

Dress A Girl Around The World

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The Parish Tea Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed and made dresses for this project.

200 dresses will be delivered to Suzanne Beck, @ Livermore Ambassador in mid January 2016.

Rose-Marie Lombardi's Peninsula Ladies Club made 116 of these dresses.

Please continue to pray for these girls who will receive these dresses.

Dresses below made by Joan Ruskus.



Suzanne Beck "Dress a Girl around the World" Livermore Ambassador

This month, we sent 184 dresses with the Family Missions Company and they are on their way with Catholic missionaries to Peru, South America.

Another 200 were sent with local Christmas Child boxes and, another 500 are on their way to Los Angeles to the West Coast regional distribution center for Samaritan's Purse, which is the parent organization for Christmas Child. The West Coast center is responsible for areas south of Mexico, Central and South America. Please Pray for the little girls who will receive the dresses you made!

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.



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

*And a voice from heaven said,
'This is my Son, the Beloved,
with whom I am well pleased.'*

Matthew 3:17



January 10, 2016

The Baptism of the Lord

(650) 854-5976
www.stdenisparish.org

St. Denis Church (Parish Office)
2250 Avy Avenue • Menlo Park

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
930 Portola Road • Portola Valley

Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the most wonderful Christmas mass and season I have ever experienced as a priest. It was truly a joyous celebration and occasion. The Christmas eve mass with the children was quite spectacular as well as the other Christmas masses at both St. Denis and Our Lady of the Wayside churches. We are so blessed to have the best musicians this side of the Mississippi River. Are we not blessed with the precious gift of faith?

Another thanks for your generous financial support of your church. Our Christmas collection way surpassed my hopes. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Also, thank you for your personal gifts of sweets, gift cards and colored water. How on earth did you know I like so very much Macallan 12 scotch. I have enough to quench the thirst of a Marine battalion or two. With every sip I take, I will say a prayer for you. Lots of prayers coming your way.

What We Believe

Reflecting on the Responsorial Psalm

In case you didn't realize it, we are slowly journeying through the parts of the Mass in these articles. For me, it's been a good reminder about how much thought and richness is really in our Catholic Mass and I hope these little tidbits of information enhance your liturgical experience as well!

Today we will focus on what we call the Responsorial Psalm, which is really much more than a response to the First Reading in the part of the Mass we call **Liturgy of the Word**. The practice of singing the psalm goes back to the Jewish synagogue, where a soloist sang with the assembly responding. The justification for the Responsorial Psalm, sandwiched in between the First and Second readings, is to promote a savoring of the Scriptures and an atmosphere of meditation that deepens the meaning of all the Scriptural Readings for the day. For this reason, the Psalm is really meant to be solemnly sung. Over time the sophistication of liturgical music evolved into having a choir sing the entire Responsorial, also known as the Gradual, but Vatican II reaffirmed the importance of having the Assembly sing *along with* the cantor. Through the poetry of the Responsorial Psalm we are given the opportunity to recall facets of what God has done and what God continues to do in our lives today.

Dede Waters-Masters

Young Women's Leadership Seeking Your Help

Immaculate Conception Academy, an all-girls, College Prep Catholic High School located in the Mission District in San Francisco has implemented a work-study program and is looking for organizations to sponsor their students. Currently, just to cite a few, the girls are working at companies such as GAP, Bank of the West, UCSF, Jones Day Law Firm, Heffernan Insurance Brokers, etc. Nationwide this program is already succeeding in 30 other cities coast to coast. A team of 4 students works at an organization to cover one full-time position, rotating work days.

The organization receives an entry-level, clerical staff position filled without the hassle of hiring, benefits and other HR concerns. The students are employees of the ICA Corporate Work Study Program. The organization's sponsorship helps lower the tuition cost of their college preparatory education, making it affordable for more working class families.

Operating as essentially a small, outsourcing staff agency, ICA enables the organization to fill needed clerical or entry-level positions. The students are on site 36 weeks a year, 40 hours a week adding diversity, enthusiasm and willingness to learn and succeed.

For more information contact Sister Lilly at 415 824-2052 ext. 28 or visit ICA's website: www.icadedemy.org

Mass Intentions

ST. DENIS

Sat. Jan. 9	5:30pm	Gerry Wagstaffe (+)
Sun. Jan. 10	7:30 am	Peter Valenti (+)
	9:30 am	Robert Roger & Marie Scott (Get Well)
	11:30 am	Yong Ernst (+)
Mon. Jan. 11	8:00 am	The People of St Denis
Tues. Jan. 12	8:00 am	Yong Ernst (+)
Wed. Jan 13	8:00 am	Matthew Stafford (+)
Thurs. Jan 14	8:00 am	The People of St. Denis
Fri. Jan 15	8:00 am	Deceased Members

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE

Sat. Jan 9	4:30 pm	Our Lady of the Wayside Parishioners
Sun. Jan 10	9:30 am	Deceased Members of Our Lady Of the Wayside

In your charity, please pray for...

Rozeh Nikili, Bob O'Neil, Dean Babcock, 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 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 Nikli, Lorraine O'Connor, Lorie Ortega, Jim Rock, 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.**

Christmas Giving Tree

Thank you one and all for your phenomenal generosity this Christmas Season. Our Giving Trees held 225 tags and we were able to deliver 225 gifts throughout our area. All of us are thankful and proud.

30 unwrapped gifts to St. Francis Center
 30 unwrapped gifts to InnVision Homeless Shelter
 31 wrapped gifts to Catholic Worker House (7 families)
 134 wrapped gifts to Hoover Pre-School (24 families)

Thanks again from your Outreach Committee!!!=

Religious Education

Welcome Back!

All Religious Education classes meet today, January 10 at the usual times:

PreK to 5th grade at 9:30am

6th and 7th grade at 11:30am

8th grade (Confirmation) at 5:30pm

(There will be NO classes on January 17 for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday)

FIRST COMMUNION ENRICHMENT CLASSES WITH FR. PAUL

Fr. Paul will be offering optional enrichment classes to children preparing to celebrate their First Communion this Spring.

Classes begin Monday, January 11 at 4:00-5:00pm in the parish hall, and will continue on most Mondays til the end of May.

Come to all or just a few. Parents are welcome, too!

Stewardship Report

January 2/3, 2016

Sunday Collection	E-Giving
St. Denis \$3,966.00	\$4,679.00
OLW \$1,205.00	\$569.00
Christmas \$3,493.00 (combined)	
Total: \$13,912.00	

January 3/4, 2015

Sunday Collection	E-Giving
St. Denis \$3,154.00	\$3,825.00
OLW \$1,402.00	\$552.00
Christmas \$1,795.00 (combined)	
Total: \$10,728.00	

Monthly Total, December 2015

Sunday Collection	E-Giving
St. Denis \$14,082.00	\$18,717.00
OLW \$4,523.00	\$2,277.00
Christmas \$50,178.00	
Total: \$89,777.00	

Monthly Total, December 2014

Sunday Collection	E-Giving
St. Denis \$15,469.00	\$15,301.00
OLW \$5,555.00	\$2,207.00
Christmas \$48,018.00	
Total: \$86,550.00	