

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;
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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 20, 2009 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear Parishioners,

The Gospel reading of today is about Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth. Mary is pregnant with Jesus and Elizabeth with John the Baptist. After Elizabeth's greeting, "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb..." Mary breaks forth in song, we call the Magnificat. She sings, "He scatters the proud hearted, he casts down the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly, he fills the starving with good things." This is what the Messiah came to bring about. This is also the work of every follower of Christ. If we believe that this is addressed to the rest of the world, then it becomes mere ideology. If we believe that this is addressed to each one of us then it is the beginning of a revolution, a transformation that will eventually establish the kingdom of God on earth. May all of us continue the transforming work of the Messiah.

I would like to thank the Tea Committee from St. Denis and OLW under the leadership of Josephine Dorval and Rosie McCormick for organizing the Christmas Tea. It was a wonderful event, well organized and everyone who attended it had a wonderful afternoon. Thank you!

I would like to thank Peter Vanos for ordering and delivering the Poinsettias to St. Denis and OLW. I would like to thank Rich Alfano for picking out and delivering the two Christmas trees. I would like to thank Mike Carroll for his generous donation to the purchase of the Christmas trees. Thank you!

On behalf of Fr. Tom Moran, Sr. de Chantal, Mary Cague and Rosemary Lyon, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas!

Yours Sincerely,
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

St. Denis Church
December 24, 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm
December 25, 7:30 am and 9:30 am

Our Lady of the Wayside
December 24, 4:00 pm and 9:30 pm
December 25, 9:30 am

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children's Mass January 3, 2010 for all children. Come celebrate the Epiphany! There are no regularly scheduled Religious Education classes until January 10th 2010. Please check the updated Religious Education schedule of classes on our Parish website! Have a blessed Christmas everyone!

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. Today is the last day to sign up for “main characters”.

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

Children are invited to walk in the day of the Pageant as angels, shepherds or animals. Wear your own costumes or one will be provided for you.

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

YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY AT ST. PIUS PARISH

Join us on December 20th (today!) at 6 pm in the St. Pius Parish Center. This is a great opportunity to celebrate the season and meet new people. Appetizers and drinks will be served (this event is for those who are between the ages of 21 and 39). We look forward to an evening of fun! For more information call or email Laura at 361-1411 or laura@pius.org.

ANNIVERSARY MASS AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

Bishop William Justice cordially extends an invitation to all married couples of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, and beyond, to a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration and renewal of vows on Saturday, February 27th, 2010 at 12 Noon at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco.

Registration forms are available by download at www.sffamilylife.com. For more information call (707)552-3394 or email sfcath@gmail.com.

Special honor will be shown to those who are celebrating their 25th, 50th or 50+ Wedding Anniversaries.

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	Willian Howard	Mon. 8:00 am	Rosemary Westphal
Sun. 7:30 am	Irene Goodwin	Tue. 8:00 am	Al Yujuico and Maria Thorson
Sun. 9:30 am	Ethel & Jim Downey		
Sun. 11:30 am	James Ciardella	Wed. 8:00 am	Sheri Faure (L)

Sunday collection Dec. 13, 2009 - \$6,382.50.
Last year's Sunday collection Dec. 15, 2008 - \$8,220.00.

2010 CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCES TODAY