

St. Denis Parish

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St. Denis Church

Father Jose Shaji, Administrator
2250 Avy Avenue
Menlo Park, CA 94025
Mass: Saturday (vigil) 5:30pm
Sunday - 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am
Daily Mass: 8:00am

Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Father Thomas Moran, In Residence
930 Portola Road
Portola Valley, CA 94028 – 851-5085
Mass: Saturday (vigil) 5:15 pm
Sunday – 9:30 am
Daily Mass: 7:30am (Tue., Wed. & Thu.)

Confessions: Saturday from 4:30 to 5:00pm at both churches.

Parish Office – 854-5976; **FAX:** 854-3754 – **Office Hours:** Mon. – Fri.: 9-12 & 1-5; www.stdenisparish.org

Religious Ed Office, Victor Valdez, 854-1081; **Sr. de Chantal's Office,** 854-1251

Baptisms and Marriages: Call the parish office.

NOVEMBER 2, 2008 – ALL SOULS DAY

Dear Parishioners,

We commemorate November 2, as All Souls Day. We shall pray for all who have died but in a special way let us remember our loved ones and friends who are no more with us. They have influenced our lives and still continue to do so even today. We shall pray that the Lord grant them everlasting life.

This week is a very important week for our nation due to the elections. It is very important for us to exercise all our rights especially our right to vote.

I would like to add that supporting Proposition 4 and 8 are so very important in defending the very vital foundations of our society. Let me quote from a statement from the Catholic Bishop's Conference of California. "On May 15, 2008, the California Supreme court ruled that the current law defining marriage as between a man and a woman is unconstitutional. This radical change in public policy will have many profound effects in our society, because it

Discounts the biological and organic reality of marriage- and how deeply embedded it is in our culture, our language and our laws and ignores the common understanding of the word marriage; and because it diminishes the word "marriage" to mean only a "partnership" – a purely adult contractual arrangement for individuals over the age of 18. Children – if there are any – are no longer a primary societal rationale for the institution."

As faithful Catholics we are called to carefully form our consciences. We do that by drawing on the revelation of Scripture, the wisdom of tradition, the experience and insights of holy men and women as well as on what can be known by reason alone. May our consciences guide us during this election.

Yours sincerely,
Rev. Jose Shaji

SUNDAY COLLECTION - October 26, 2008, 30th Sunday of the Year - \$7,848.00

TODAY IS ALL SOULS DAY

During the month of November we will place a Book of Remembrance at the church entrance. This book gives parishioners a place to write the names of their deceased family members and friends. There also are All Souls envelopes on the tables at the church entrance.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Adult Bible Study continues **TODAY**, November 2nd after the 9:30 am Mass. in the Parish Center Library. We meet for about one hour for six weeks and then resume in the Spring. All are welcome.

ST. DENIS OUTREACH

St. Anthony's Dining Room is holding a fund raising breakfast Thursday, November 6th from 8:30 to 9:30 am at Peninsula Golf and Country Club. This is free for those who would like to attend. They are in great need for funds due to the economic situation. To attend call Pat Mach, 854-5711.

St. Denis Outreach will be meeting Saturday, Nov. 8th in the meeting room of the parish office. Anyone with a cause or wanting to get involved is welcome. We will be finalizing our Holiday events plans.

ATTENTION ST. DENIS MINERS:

The "Go for the Gold" bus will leave the Monte Rosa parking lot on **Saturday, Nov. 8th at 9:00 AM.** **Coffee and biscotti** will be available at **8:30 AM.** ETA for our return is **11:00 PM.**

ST. DENIS SPIRITUALITY/DISCUSSION GROUP

The Group meets at 9 am Thursday morning in the meeting room of the parish offices. This week read "A Time to Heal" in Joan Chittister's book, "There is a Season". Everyone is welcome.

ALL INVITED TO THE FAMILY POTLUCK SUPPER, SUN., NOV. 9, 5:00 TO 7:00 PM

You and your family are cordially invited to the annual St. Denis Parish Fall Family Potluck Supper next Sunday, November 9, 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the Parish Center; R.S.V.P. with Mary Bennett at 854-9126.

2ND ANNUAL ST. DENIS/OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CHRISTMAS TEA, SEASONS OF LIFE, December 13. Sign up after the 9:30 Mass with Josephine Dorval or call her at 506-6571.

FAITH FORMATION CONFERENCE NOV. 21-22, 2008

Join St. Denis catechists and other faithful from across the Bay Area, in Santa Clara. Attend one day or two for education, worship and FUN. Brochures are available in the back of the church. If you would like to register please contact Victor Valdez in the Parish Office, 854-1081 by **November 14.**

REST IN PEACE Please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert Krost.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK INCLUDE

Sun. 7:30 am	All Souls	Tue. 8:00 am	All Souls
Sun. 9:30 am	All Souls	Thu. 8:00 am	All Souls
Sun. 11:30 am	St. Denis Parishioners	Fri. 8:00 am	All Souls
Mon. 8:00 am	Barbara Oswald	Sat. 8:00 am	All Souls