

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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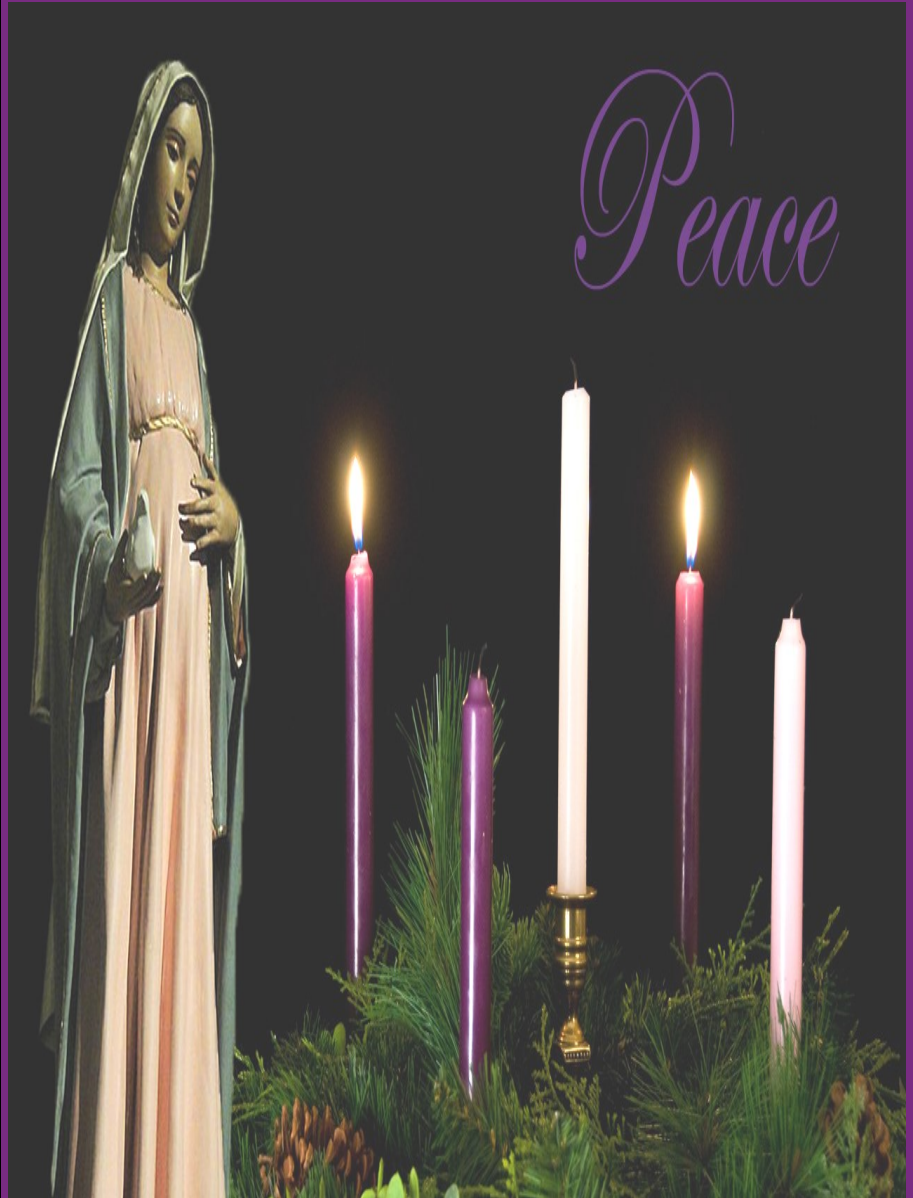
St. Denis Church
Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am
Monday-Friday: 8:00 am

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

**SECOND COLLECTION:
FOR RETIREMENT OF
RELIGIOUS DECEMBER 11th**



December 4th, 2016 2nd Sunday of Advent

(650) 854-5976
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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

Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

The first reading from the Prophet Isaiah instills hope in us. Before the arrival of Jesus, the Davidic kingdom was almost nonexistent. All was almost lost. It had been decimated. The Prophet Isaiah offers a glimpse of hope, of new possibilities, of ways it could be for the Davidic kingdom. This is symbolized in the image of a shoot sprouting from the stump of Jesse. In time, a new king will emerge from the house of King David. He will embody the virtues of an ideal king once remembered. He will save his people. He will be what they need in a king.

During the cold and bitter days of winter, I cannot help but think of families who are struggling to make ends meet, of people who are facing grave health conditions, of the less fortunate and those who have no one to love them. They live without hope, without any possibilities of new opportunities for a better life. Indeed, they need help. They need us. Are we not in the position to be of service to them?

In these modern times, we live in the new Davidic kingdom of Jesus Christ. It is the Kingdom in which we are brothers and sisters in Christ. We are our brother's and sister's keeper. What we can do is to instill a sense of hope in those who need a helping hand. What we can do is simply care. By doing this, we empower people to believe that there is still goodness in the world, in us. May people feel the warmth of our hearts and see the light of faith in our eyes.

Fr. Paul

What We Believe

IT'S A MYSTERY

Who created God?

When is Jesus coming back?

What will he look like?

How can God be everywhere at the same time?

Did God invent time?

These are just a few of the questions the children and I grappled with this past Sunday during our Liturgy of the Word session.

Could you answer any of these questions in less than fifteen minutes?!

We are immersed in science and technology, which gives us answers to so many questions. They help us wrap our brains around difficult concepts and ideas about how the universe works.

But FAITH is needed to answer the other questions. Faith helps us wrap our hearts around the mysteries of life and death, the mystery of WHY.

Children ask questions because they have the gift of AWE and WONDER.

They are not doubting; they are wondering and imagining!

We don't have to have all the answers for them.

We need to encourage them to wonder and look for answers, but also to get comfortable with the mysteries of our faith.

In this season of mystery and wonder, may we all be like children! After all, that's how the Son of God came into our world, as a child.

Yours in the Lord, Lucy

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat. Dec 3	5:30 pm	Doris Riddell (+)
Sun. Dec 4	7:30 am	Tad Daszkiewicz (+)
	9:30 am	Heather Ann Crawford (+)
	11:30 am	Peace for Advent Season (+)
Mon. Dec. 5	8:00 am	Bob Shaw (+)
Tues. Dec 6	8:00 am	The Pope
Wed. Dec 7	8:00 am	Christian Unity
Thurs Dec 8	8:00 am	Maria Francisca Dos Santos (+)
	6:00pm	Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri. Dec 9	8:00 am	End to Children Soldiers

Our Lady Of The Wayside Church

Sat. Dec 3	4:30 pm	Peace for Advent Season
Sun. Dec 3	9:30 am	Peace for Advent Season
Sun. Dec 7	6:00 pm	Blessed Virgin Mary

In your charity, please pray for...

Lillian Schulte, George Sutton, 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, 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

FR. PAUL'S FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

We've added a class this month, on Monday, December 5 at 3:30pm.

This is an optional class, and parents are welcome to attend!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Children of school age (able to read) are invited to join the Children's Choir.

We'll be leading the singing at the Christmas Eve Family Mass.

Rehearsal TODAY in the church right after the 9:30am Mass.

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

CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS TODAY

Sunday, December 4 meet us in the chapel for Mass at 5:30pm.

Bring your journals!

8th graders: Be ready to sign up for helping at the Maple Street Shelter.

7th graders: Bring your retreat permission slips!

RECONCILIATION WORKSHOP AND CELEBRATION

Sunday, December 11 at 1:00pm in St. Denis Church.

For those children and parents preparing to receive First Eucharist this spring.

We'll review the Sacrament of Reconciliation, how it has changed over the years and how we celebrate as a parish family. There will be a communal celebration of Reconciliation for the children and their families on Saturday, December 18 at 10:00am in St. Denis Church.

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

RECONCILIATION SERVICES NEARBY

There will be Reconciliation Services for Advent in our neighboring parishes.

All are invited and welcome!

Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00pm at St. Pius Church, Redwood City

Wednesday, December 21 at 7:30pm at Nativity Church, Menlo Park

Christmas Giving Trees

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: The Christmas Giving Trees will be in both Our Lady of the Wayside and St. Denis Churches beginning Saturday, November 26th. Gift tags should be removed and attached to gifts and returned to the churches no later than Sunday, December 11th. Please securely attach the tags to your gifts paying special attention to whether gift wrapping is required which will be noted on the back of each tag. Gifts will be delivered to St. Francis Center, Catholic Worker House, LifeMoves formerly Inn Vision/Maple Street Shelter, and Hoover Pre-School. If you cannot take a tag but would like to contribute, you may make a check out to St. Denis church with the memo "CHRISTMAS GIVING Tree" in an envelope. You can put envelopes in the collection baskets. Any amount is greatly appreciated. **PLEASE DROP OFF GIVING BY CUT OFF DATE, AS WE CANNOT DELIVER AFTERWARDS.** Any questions, contact Marlene Hunter at 650 325-4058. Thank you.



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.



Friendly Reminders

Bulletin & Announcements.

This is a busy time of year with a lot going on so here are a couple of reminders:

The deadline for bulletin inserts is the Tuesday (before noon)

Before the weekend of publication.

All mass announcements are to be scripted and okayed by Dede

Prior to the masses. Contact her at dedewm@pacbell.net

Stewardship

July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 (Goal)	\$450,000.00
July 1, 2016 to October, 2016	\$155,082.40
Monthly Goal-October, 2016	\$45,000.00
October Sunday Collections	\$42,360.06

PARISH CHRISTMAS TEA

10th Annual Parish Christmas Tea

Tidings of Great Joy



Saturday, December 10th 2016

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

@ St. Denis Parish Center

2250 Avy Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025

Tickets: (\$25 each)

Please make checks payable to: St. Denis Parish

Barbara Mason @ Tel: [650.854.2526](tel:650.854.2526) Email: babs412@yahoo.com, or Josephine Dorval [650.619.4024](tel:650.619.4024)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 12-7-16 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass 6pm at Our Lady of the Wayside Church
- 12-8-16 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Masses 8:00am, and 6pm at St. Denis Church
- 12-10-16 Parish Annual Christmas Tea from 1pm to 3pm in the parish hall. Reserved Seating.
- 12-11-16 Our Lady of the Wayside will have coffee and donuts after 9:30am mass.
- 12-13-16 Advent Retreat "Finding a Way to say Yes" Lucy and Dede will be offering a mini retreat will be begin at 9am. The retreat includes a presentation, sharing, mass, and lunch. Please RSVP to Dede by calling 650 854-5976, Press 4.
- 12-18-16 Decorating the churches for Christmas. Our Lady of the Wayside will have decorate for Christmas after 9:30am Mass and St. Denis will decorate after 11:30am mass. Plan to stay and help and socialize.
- 12-24-16 Christmas Eve Mass Schedule St Denis Church 4pm Children's mass and 6pm mass
Our Lady of the Wayside 4:30pm and 9pm mass.
- 12-25-16 Christmas Day December 25th, regular mass schedules.

