

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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Religious Ed Office, Rosemary Lyon, 650-854-1081; e-mail, ryon.stdenis@gmail.com
Sr. de Chantal Selenger, RSM, Pastoral Associate, 650-854-1251
Baptisms and Marriages: Call the parish office

www.StDenisParish.org

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

DECEMBER 13, 2009 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear Parishioners,

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday which means Rejoice. We are invited to rejoice because the celebration of the Birth of Jesus is near, our salvation is near at hand. This theme is very emphatic in the second reading. Paul asks the Philippians to rejoice because the Lord is near. The same theme is presented by Evangelist Luke. John the Baptist tells the people how they need to prepare themselves for the Lord's coming. The same invitation is given to each one of us. How am I preparing myself for the celebration of the birth of Christ? In what way can I prepare myself spiritually for the celebration of Christmas?

In the past few months, quite a few of our parishioners at St. Denis and OLW fell ill or underwent surgeries. Often, it happens that I come to know of it after weeks. If you are ill, I will be extremely happy to visit you or bring you communion or make arrangements to have a Eucharistic Minister bring you the Eucharist. However busy I am, I can always find time to visit you. By visiting you I am not doing anything extraordinary, but fulfilling my basic obligation to you as Pastor. So, please feel free to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Year Confirmation Parent Information meeting

TODAY, December 13th at 10:30 am in the Parish Center Room 3. Re: January 10th Retreat

Children's Mass January 3, 2010 for all children. There are no regularly scheduled Religious Education classes. Next regular class is January 10th 2010. Please check the updated Religious Education schedule of classes on our Parish website!

ST DENIS GIVING TREE

Our **Giving Tree** is up today. Please take a tag and bring back a gift for that person. If you prefer to give a cash donation there will be a box there for that purpose. **TODAY** is the deadline to bring back your gifts! If you would like to help with this project, please call Joan Barada, 854-9442. Thank you.

THE 2ND COLLECTION TODAY IS FOR THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Today's 2nd collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This national appeal is to help religious congregations to care for their elderly and infirm sisters, brothers and order priests. More than 40,000 religious women and men who devoted their lives to God and to helping others now need your help. Your donation helps with living expenses and the cost of health care. Brochures are at the church entrances and envelopes are in the pews. Please be generous.

ATTENTION ALL PARISH CHILDREN

You are invited to participate in the Children's Epiphany Pageant – Sunday, January 3rd the Feast of the Epiphany during the 9:30 Mass. We will start taking sign-ups the 1st weekend of December.

Practices will be on Sunday, December 20th after the 11:30 Mass
and on Saturday, January 2nd at 11 am for “main characters.”

Sign up today even if you cannot make the rehearsal schedule – adjustments will be made.

SENIOR LUNCHEON – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

Fr. Jose invites all seniors from St. Denis and Our Lady of the Wayside to a luncheon in the Parish Center on Wednesday, December 16th at 12 Noon. Sign up sheets are at the church entrances.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SLEEPING BAG APPEAL

Just \$25. will purchase one new bag rated for very cold weather to be distributed at one of SVDP's Homeless Help Centers in S. San Francisco, San Mateo and Redwood City. Donate online at www.svdp-sanmateocounty.org or mail a check to 50 North B Street, San Mateo, CA 94401.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PRO LIFE MARCH

TODAY, Sunday December 13th at 2 pm - March under her banner, while praying the Rosary, from St. Gregory, San Mateo to Planned Parenthood, 2211 Palm Ave. (about 7 blocks one direction) – rain or shine.

MASTERWORKS CHORALE

TODAY, December 13th at 4 pm – Treat your holiday spirit to Masterworks Chorale's presentation of Benjamin Brittn's, “A Ceremony of Carols” at Transfiguration Episcopal Church, 3900 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo. Tickets, \$25. for adults and \$10. with student ID card.

IN YOUR CHARITY PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK.

Al & Deborah Allen, Agnes Babcock, Michael Bohn,, Robert Biagini Bradbury, Robert Collins, Gertrude DeZelaya, Jonathan Phillis Flinn, Bob Hunter, Brent Hunter, Ryan Johnston, Maurice Kidd, Lisa Kitz, Phyllis Lucas, Ann Martin, Ian Mitchell, Raymond Schaaf Sr, Mary Schleifer, Don Schroeder, Bill Selenger, Nancy Snideman, Kathleen Spillane, Stephen Tillim, Vincee Viso, Frank Vitale, Charles Winter.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK INCLUDE

Sat. 5:30 pm	Frank Spillane	Tue. 8:00 am	Al Yujuico/Maria Thorson
Sun. 7:30 am	Jack Fleming	Wed. 8:00 am	Rosemary Westphal
Sun. 9:30 am	Al Yujuico	Thu. 8:00 am	Vera Lockwood
Sun. 11:30 am	William Cunha		

Sunday collection Dec. 6, 2009 - \$9,075.50. - Last year's Sunday collection Dec. 8, 2008 - \$9,132.83.