

January 4, 2015, The Epiphany of the Lord

# 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: 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

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St. Denis Office Hours: M-F, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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### Our Lady of the Wayside Church

930 Portola Road • Portola Valley

## Pastor's Corner

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

This is the feast of Epiphany on which Jesus is recognized as God's revelation to the whole world. The magi, bearing gifts for the newborn King, come on a far journey from a foreign land. They follow the star to find the Savior.

Isaiah tells his people to rise in splendor; the glory of the Lord has dispelled the darkness that had covered the earth. People from far away places will come bringing gifts and the Israelites will be raised to an important position among the nations.

The star, which represents the guidance of God for this special journey of the magi, takes them to the place they are seeking. Upon seeing the child Jesus, they recognize him as the newborn king and pay him homage and present him with gifts.

St. Paul tells us that the Spirit revealed that the gentiles were members of Christ and sharers in the promise of the Gospel. In Christ no one is excluded from the community of the people of God. This new born king will rule with justice and will bring peace. It will exist where the poor are rescued and the afflicted are offered refuge.

Each of us is called upon to give our most treasured gifts of time and attention, care and concern, support and respect to those most in need of them - whether they be our children of parents, our neighbors or strangers, our friends of enemies. We must have "true concern for everyone we encounter as we walk in the light of the Lord."

Yours sincerely,  
Msgr. Jose Rodriguez

## Gospel Reading

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

## Mass Intentions

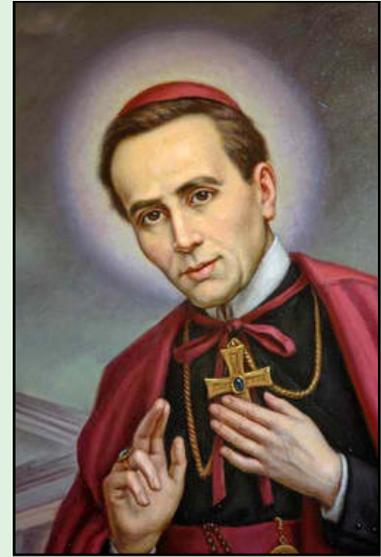
	<u>St. Denis</u>	<u>Our Lady of the Wayside</u>
<b>Sat. 1/03</b>	5:30pm Mary Margaret Koch†	4:30pm parishioners of OLW
<b>Sun. 1/04</b>	7:30am Thomas Kirkbride† (Outreach Committee) 9:30am Thomas Kirkbride† (Outreach Committee) 11:30am Lino Imperial† (Marissa Imperial)	9:30am parishioners of OLW
<b>Mon. 1/05</b>	8:00am Marjorie Bruno† (Connie & Tom Courtney)	
<b>Tue. 1/06</b>	8:00am Special Intention† (anonymous)	
<b>Wed. 1/07</b>	8:00am Special Intention† (anonymous)	
<b>Thu. 1/08</b>	8:00am parishioners of St. Denis	
<b>Fri. 1/09</b>	8:00am parishioners of St. Denis	

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

Carol Armstrong, Agnes Babcock, Bob Bark, 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, Marie Scott, Omid Sharif, Dorothy Skala, Frank Vitale, David Welling, Bev Wheat, Mila Wright, William Yates, Ada Zilli and Jean Zonner.

## Saint of the Week: St. John Neumann

**January 5** - This American saint was born in Bohemia in 1811. He was looking forward to being ordained in 1835 when the bishop decided there would be no more ordinations. It is difficult for us to imagine now, but Bohemia was overstocked with priests. John wrote to bishops all over Europe but the story was the same everywhere no one wanted any more priests. John was sure he was called to be a priest but all the doors to follow that vocation seemed to close in his face.



But John didn't give up. He had learned English by working in a factory with English-speaking workers so he wrote to the bishops in America. Finally, the bishop in New York agreed to ordain him. In order to follow God's call to the priesthood John would have to leave his home forever and travel across the ocean to a new and rugged land.

In New York, John was one of 36 priests for 200,000 Catholics. John's parish in western New York stretched from Lake Ontario to Pennsylvania. His church had no steeple or floor but that didn't matter because John spent most of his time traveling from village to village, climbing mountains to visit the sick, staying in garrets and taverns to teach, and celebrating the Mass at kitchen tables.

Because of the work and the isolation of his parish, John longed for community and so joined the Redemptorists, a congregation of priests and brothers dedicated to helping the poor and most abandoned. John was appointed bishop of Philadelphia in 1852. As bishop, he was the first to organize a diocesan Catholic school system. A founder of Catholic education in this country, he increased the number of Catholic schools in his diocese from two to 100.

John never lost his love and concern for the people -- something that may have bothered the elite of Philadelphia. On one visit to a rural parish, the parish priest picked him up in a manure wagon. Seated on a plank stretched over the wagon's contents, John joked, "Have you ever seen such an entourage for a bishop!"

The ability to learn languages that had brought him to America led him to learn Spanish, French, Italian, and Dutch so he could hear confessions in at least six languages. When Irish immigration started, he learned Gaelic so well that one Irish woman remarked, "Isn't it grand that we have an Irish bishop!"

Once on a visit to Germany, he came back to the house he was staying in soaked by rain. When his host suggested he change his shoes, John remarked, "The only way I could change my shoes is by putting the left one on the right foot and the right one on the left foot. This is the only pair I own." John died on January 5, 1860 at the age of 48.

## Weekly Stewardship Report

December 27/28, 2014			December 28/29, 2013		
	<u>Sunday Collection</u>	<u>E-Giving</u>		<u>Sunday Collection</u>	<u>E-Giving</u>
St. Denis	\$3,517.00	\$2,667.25	St. Denis	\$4,377.00	\$2,635.04
OLW	\$1,150.00	\$545.41	OLW	\$547.00	\$578.34
<b>Total: \$7,879.66</b>			<b>Total: \$8,137.38</b>		
Monthly Total, November 2014			Monthly Total, November 2013		
	<u>Sunday Collection</u>	<u>E-Giving</u>		<u>Sunday Collection</u>	<u>E-Giving</u>
St. Denis	\$19,503.00	\$11,589.66	St. Denis	\$24,574.00	\$10,511.00
OLW	\$6,339.00	\$1,984.16	OLW	\$5,090.00	\$2,562.00
<b>Total: \$39,415.82</b>			<b>Total: \$42,737.00</b>		
Christmas 2014			Christmas 2013		
St. Denis: \$27,342			St. Denis: \$22,766		
OLW: \$8,117			OLW: \$8,444		

## Religious Education

THIS Sunday, Jan. 4  
No Classes – Christmas Break

Classes Resume Sunday, January 11th

Upcoming Dates & Events  
1/18 (Sun) - Altar Server Appreciation Bowling Party

**Merry Christmas, safe travels, and a blessed start to 2015! Thank you for being a part of the Religious Ed family at St. Denis Parish.**

## Youth Fundraising Dinner

### Get Your Tickets!

The Annual Youth Fundraising Dinner is Saturday, January 31st at 6:30pm.

Proceeds towards our fundraising dinner go to support youth enrichment trips such as the Teen Leadership Conference in June 2015 and, especially, World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland in Summer 2016.

For tickets, please contact Lindsey in the parish office – [lwest@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lwest@stdenisparish.org) or 650-854-1081.

## Youth Council

After the great success working with our Youth Leadership Team and incorporating feedback from our teens, St. Denis is forming a Parish Youth Council to be the voice of the teenage members of our community.

The Youth Council will meet monthly with Fr. Jose and Lindsey West to advise and help implement best practices and programs for the enrichment and empowerment of the youth of our parish and within our local community.

There is a very brief application for the Youth Council now available in the back of the church and on our website on the Youth Ministry Page. We invite all high schoolers interested in making a change and improving our parish to apply. Apps due by January 18th, 2015. Questions? Contact Lindsey West at [lwest@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lwest@stdenisparish.org).

## XLT Mid-Peninsula

### Does Faith Matter After High School?

High School and Middle School students are invited for XLT Mid-Peninsula II on Wednesday, January 28th. St. Denis, St. Raymond, and Church of the Nativity are teaming up again to host an hour and half of praise & worship, and inspiring talk by a Stanford student, and Eucharistic Adoration.

Tickets are \$5. XLT is 7pm-8:30pm, with hospitality 6:30pm-6:55pm. Tickets are available through Eventbrite: <https://eventbrite.com/event/14994513995/> Questions? Contact Lindsey at [lwest@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lwest@stdenisparish.org).

## Senior Luncheon

The next Senior Luncheon will be on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 12 noon. Please come and celebrate “Little Christmas” with us! All Seniors are invited. RSVP by calling 854-5076 x110 and leave a message or call Dede.

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Vincent de Paul of San Mateo County would like to thank the parishioners of St. Denis and Our Lady of Wayside Churches for their plentiful, kind, and generous donations this holiday season. With your clothing donations, the warm wishes of your hearts are warming those of others in need. Many thanks and best wishes for 2015.

## Wine and the Word

The next Wine and the Word will be on Monday, January 26, 7:00 pm in the rectory.

## Men's Group

The St. Denis Men's Group will meet on Tuesday, January 27, at 7:00 pm.

## Ministry Schedule

### St. Denis

January 10/11

5:30pm **Lector:** Mersch-Foss

**E.M.:** Brigitte Mornand, Tina Morris, Anne Marie Jewell

7:30am **Lectors:** James Tornes, Paul Kirincich

**E.M.:** Jackie Tornes, Bill & Geri Beasley

9:30am **Lectors:** Greg Baker, Val Baker

**E.M.:** Ann O'Hearn, George Quiter III\*, Kathie Shaw, Jill Stanley, Scott Stanley, Dave Welch

11:30am **Lector:** F. Muennemann

**E.M.:** L. Lombardi, E. Parsons, R. Lombardi

### Our Lady of the Wayside

4:30pm **Lector:** Welling

**E.M.:** Welling, Mingram

9:30am **Lector:** Houlihan

**E.M.:** Ruggeri, Aymerich, Healey

\* sacristan