has changed over the years and how we celebrate as a parish family. There will be a communal celebration of Reconciliation for the children and their families on Saturday, December 18 at 10:00am in St. Denis Church. For more information, contact Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org

RECONCILIATION SERVICES NEARBY

There will be Reconciliation Services for Advent in our neighboring parishes. All are invited and welcome! Tuesday, December 13 at 7pm at St. Pius Church, Redwood City, and Wednesday, December 21 at 7:30pm at Nativity Church Menlo Park.

Faith Formation Conference

Friday and Saturday December 2 & 3 at the San Jose Convention Center. Workshops for everyone on topics like prayer, liturgy, social justice, catechesis and more. Brochures are available in the back of the church.



Thank You

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank St. Denis, Our Lady of the Wayside, & St. Raymond's churches for their combined generosity for the coat drive. 300 warm items were donated to help clients of our Redwood City Homeless Help Center for this Winter. God bless you!



Upcoming Events

11-27-16 Wine & Cheese after 11:30am mass

**12-7-16 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass
6pm at Our Lady of the Wayside Church**

**12-8-16 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass at 8am
12noon, and 6pm St. Denis Church**

12-10-16 Parish Annual Christmas Tea 1-3pm in parish hall

Need A Ride To Mass?

If you are in need of a ride to Mass the Outreach Committee is available. Please call Maritza Longland at

650 291-0657.



Friendly Reminders

Bulletin & Announcements.

This is a busy time of year with a lot going on so here are a couple of reminders:

The deadline for bulletin inserts is the Tuesday (before noon)

Before the weekend of publication.

All mass announcements are to be scripted and okayed by Dede Prior to the masses. Contact her at dedewm@pacbell.net

Stewardship

July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 (Goal)	\$450,000.00
July 1, 2016 to October, 2016	\$155,082.40
Monthly Goal-October, 2016	\$45,000.00
October Sunday Collections	\$42,360.06

PARISH CHRISTMAS TEA

10th Annual Parish Christmas Tea

Tidings of Great Joy



Saturday, December 10th 2016

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

@ St. Denis Parish Center

2250 Avy Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025

Tickets: (\$25 each)

Please make checks payable to: St. Denis Parish

Barbara Mason @ Tel: [650.854.2526](tel:650.854.2526) Email: babs412@yahoo.com, or Josephine Dorval [650.619.4024](tel:650.619.4024)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: Your loved ones who have died will be remembered especially in prayer and during our masses. You can enter their names in the black remembrance book provided at the back of church this coming month of November.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: The Christmas Giving Trees will be in both Our Lady of the Wayside and St. Denis Churches beginning Saturday, November 26th. Gift tags should be removed and attached to gifts and returned to the churches no later than Sunday, December 11th. 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, LifeMoves formerly Inn Vision/Maple Street Shelter, and Hoover Pre-School. If you cannot take a tag but would like to contribute, you may make a check out to St. Denis church with the memo "CHRISTMAS GIVING Tree" in an envelope. You can put envelopes in the collection baskets. Any amount is greatly appreciated. PLEASE DROP OFF GIVING BY CUT OFF DATE, AS WE CANNOT DELIVER AFTERWARDS. Any questions, contact Marlene Hunter at 650 325-4058. Thank you.

VOLUNTEER SHEETS: Please take a volunteer sheet located by the bulletins this week. The Outreach & St. Vincent de Paul Committees are surveying your interests as they offer service activities for families and individuals in the coming months.