

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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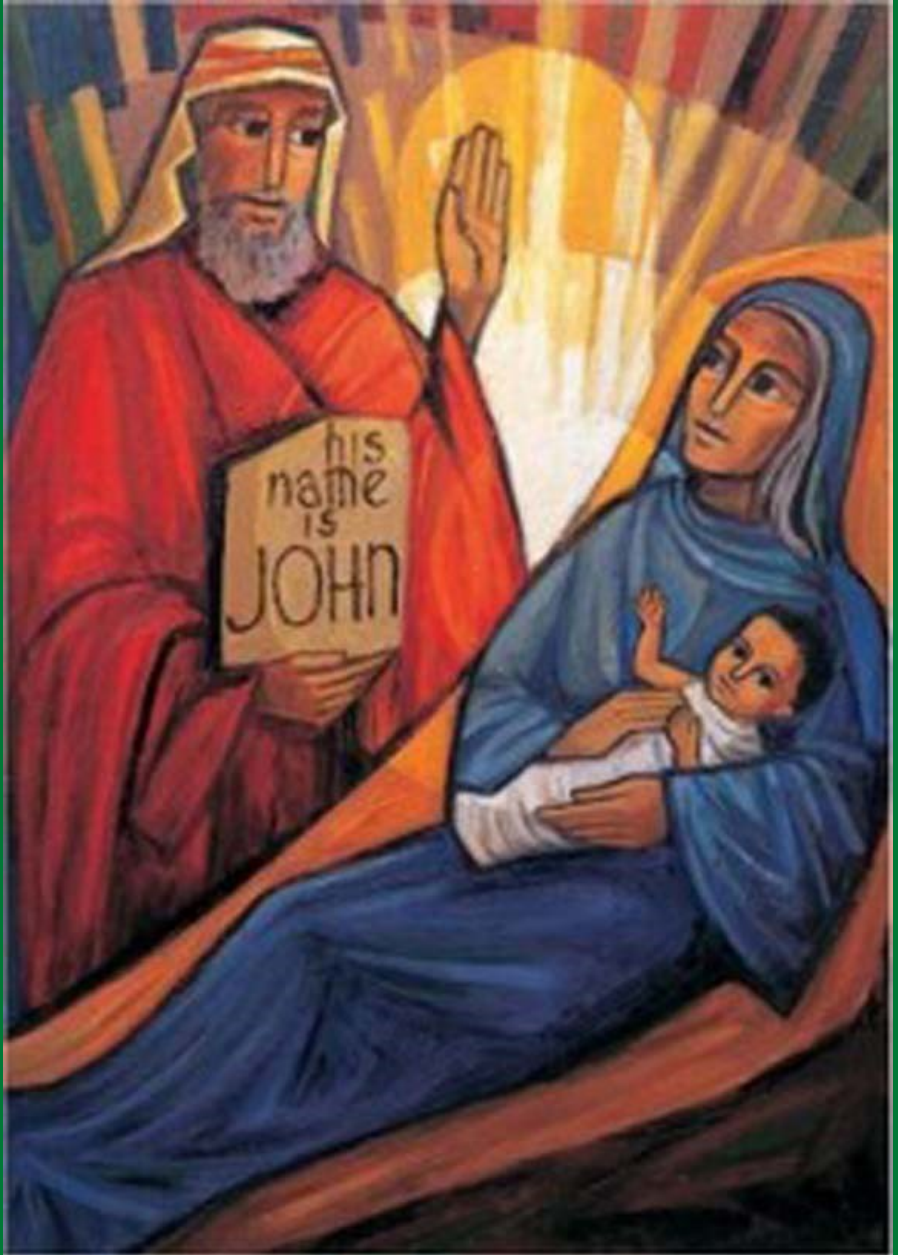
Mass Times

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



June 24th, 2018 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

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God's Word Our World

Sometimes, what we expect and what we get are two very different things. As I was preparing to graduate from college, I decided to apply for a year-long Catholic volunteer program based in Denver. I learned all about the program and just knew it was a perfect fit: I would use my gifts to serve the poor, live in community, and grow in my faith. What could possibly be better than that? I went through the application and interview process, only to receive an e-mail informing me that I had not been accepted to the program. The path I had been dreaming about for months had abruptly come to an end, and I was devastated. A few weeks later, I found a posting for a youth ministry job at a parish in Pittsburgh. I quickly moved through the hiring process. The parish was a great fit. I was offered the position, and within a month, I was driving a U-Haul across the country to begin my new adventure—an adventure that I wasn't expecting, but that contained countless blessings.

In his book, *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything*, Fr. James Martin, SJ, often gives God a unique title: the "God of Surprises." We see the God of Surprises at work when Mary says yes to being the mother of Jesus; when Jesus chooses simple fishermen as his disciples; when Jesus completely bucks social expectations to eat with tax collectors and sinners. We especially see the God of Surprises at work when Jesus rises from the dead after being in the tomb for three days. In today's Gospel, we read about the birth of John the Baptist. Zechariah, John's father, served as a priest in the temple, and both he and Elizabeth came from families of the priestly class. It only made sense, then, that their son would follow in Zechariah's footsteps by serving as a priest as well. Little did they know that the God of Surprises had other plans. The God of Surprises calls each of us to bring forth God's Kingdom—to be a light to the nations and to prepare the way of the Lord. The challenge comes when God's plan doesn't match up with ours. Like Zechariah and Elizabeth, can we trust that even if things don't go according to our plans, the God of Surprises is still at work? Take some time to ponder this today.

We Believe

This weekend we remember the birth of John the Baptist, a miracle birth since he was born most unexpectedly of very elderly parents. In our part of the world this is the time of the longest day of the year, June 21. After this date the time of daylight diminishes, until we get the long nights of December when we celebrate the birth of Christ. The timing of these memorials coincides with the prophetic words of John 3:30, "He must increase; I must decrease."

The application of these words can seem ironic when we apply them to ourselves in the world in which we live. In this age of promoting self-esteem, "Me, too!" and other moves to increase self-worth, how can we be expected to decrease?

Fr. Richard Rohr refers to living in these two opposite poles as "The Third Way." He states, "I believe that we have no real access to *who we really are* except in God. Only when we rest in God can we find the safety, the spaciousness, and the scary freedom to be *who we are, all that we are, more than we are, and less than we are.*" Rohr challenges us to participate in "the practice of the presence of God." We could say that surrendering to our loving God is both a decrease in ourselves and an increase in ourselves. Just as John the Baptist's true identity came into fruition as he intentionally devoted his life to proclaiming God and announcing the presence of Christ, we, too are called to do the same.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat.	Jun	23	5:30pm	Kathleen Shea (+)
Sun.	Jun	24	7:30 am	Isabel Garcia (+)
			9:30 am	Safety for travelers
			11:30 am	St. Denis Parishioners
Mon.	Jun	25	8:00 am	Fr. Christopher Fadok living
Tue.	Jun	26	8:00 am	For families
Wed.	Jun	27	8:00 am	Popes intentions
Thurs	Jun	28	8:00 am	For evangelists
Fri.	Jun	29	8:00am	Christian unity



Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat.	Jun	23	4:30pm	Safety for travelers
Sun.	Jun	24	9:30am	Audrey Durrazzo (living)

In your charity, please pray for...

Holly Hermansen, Pier Iglesias, Sandy Rock, Mila Wright, Rosa Sharif, Barbara Ham, John Hunter, Janice Varell

The List has been updated. Names will be removed monthly unless you let the office know. Thank you.

Faith Formation News

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

All summer long, during the 9:30am mass, we will be offering our Liturgy of Word program for children. At the beginning of Mass, the children are blessed and sent to hear the Gospel and share with each other about its message. Then we return to the Mass during the collection. All children are welcome to join us anytime!

FAITH FORMATION: REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Registration information and forms are now available on our parish website.

You'll find a calendar for next school year, details about our programs, sacrament requirements and more! Just go to www.stdenisparish.org and click on the Faith Formation tab.

All classes and programs begin September 23.



Just 5Days Mission Trip

Please pray for the success of our middle school mission trip to Hawaii this week!

And keep these young people in your prayers as they serve:

Dylan Monahan, Sydney Dougherty, Cedrik and Dominic Von Briel, Sofia Merlino, Cole Longland, Malia Lamb, and Roydon Ho.

We'll post pictures and more when we get back!



Upcoming Events

June 24th– Just 5 Days Youth Mission Trip Send off at 9:30am mass at St. Denis

June 25th– Knit & Pray at 5:30pm in the St. Denis Library



Friendly Reminders

Bulletin Announcements

The Deadline for bulletin inserts is (The Tuesday Before Noon,) before the weekend of publication. All mass announcements are to be scripted & okayed by Dede prior to masses. Contact her at dedem@pacbell.net NOTE: Announcements may not appear until the next bulletin due to space limitations.

Thank You!



Stewardship

July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 (Goal)	\$459,000.00
July 1, 2017 to May 31st, 2018	\$435,867.00
Monthly Goal—May 2018	\$36,000.00
March 2018 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$36,059.00
2018 Annual Appeal Goal	\$117,232.00
2018 (Actual Annual Appeal to date)	\$112,873.00

[ONLINE GIVING WITH WESHARE](#)

New to online Egiving? Follow the link in our parish website to create a new account. If you gave online through ParishPay, the work of transferring your account to WeShare is done. Go to the parish website and click on the WeShare online giving link. Follow the instructions to verify your existing account.

Mercy Art Exhibit

Elizabeth Wrightman and Paul Wrightman have mounted a joint show at the Mercy Center Art Gallery. Creation: Peace, Play and Majesty is their two-person exhibition of landscapes, dreams, myth, and scripture presented in acrylics, collage, and fiber arts. The Wrightmans are ordained in the United Church of Christ and Paul serves as pastor of the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula in Carmel. Elizabeth's ministry has been primarily as a hospital chaplain. For more on their work, visit wouldgodmilkagoat.com June 4 to August 31, daily 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Mercy Center Art Gallery, 2300 Adeline Drive, Burlingame mercy-center.org 650-340-7474

Knights Of Columbus Men's Retreat

This retreat is designed for all Catholic men. The theme is "Into the Breach." Come and learn about the manhood of Christ, the God Man. "I am the Good Shepherd," says Jesus, "A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." Leading the retreat are three clergy of the Cathedral staff: Fr. Arturo Albano (pastor); Fr. Sebastine Bula (parochial vicar); and R. Christoph Sandoval (deacon). The agenda: Registration 8:00 – 9:00 am; Mass 8:00 am; coffee & doughnuts 8:30 am; official start 9:00 am. The cost is \$25, and includes lunch. Fathers: Bring your sons (under age 18 is free). Free parking at the Cathedral. Early-bird registration (by August 1) is only \$20. For registration assistance: Jolie Velazquez, 415-567-2020 Ext. 228. Saturday, August 11, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco Information: Alexei Lukban

Summer Kits For St Vincent De Paul Homeless Centers

During the month of June, the Parish Outreach Group will be collecting Summer items for the people serviced by St. Vincent de Paul. Items in need are:

Sunscreen (SPF 30 or better,) Chapstick, Baseball caps, Sun Visor, Towels

Please place your items in the bin at the front entrance of the church. Thank you!



St Vincent De Paul Twilight Fashion Show

St. Vincent de Paul of San Mateo County (SVdP) invites you to "We Rock," a Happy Hour & Fashion Show in Trinity Church's beautiful courtyard, celebrating the courage and beauty of the women of SVdP's Catherine Center blossoming into new life. The women will model fashions from SVdP's thrift stores. The evening, produced by Kim Selby, includes cocktails, mocktails, and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$75. Tuesday, August 14, 5:30 - 7:30 pm Trinity Church, 330 Ravenswood Ave., Menlo Park Information: 650-343-1272

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