

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

Office Closed Monday
January 16th, In Observance
Of Martin Luther King Jr. Day



January 15th, 2017 2nd Sunday in ordinary time

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Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Today's Responsorial Psalm gives us something to contemplate for the coming week. We are called and invited to reflect upon these words: Here am I Lord, I come to do your will. This implies that we have the willingness to go to the Lord. Do we live for ourselves, or do we have an innate desire to live for God? When I was a wee lad, my mother and I would always sit in front of the tabernacle, which was located on the right side of the church. Occasionally, my mother would mention to me to give my life over to God.

Later in life, specifically when I was a freshman in college, I came to realize that giving my life over to God really meant surrendering my will to do the will of God. This involved discerning what God wanted me to do rather than doing what I wanted to do with my life. I prayed unceasingly for God to show me the way. He obviously revealed to me his will.

I can honestly say that in doing and living God's will is our peace and contentment. If you are seeking meaning and purpose in life and a sense of direction, then seek and do God's will in your life. Your hope and heart's desire will be fulfilled. The void you may feel deep down inside can only be filled with the presence of God. God's abiding presence is in us when we live for him, not for ourselves.

Fr. Paul

What We Believe

Have you ever had to testify about something?

Usually when we are called to testify to something, we have some direct knowledge and understanding about what it is that we are testifying about.

In a court case, a witness who is called to the stand is usually someone who either directly saw what happened or can speak to the character of the defendant or plaintiff.

This is called a character witness.

In today's Gospel reading from John,

John the Baptist testifies that Jesus is the Lamb of God.

Two times John mentions that he "did not know" Jesus.

Yet John testifies to who Jesus is for a couple of reasons.

First, John knows that he is preparing the way for the Lord.

Second, John testifies that he witnessed God's revelation, the Holy Spirit, descend upon Jesus.

This profound experience leads John to state

that Jesus is indeed the Son of God

who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.

Even though John the Baptist "did not know" Jesus,

he still testifies to the power of God's love

in sending his Son to begin his earthly ministry.

We should not be afraid to testify to the work God is doing in our lives.

Share what it has meant to be a Christian.

Don't be afraid to go out and live your faith publicly.

Far too often, we are afraid of sharing our faith with others.

Take a chance and go out and speak boldly,

just as John the Baptist did in his day.

Yours in the Lord, Lucy

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat.	Jan 14	5:30 pm	Unity as a Nation
Sun.	Jan 15	7:30 am	Unity as a Nation
		9:30 am	Mary Rapp (+)
		11:30 am	Terry & George Edel (+)
Mon.	Jan 16	8:00 am	Freedom to All
Tues.	Jan 17	8:00 am	St. Denis Parishioners
Wed.	Jan 18	8:00 am	Christian Unity
Thurs	Jan 19	8:00 am	Tom Foss (+)
Fri.	Jan 20	8:00 am	Unity as a Nation

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat.	Jan 14	4:30pm	Tom Foss (+)
Sun.	Jan 15	9:30am	Unity as a Nation

In your charity, please pray for...

Lillian Schulte, Janet Sue Cox, 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 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, 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 FAITH FORMATION CLASSES TODAY!

We will be off this week, January 15, for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

See you all again next week at the usual times.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT DAY: 8TH GRADERS

Saturday, January 21 from 10am to 5:30pm at Our Lady of the Wayside.

Our theme is Prayer. Bring a bag lunch and your journals.

We will be joining the parishioners for Mass at 4:30pm and parents are welcome to join us then too!

For more information about any of these events,

Please contact Lucy Soltau at

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Spiritual Book Group

We step into the New Year with a new book, *Julian's Gospel: Illuminating the Life and Revelations of Julian of Norwich* by Veronica Mary Rolf. Julian was a medieval mystic who lived in turbulent times not unlike the world we have today. Her visions of Christ inspired her to write about God's unconditional love and the importance of resting in that Love. Veronica Rolf, an independent scholar, has reconstructed the historical times and Julian's life to provide a more vivid understanding of these revelations. Where previously it was thought that Julian was a nun, Rolf shows good evidence that she was a merchant and a widow with children. The book is lively and fun. Books are available at Kepler's on the Book Club shelf. Ask for the Book Club discount. We meet on Tuesdays starting January 10th at 10:00 am at a private home. Please call Tereza at 323-6859 for further info.

Summer Camp Meeting

Yosemite Sierra Summer Camp: Information meeting

For children ages 8-16 who might be interested in a summer Christian adventure camp, there will be an introductory meeting hosted by Elizabeth Radford this Thursday, January 19th at 10:00am at the Menlo Church Student Center in downtown Menlo Park right across from Pete's coffee, 900 Santa Cruz Avenue.

About the Camp

Founded in 1973, [YSSC](http://www.yssc.com) offers two-week summer camp experiences for children 8 to 16 years old. A Christian adventure program with outstanding staff, [YSSC](http://www.yssc.com) provides a fun and nurturing environment through which campers grow in character, skills, relationships, and faith. Activities include water skiing, ropes course, archery, crafts, team building, Bible study, campfires, skits, and so much more. Through these activities and a community of caring role models, campers come away from YSSC with increased confidence, independence, friendship and problem solving skills, and deeper understanding of God's love. Contact Elizabeth Radford at lizardford@yahoo.com or check out www.yssc.com.

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

Advent Office Hours

Due to our heavy workload caused by the end of the year and a new payroll system our office hours are 9:30am to 2:00pm Monday thru Friday. Please call if you are planning on coming in during lunch time as we may be on break.

Stewardship

July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 (Goal)	\$450,000.00
July 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016	\$227,568.98
Monthly Goal– December, 2016	\$36,000.00
December Sunday Collections	\$35,095.00
Christmas Collections	\$53,911.00

Parish Pictorial Directory

2017 St. Denis/Our Lady of the Wayside Parish Directory

Please join us in having a picture of you, your family and even your pets in our parish directory!

All participating parishioners will receive a FREE directory & an 8X10 color portrait.

Our 2017 Parish Directory won't be complete without you!

Please sign up today!

Pictures will be taken on Feb 15, 16, 17 & 18 at St. Denis Parish Hall.

To schedule your appointment, go to

<https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/stdenischurch/index.php?page=10>

For further information please contact Josephine Dorval at (650)506-6571



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Farewell Msgr. Jose Rodriguez

Please join us in wishing
Msgr. Jose Rodriguez a fond
farewell and prayers. We thank
him for his years of priestly
ministry with us.

We will miss him!

