

# 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

**Parish Office, Mary Cague, Secretary,** 650-854-5976;  
**FAX:** 650-854-3754 – **Office Hours:** Mon. – Fri.: 9-12 & 1-5.

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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 21, 2010 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT***

Dear Parishioners,

In the Gospel reading of this Sunday Jesus is faced with a very difficult situation. The woman accused of committing adultery is brought in front of Jesus. If he pardoned the woman he would be accused of encouraging people to break the Mosaic Law. If he agreed that she should be stoned, he would be in trouble with the Romans. What we see is the triumph of God's mercy over logic. Leo the Great said, "Jesus is the hand of God's mercy stretched out to us". "Mercy is God's kind of justice" said St. Therese of Lisieux. Jesus always extends to us his mercy. On the 25<sup>th</sup> of March, Thursday at 7:00 pm, at St. Denis Church, there will be a communal penance service and opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. I would like to invite you to this service and receive the Mercy that Jesus extends to each one of us.

St. Patrick's Day dinner was prepared by Chris Oswald, the son of Ralph Oswald, his wife Legia and Robert Shilling, long time friend of Ralph Oswald. I would like to thank the grandchildren of Ralph Oswald who helped to serve the dinner, Lexi and Luke and Victoria and their friend Olivia. Thank you. It was a beautiful evening. The food was delicious and the weather just perfect. I would also like to thank Sr. de Chantal who set up and decorated the Hall and the volunteers who helped to clean up. Thank you for the wonderful evening!

Yours Sincerely,  
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

### ***HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CEMETERY***

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery located at Avy and Santa Cruz Avenue in Menlo Park, has recently opened a new section of the cemetery called "St. Denis". It consists of double depth graves for the burial of two caskets and one urn containing cremated remains. Graves are available that allow for either a flat marker or a 2-foot upright monument. Please call Kelly Wade or Mark Addiego at 650 323-6375 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

## ***THE 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION TODAY IS FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES***

Your contribution today funds several national Catholic organizations that aid victims of natural disasters & armed conflict; provide agricultural assistance, water programs, & health care; resettle newcomers to the United States; & help alleviate poverty in developing countries. Please be generous.

### ***ADULT BIBLE CLASS***

Adult Bible Class starts **today** 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 11:30 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.

### ***RELIGIOUS EDUCATION***

**There will be NO Religious Education classes on Palm Sunday, March 28**

**First Communion Students -Sunday March 21** - Please come to the front of the church immediately following the 9:30 Mass for a brief rehearsal at the piano.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Students** will now be returning to the pews immediately following their class, rather than gathering on the altar.

#### **First Grade Parents**

Interested in helping out with hospitality for First Communion on May 1<sup>st</sup>?

Email [rlvon.stdenis@gmail.com](mailto:rlvon.stdenis@gmail.com) Thank you!

### ***HOLY WEEK LITURGIES***

If you would like to assist with the preparations for our Holy Week celebrations ( such as preparing the palms for Palm Sunday, arranging the set up for foot washing on Holy Thursday, and flower arrangement for the Chapel) call Sr. Chantal at 854-1251.

### ***SHOWER OF SUPPORT***

The Parish is 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. There are still plenty of Gift tags available at the back of the Church and gifts will be collected after Masses this week and next. We hope you can join us for this event. Refreshments will be served, and the whole family is welcome to attend! Please call Eve Scott at 650 804-2481 to RSVP or for more information.

### ***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, Peter Keady, Maurice Kidd, Lisa Kitz, Phyllis Lucas, Ann Martin, Raymond Schaaf Sr, Mary Schleifer, Don Schroeder, Bill Selenger, Nancy Snideman, Kathleen Spillane, Lorraine Taylor, Stephen Tillim, Vincee Viso, Frank Vitale, Charles Winter, William Yates and William Zonner.*

### ***MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK INCLUDE***

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| Sat. | 5:30 pm  | + Josephine Stafford by Joan Haynes               |
| Sun. | 7:30 am  | + Reg Buyle by Lillian Bertnick                   |
| Sun. | 9:30 am  | + Marjorie Bruno by Constance Courtney            |
| Sun. | 11:30 am | + Norine & Paul McMahon by Mary Catherine McMahon |
| Mon. | 8:00 am  | + Mary Ann Leal by Marilyn Henriksen              |
| Wed. | 6:00 pm  | Bob & Marlene (L) by the Rock Family              |
| Thu. | 8:00 am  | + Irene Goodwin by the Hagman Family              |