

## Outreach Committee Easter Basket Drive

**St. Denis Parish Outreach Committee will be collecting Easter baskets for Pre-schoolers at Hoover School again this year. The baskets will be delivered to the school the week of March 21st.** You can drop your baskets in the back of the church **today, March 20th.** If you cannot donate an Easter basket but would prefer to contribute to this annual event there will be colored envelopes at the back of the church which can be placed in the collection baskets at mass. **We cannot accept late baskets or donations because of our delivery date.**

Any amount is appreciated and questions should be directed to **Barbara Mason at 650-854-2526 or babs412@yahoo.com.**



## HOLY WEEK



**Holy Thursday - 7:00pm at St. Denis**

**(Mass with Feet Washing, Benediction) (no morning 8 am mass)**

**Good Friday services - noon at St. Denis,**

**noon at Our Lady of the Wayside**

**Stations, Passion, Adoration of Cross, Communion**

**Easter Vigil - 7:00pm at St. Denis**

**(with reception after)**

**Easter Sunday (regular Sunday schedules)**

## 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

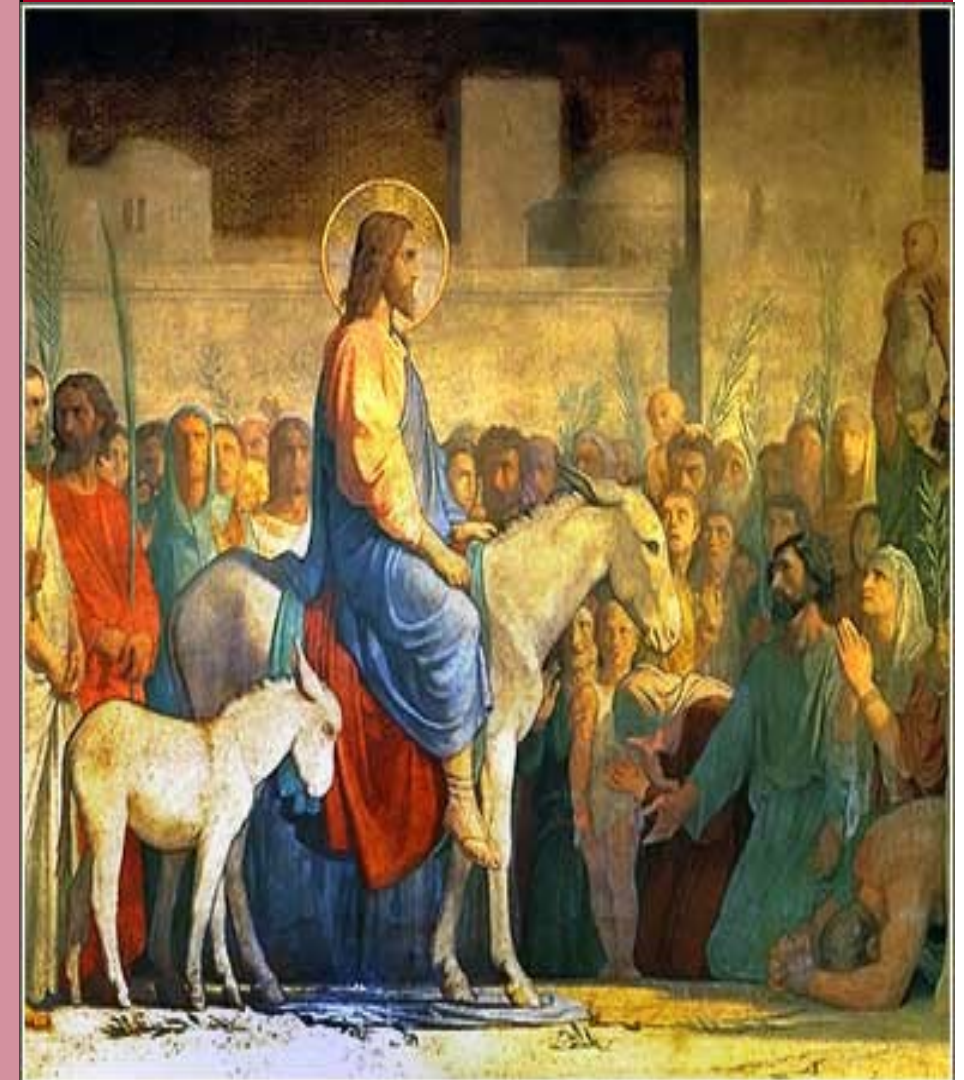
Good Friday Collection is for  
the Holy Land

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

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

## Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord



March 20th, 2016

Palm Sunday of the Passion of  
the Lord

## Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

On this Palm Sunday, we enter the holiest week of our faith, Holy Week. In the ugliness of Jesus' Passion is the beauty and richness of our faith. Today we recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. In Jerusalem, the last acts of Jesus are done. He will suffer greatly. With his hands tied, Jesus will be scourged at the pillar, have a crown of thorns crushed into his head, be spat on and mocked and ridiculed by the crowd. It is only natural to look away. It is too shocking to look at Jesus. We cannot accept what we see.

To look away, though, is to look away from love. The essence and truth of love is to willingly and freely suffer for others. To see the battered and bruised Jesus is to not only witness immense and incredible love, but to experience it in all its wonder. Ultimately, Jesus will die an agonizing death, death on a cross. His death is not done in vain. The Passion of Jesus is all about his unconditional and inexhaustible love for us.

The evangelist John proclaims God is love. God's love for us is made real in the person of his son Jesus Christ. To believe that we are not loved is to not believe in God and Jesus. If you should ever doubt, question or not believe that you are not loved unconditionally, then look not away from the crucifix, but look at it intensely and believe in your heart. We are loved. Live in God's love and express it in how you live your life.

## What We Believe

### “Breaking Good”

The word “homily” is derived from the Greek and it means to have a verbal communication. In Acts (24:26) and in I Corinthians (15:33) the homily is mentioned and Origen describes the homily as commentary, without formal introduction, based on some part of the Sacred Scripture. It is the oldest form of Christian preaching.

When the Sacred Scriptures are proclaimed in Church, our caring God is speaking to us. To facilitate a greater understanding of what God is saying to us in our own lives and circumstances, the celebrant seeks to “break open the Word,” making it relevant to the Assembly. This requires careful attention to the message of the Scriptures and the present needs of the listeners. Preparing a meaningful homily requires meditation, prayer, timing, and delivery. When he hits the mark, the homilist truly makes the Word present, showing how our loving God is acting in our lives today and in union with the Eucharist to nurture us in grace.  
Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### ST. DENIS

Sat. Mar. 19	5:30 pm	Yong Ernst (+)
Sun. Mar. 20	7:30 am	Floyd Kenlay (+)
	9:30 am	Jose Diaz (+)
	11:30 am	Josephine Stafford (+)
Mon. Mar. 21	8:00 am	Marjorie Bruno (+)
Tues. Mar. 22	8:00 am	Mary & Bob Hagman (+)
Wed. Mar. 23	8:00 am	Rosie Abrina (+)
Thurs. Mar. 24	7:00 pm	St. Denis Parishioners
Fri. Mar. 25	12:00pm	Deceased Members

### OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE

Sat. Mar. 19	4:30 pm	Floyd Kenlay (+)
Sun. Mar. 20	9:30 am	Parishioners of Our Lady of the Wayside

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

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, 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

### HOLY THURSDAY MASS WITH CHILDREN

Thursday, March 24 at 7:00pm at St. Denis

All children, especially those preparing for First Communion, are invited to participate in the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

We'll be washing feet, joining the Eucharistic procession, and spending time adoring the Blessed Sacrament.

Please bring your children to this special celebration to begin the Triduum (Three Days) of Easter!

### EASTER EGG HUNT!

The junior high groups are preparing an Easter Egg Hunt

for Easter Sunday morning, March 27 after the 9:30am Mass at St. Denis.

They will fill them and hide them and help your little ones find them!

Please join us for this fun tradition!

### OPERATION RICE BOWL

Catholic Relief Services project to help you pray, fast and give!

Pray for the poor around the world, make a sacrifice

and put the money in the RICE BOWL.

There are also recipes from around the world,

stories about how CRS is helping fight hunger and poverty,

and more on their website at [www.csricebowl.org](http://www.csricebowl.org)

Take a bowl with you today, and we'll collect them during Holy Week.

### HOLY WEEK AND SPRING BREAK: SCHEDULE CHANGE

There are NO religious education classes on

March 20 (Palm Sunday)

March 27 (Easter Sunday) and

April 3 (Spring Break)

All classes resume April 10

### FIRST COMMUNION FAMILY WORKSHOP

Sunday, April 10 at 1:00pm in the church.

We'll be talking about the Sacrament, planning for the celebrations,

And you'll get your child's BANNER KIT too!

Bring the children!

## St. Francis Center

The St. Francis Center is in need of clothing to stock our racks. Please contact Kristin Bright at 650 365-7829 for more information. Thank you and God bless.



## WWME

**Marriage is a journey!!** A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. For more information, go to [www.sanfranciscowwme.org](http://www.sanfranciscowwme.org) or call David and Karen at 650.350.1469. Upcoming weekend dates are May 20-22 (Mountain View); Nov 11-13 (Vallombrosa Retreat Center, Menlo Park). Space is limited, so please apply early.



## Easter Lilies

If you would like to donate for an Easter Lily for a loved one, deceased or living please turn in your donation along with the name of the person. We will tag a lily in their honor. Please drop your donations off by Thursday, March 24th.

Thank you.

## Stewardship

<b>July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 (Goal)</b>	<b>\$372,300.00</b>
<b>July 1, 2015 to February 29, 2016</b>	<b>\$255,522.72</b>
<b>Monthly Goal-February 2016</b>	<b>\$32,800.00</b>
<b>February Sunday Collections</b>	<b>\$40,830.88</b>

<b>2016 Annual Appeal</b>	<b>\$83,000.00</b>
<b>Contributions to Date</b>	<b>\$77,637.00</b>