

June 8, 2014, Pentecost

# 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 8:00 am, 5:30 pm (Vigil)  
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am  
Weekdays 8:00 am*

### Our Lady of the Wayside Church

*Saturday 4:30 pm (Vigil)  
Sunday 9:30 am  
Weekdays: Please refer to the "Mass Intentions" schedule.*

## 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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## Pastor's Corner

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

In the Gospel reading of this Sunday we read, "And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." He empowered them with the Spirit. When John wrote those words, he had the creation story from the Book of Genesis in mind. After God formed the first man from clay God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. As God breathed into Adam the breath of life, so Jesus now breathed the Spirit into these disciples, making them a new people. The word Spirit means breath. The Spirit is our inner core. As we celebrate Pentecost we are all invited to see the breath of God in us. And, we will know that our inner being is the Holy Spirit.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped set up and prepare the Pancake Breakfast and the outdoor Mass. Thank you! I would like to thank all the Catechists, the volunteers and in a special way our DRE, Lindsey West for making the Religious Education program at St Denis very special! Thank you!

Yours Sincerely,  
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

## Gospel Reading

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

## Mass Intentions

	<u>St. Denis</u>	<u>Our Lady of the Wayside</u>
<b>Sat. 6/07</b>	5:30pm Emil Real + (Mary Schleifer)	4:30pm Robert Olson+ (Frank & Mary Margaret Koch)
<b>Sun. 6/08</b>	7:30am Irene Goodwin+ (Hagman family) 9:30am Kathryn Ryan+ (Quiter family) 11:30am Beatriz Garcia+ (Jose Garcia)	9:30am Marcel Mouney+ (Kay Mouney)
<b>Mon. 6/09</b>	8:00am Beatriz Garcia+ (Jose Garcia)	7:30am for the Parishioners of OLW
<b>Tue. 6/10</b>	8:00am Beatriz Garcia+ (Jose Garcia)	7:30am for the Parishioners of OLW
<b>Wed. 6/11</b>	8:00am Beatriz Garcia+ (Jose Garcia)	7:30am for the Parishioners of OLW
<b>Thu. 6/12</b>	8:00am Beatriz Garcia+ (Jose Garcia)	
<b>Fri. 6/13</b>	8:00am Beatriz Garcia+ (Jose Garcia)	
<b>Sat. 6/14</b>	8:00am Beatriz Garcia+ (Jose Garcia)	

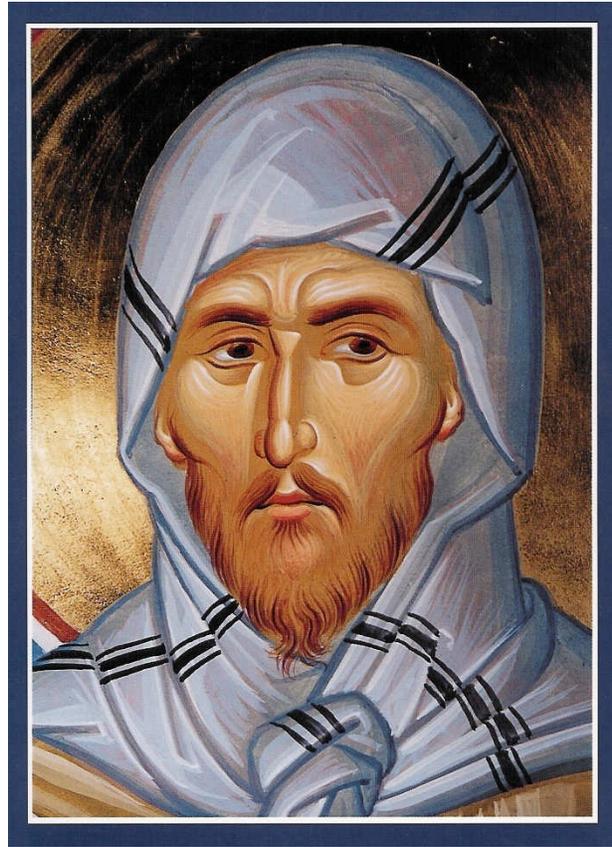
## In your charity, please pray for...

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 Fuentes, 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, Raymond Schaaaf Sr, Aileen Schiel, Marie Scott, Omid Sharif, Dorothy Skala, Rhonda Tillim, Frank Vitale, David Welling, Bev Wheat, Mila Wright, William Yates and Ada Zilli.

*Please call the parish office if you would like a priest to bring Holy Communion.*

## Saint of the Week: St. Ephrem

**June 9** - Born in Nisibis, Mesopotamia, Ephrem was baptized as a young man and became famous as a teacher in his native city. When the Christian emperor had to cede Nisibis to the Persians, Ephrem, along with many Christians, fled as a refugee to Edessa. He is credited with attracting great glory to the biblical school there. He was ordained a deacon but declined becoming a priest (and was said to have avoided episcopal consecration by feigning madness!). He had a prolific pen, and his writings best illumine his holiness. Although he was not a man of great scholarship, his works reflect deep insight and knowledge of the Scriptures. In writing about the mysteries of humanity's redemption, Ephrem reveals a realistic and humanly sympathetic spirit and a great devotion to the humanity of



Jesus. It is said that his poetic account of the Last Judgment inspired Dante. It is surprising to read that he wrote hymns against the heretics of his day. He would take the popular songs of the heretical groups and, using their melodies, compose beautiful hymns embodying orthodox doctrine. Ephrem became one of the first to introduce song into the Church's public worship as a means of instruction for the faithful. His many hymns have earned him the title "Harp of the Holy Spirit." Poet, teacher, orator and defender of the faith, Ephrem is the only Syrian recognized as a doctor of the Church. He took upon himself the special task of opposing the many false doctrines rampant at his time, always remaining a true and forceful defender of the Catholic Church. He preferred a simple, austere life, living in a small cave overlooking the city of Edessa. It was here he died around 373.



### Weekly Stewardship Report

May 31/June 1, 2014		May 25/26, 2013	
	<u>Sunday Collection</u>	<u>E-Giving</u>	
St. Denis	\$5,871.00	\$2,184.73	St. Denis
OLW	\$1,296.00	\$418.33	OLW
<b>Total: \$9,770.06</b>		<b>Total: \$6,694.00</b>	
Monthly Total, May 2014		Monthly Total, May 2013	
	<u>Sunday Collection</u>	<u>E-Giving</u>	
St. Denis	\$18,699.00	\$10,223.67	St. Denis
OLW	\$6,406.00	\$2,091.66	OLW
<b>Total: \$37,420.33</b>		<b>Total: \$32,925.55</b>	

## Religious Education

### Summer Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is a drop-in ministry for children 4 years old through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade at St. Denis Church. Children come to Mass with their parents and then are invited to come forward to Children's Liturgy of the Word after the welcome. The kids are then dismissed with a catechist and return for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) happens every Sunday at the 9:30am Mass unless otherwise noted in the bulletin, so be sure to keep an eye on the Religious Ed section. **Our first CLOW is Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

### Registration for 2014-2015 Available Now

Register your kids for Religious Education now. We have classes for Pre-K through Confirmation (typically 8<sup>th</sup> Grade) and special events and activities for high school students. Registration is online at [www.stdenisparish.org](http://www.stdenisparish.org) under the Faith Formation tab. Register by July 1<sup>st</sup> for an early bird discount. Registering early also helps us to better plan our resources and ensure we can recruit enough catechists and aides.

*Parents of Kindergartners and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders – Next year (1<sup>st</sup> Grade and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade) are year 1 prep for First Communion and year 1 prep for Confirmation so be sure to register your child for Religious Education and sacramental prep!*

## Finance Council

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## Spiritual Book Group

We're reading Joyce Rupp's *Walk in a Relaxed Manner: Life Lessons from the Camino*. When Joyce turned 60, she and a friend trekked the Camino de Santiago across northern Spain. Here is a tale of her challenges and rewards as a modern-day pilgrim. All are welcome to join this group. We read just one chapter a week and meet on Tuesday mornings in the Conference room in the parish office building at 9:00 am.

## Youth Ministry

### Teens, Are you On Fire?

Save the date for the largest Catholic gathering of teens in Northern California. On Saturday, September 20, 2014, ON FiRE NorCal Jam returns to Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo, CA, bringing along an amazing line up of talented artists and dynamic speakers to help kick-off NorCal Youth and Young Adult Ministry. At ON FiRE, celebrate Mass with 4000 youth and the diocesan Bishops. Get inspired by speakers David Bisoño, Lila Rose, Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR, Emily Wilson and Paul J. Kim. Enjoy an awesome all-you-can-eat lunch and ride till-you-drop with 2 hours of exclusive park access. To top it off, treat your senses and praise God with an evening concert featuring Josh Blakesley Band, The Thirsting, Emily Wilson, Paul J. Kim, Papa Joe Lucero & SDYG Choir and SkaAmén!

ON Fire is 9am-9pm (not including travel time) on September 20<sup>th</sup> and is open to High School students and young adults only. If you would like to go (or have questions), email Lindsey West ([lwest@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lwest@stdenisparish.org)). Permission slip and promo video will be available on the St. Denis Website by Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Ministry Schedule

### next week, June 14 & 15

#### St. Denis

5:30pm **Lector:** Jerry Griffin  
**E.M.:** Brigette Mornand, Tina Morris, Anne Marie Jewell

7:30am **Lectors:** Patrick Tornes, James Tornes  
**E.M.:** Jackie Tornes, Sandy Rock

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

11:30am **Lector:** Susan Flax  
**E.M.:** Marco, R Lombardi, Dewes

#### Our Lady of the Wayside

4:30pm **Lector:** Vonderlinden  
**E.M.:** Schar, DeStaebler

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

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