

Saint Vincent De Paul Society Of San Mateo County

Do you consider yourself a naturally caring, compassionate and giving person?

If so, consider sharing your gifts with people in need by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Next week at all the Parish Liturgies more will be shared about the spirituality and works of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul here in San Mateo County. Plan to spend a few moments after Mass to meet with SVdP representatives to find out more. Questions? Please contact Lorraine at 650.373.0624

Lenten Schedule

Wed. Feb. 10 Ash Wednesday Masses:

St. Denis: 8:00am, Noon (with soup lunch), 6:00pm

Our Lady of the Wayside: 9:30am, 6:00pm

Every Friday during Lent at 8:00am at St. Denis:

Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hot Cross Buns

Thu. Feb. 18 Parish History Night

6:00pm Soup & Speaker at St. Denis

Tue. Mar. 1 Senior Luncheon

Noon at St. Denis

Tue. Mar. 8 Lenten Retreat 10:00am to 2:00pm

Prayer, reflection, Mass and lunch at St. Denis

The Triduum (March 24, 25, 26, 27)

Holy Thursday - 7:00pm at St. Denis

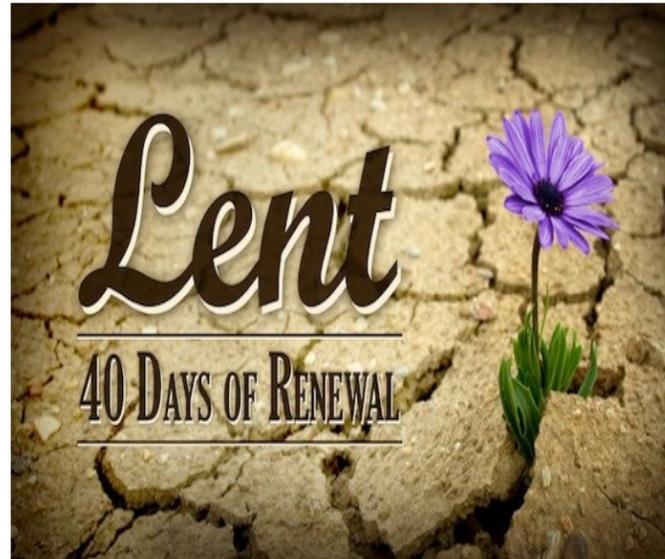
(Mass with Feet Washing, Benediction)

Good Friday services - noon at St. Denis, 1:00pm at Our Lady of the Wayside

(Stations, Passion, Adoration of Cross, Communion)

Easter Vigil - 7:00pm at St. Denis

(with reception after)



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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Mass Times

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

Ash Wednesday: February 10th
See back of bulletin for mass times.



February 7th, 2016

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(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,

It is only natural to wonder why Jesus called and chose the disciples that he did, especially Peter. On paper Peter did not necessarily have the skill set one would need to be a disciple let alone an eventual leader. He was uneducated. Peter held no title. His position in society was minimal. Peter was just a fisherman, a successful one though.

While on sabbatical last year, I had the opportunity to see his home. A Catholic church was built over his home, and we had the privilege of celebrating mass in it. Part of the church floor was made of glass which enabled one to see Peter's home. By the size of his home, it was apparent that he did well as a fisherman.

After working hard all night trying to catch fish, Peter is seen washing his nets by Jesus. Peter could have hired someone to do this tedious and laborious job. He does not though. Peter takes the time and effort to wash his own nets. On the surface, this may seem nothing. I believe, though, that this captures Jesus' attention. How often do we see a CEO or the Chairman of the Board washing the bathroom floor. Peter takes great care in doing the menial job of washing the fishing nets.

This unique quality in Peter is what Jesus was perhaps looking for in a disciple. Someone who was willing to roll up his sleeves to diligently take care of a back breaking, thankless job. If Peter takes the time to wash his fishing nets, he will surely take care of his flock. What we learn from Peter's quiet example is the importance of doing the tedious, thankless job that any leader is challenged to do. People do notice what we do and do not do in our given profession. Whatever profession we may have, may we set a good example that will inspire others to do the same.

What We Believe

The Gospel Acclamation

The verse we usually sing before the sharing of the Gospel is described as a "rite unto itself" but it is equally a way for the Assembly to tune in and welcome the Good News. After this weekend, we will not sing the "Alleluia" until we arrive at Easter, this year at the end of March.

Outside of the season of Lent, the "Alleluia" as the Gospel Acclamation is used. "Alleluia" is a Hebrew word meaning "Praise God." In the Hebrew Scriptures it appears at the beginning and end of those psalms that were proclaimed as part of the temple worship. Its use as an acclamation in the Roman liturgy was initially on Easter Day only but was later extended to the entire Easter season and eventually to the whole liturgical year with the exception of Lent. It is good to know that the joyful praising of God has been liturgically valued in our faith tradition and I think we can appreciate that facet more when refrain from the "Alleluia's" during the penitential season of Lent.

The Assembly stands in readiness to hear the Gospel and it is hoped that everyone will join in the acclamation refrain that is used as a welcome to the Lord who speaks to each one of us through the Scriptures. The Introduction to the Lectionary for Mass says this about the acclamation before the reading of the Gospel at Mass:

The Alleluia, or, as the liturgical season requires, the verse before the gospel, is a 'rite or act standing by itself'. It serves as the assembled faithful's greeting of welcome to the Lord who is about to speak to them and as an expression of their faith through song. The Alleluia or the verse before the gospel must be sung and all stand as they join in singing. It is not to be sung only by the cantor who intones it or by the choir, but by the whole congregation together. (LMI #23). So let's hear those "Alleluia's" while we have them for another week!

Mass Intentions

ST. DENIS

Sat. Feb. 6	5:30pm	Yong Ernst (+)
Sun. Feb 7	7:30 am	In Thanksgiving
	9:30 am	Members making sacraments
	11:30 am	Joan Mahoney
Mon. Feb. 8	8:00 am	St. Denis Parishioners
Tues. Feb. 9	8:00 am	The Deceased Members
Wed. Feb. 10	8:00 am	Irene Goodwin (+) & Mary Hagman (+)
	12:00 pm	Deceased Members
	6:00 pm	The People of St Denis
Thurs. Feb. 11	8:00 am	Terrence Donohoe (+)
Fri. Feb. 12	8:00 am	Deceased Members

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE

Sat. Feb. 6	4:30 pm	Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside
Sun. Feb. 7	9:30 am	Parishioners of Our Lady of the Wayside
Wed. Feb. 10	9:30 am	Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside
	6:00 pm	Parishioners of Our Lady of the Wayside

Deceased Members: Alexa Baum

In your charity, please pray for...

Rosa Sharif, Bob O'Neil, 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, 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.**

Religious Education

MARDI GRAS CARNIVAL AND LENTEN WORKSHOP

Sunday, February 7 at 10:30-11:30am in the parish hall.

Lots of activities, projects and ideas for observing Lent at home.

All children are welcome to join us!

FIRST COMMUNION ENRICHMENT CLASSES WITH FR. PAUL

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

Classes are Mondays at 3:30-4:30pm (NEW TIME!) 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!

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES NEXT TWO WEEKS

No classes on February 7 for the Mardi Gras Carnival and Lenten workshop

No classes on February 14 for the Presidents Holiday weekend.

All classes resume on February 21.

FIRST YEAR CONFIRMATION RETREAT (7th graders)

Saturday, February 20 at 10:00am to 5:30pm

Meet us at Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Bring your permission slip, a bag lunch and snacks to share!

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

Prayer for Vocations

God, our Father, In Your love and providence, You call each of us to a more holy and abundant life. We pray for our young people in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Open their hearts and minds to know the vocation You have planned for them for all eternity. If they are being invited to follow You as a priest, Brother, or Sister, give them a generous heart to respond to Your challenging call and the strength to follow wherever You lead them. May families desire to please You by encouraging and supporting vocations within their homes. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

If you believe God is calling you to the priesthood or religious life or would like to learn more about vocations and our seminarians, please contact Fr. Schunk:

vocations@sfarch.org 415-614-5684 [facebook.com/sfvocations](https://www.facebook.com/sfvocations)

Spiritual Book Club

How has your faith evolved since the Second Vatican Council? Our new book **Grounded: Finding God in the World, A Spiritual Revolution** describes how many Christians in the U.S. have shifted their perspective from a more distant God to the God within us and in our neighbor. Diana Butler Bass is both a historian and journalist. Currently she writes for the Huffington Post and for Beliefnet. In the spirit of Pope Francis, Diana describes taking care of the earth as a spiritual responsibility. Books are available on the Book Club shelf at Kepler's. Our meetings are on Tuesdays at 10:00 am. Please call Tereza McNamee 650 323-6859, for more information.

Maple Street Amenity Drive

The Maple Street A Team will be providing dinner on February 14th to the residents. We are collecting **new** unused hotel/airline amenities (all sorts) to hand out to the residents as a little Valentine treat. Alternately, you can purchase travel size shampoos, toothpaste, nail kits, and soaps.

A collection basket will be in the back of church until February 7th.

Thank you.

Stewardship

July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 (Goal)	\$372,300.00
July 1, 2015 to January 31, 2015	\$214,691.84
Monthly Goal-January 2016	\$41,000.00
January Sunday Collections	\$40,317.84

2016 Annual Appeal	\$83,000.00
Contributions to Date	\$20,396.00