

# St. Denis Parish

St. Denis Church  
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  
930 Portola Road  
Portola Valley, CA 94028  
650-854-5976

Mass: Saturday (vigil) 5:15pm  
Sunday 9:30am  
Daily Mass: 7:30am (Tue, Wed, Thu)

**Parish staff:** Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor  
Fr. Tom Moran, In residence

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**Baptisms and Marriages:** Call the parish office

[www.StDenisParish.org](http://www.StDenisParish.org)

**Confessions:** Saturday – 4:30pm to 5:00pm at both Churches

***MARCH 7, 2010 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT***

Dear Parishioners,

In the first reading Moses comes face to face with God who reveals himself as “I am who am.” But, God still remains a mystery to us. St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, “Whatever is comprehended by a finite being (that is, us) is itself finite. We will never fully understand or comprehend who God is. Mystics are moved to silence when speaking about God. The Gospel reading of today introduces us to the problem of suffering and evil. Why should good people suffer? Why should there be suffering at all? It is difficult to understand God and to come to grips with mystery of suffering. We can only fall silent. The only answer we have is the person of Jesus, the revelation of God himself who suffered and died. And, Jesus is present to us whether we are awake or asleep, whether full of joy or full of pain.

Last Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> of February, I had a wonderful meeting with the women of Our Lady of the Wayside who do the flower arrangement every weekend. I would like to thank them for their dedicated service. They are requesting for volunteers to help them or substitute for them or to arrange flowers for a period of time. At this time I would like to also acknowledge and thank Peter Vanos who without fail donates flowers to OLW every weekend of the year. Thank you!

Yours Sincerely,  
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

***ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER - SAVE THE DATE!***

Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> for our St. Patrick's Day Dinner at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center. The cost is \$20. per person. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the rear of the church. The Dinner is limited to 60 people so sign up today to make sure you get a seat. Drop your check in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office.

***ST. DENIS GARDEN COMMITTEE MEETS MARCH 20 FROM 10-12. RAIN CANCELS.***

Sunday collection February 28, 2010 - \$7,087.00.

Sunday collection March 1, 2009 - \$7,621.00

***THE 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION TODAY IS FOR ST. PATRICK SEMINARY, MENLO PARK.***

***RELIGIOUS EDUCATION***

**All Students** - Please check our parish website [www.stdenisparish.org](http://www.stdenisparish.org) to view the March Newsletter for Religious Education.

**First Communion Students**

Please pick up a music CD and Activity Calendar for your child at the sign in table in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom. The songs are for the Children's Mass on April 11<sup>th</sup> and First Communion day.

**Second Year Confirmation Students**

Last regular meeting is Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7 pm.

The April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting is a practice for Candidates and Sponsors.

***ADULT BIBLE CLASS***

Adult Bible Class to start Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> about ten minutes after the 9:30 Mass is finished. We'll meet for six consecutive sessions with the exception of Easter Sunday. Easy to get to the 11:00 Mass, if that is your choice, from the class. All are most welcome to come join the class, sit back and learn more about your Bible, Church etc. Any questions call John Lippert, 854-3278.

***SHOWER OF SUPPORT***

St. Denis and Our Lady of the Wayside, in partnership with First Resort (a ministry dedicated to the support of mothers who find themselves in difficult circumstances during their pregnancy) will be hosting a Baby Shower for four expectant mothers on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in the Monsignor Rodriguez Parish Center. Gift tags will be available at the back of the Church following all the Masses. We hope you can join us for the shower on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments will be served, all are welcome to attend! Please call Eve Scott at 650 804-2481 for more information.

***SOUP SUPPER & PANEL PRESENTATION***

Rev. Mitch Lindeman and the Christ Church Community of Portola Valley are inviting you to a soup supper & Panel presentation on March 17<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday at 6:00 pm (Soup Supper) & Panel at 7:00 pm. The three speakers will represent three faith-traditions: Christian, Jewish and Muslim and will deal with the issues of compassion and forgiveness within our faith traditions. The convener is Dr. Robb Most, Ph.D. Everyone is invited.

***IN YOUR CHARITY PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK.***

*Al Allen, Agnes Babcock, Michael Bohn,, Robert Biagini Bradbury, Robert Collins, Gertrude DeZelaya, Amelia Elsbree, Jonathan Michael Fil, Phillis Flinn, A.J. Goers, Bob Hunter, Brent Hunter, Ryan Johnston, Maurice Kidd, Lisa Kitz, Phyllis Lucas, Ann Martin, Raymond Schaaf Sr, Mary Schleifer, Don Schroeder, Bill Selenger, Nancy Snideman, Kathleen Spillane, Stephen Tillim, Vincee Viso, Frank Vitale Charles Winter and William Yates.*

***MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK INCLUDE***

Sat.	5:30 pm	+ B. Dito by Gail Gavello
Sun.	7:30 am	+ Paul McMahon by Mary Catherine McMahon
Sun.	9:30 am	+ Sr. Peggy Codd by James McGovern
Sun.	11:30 am	+ William Renner by Helen Renner
Tue.	8:00 am	+ Renzo Mangone by Gail Gavello
Wed.	8:00 am	+ Barbara Oswald by Ralph Oswald
Thu.	8:00 am	+ Ryan Ferrari