Church of St. Isabella

One Trinity Way, P.O. Box 6166 San Rafael California 94903

Most Holy Rosary Chapel

One St. Vincent's Drive Marinwood

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Kenneth Westray, *Pastor*
Rev. Craig Forner, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Alner Nambatac, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Feliciano Mofan, *In Residence*
Rev. Mr. Jerry Friedman, *Deacon*
Rev. Mr. Jim Myers, *Deacon*
Mrs. Ann Kalayjian, *School Principal*
Mrs. Karen Morelli, *Director of Religious Education*
Mrs. Linda Myers, *Director of Liturgy and Music*
Mr. Clarence Mamaril, *Director, Parish Youth Council*
Ms. Sheri Belloni, *Parish Secretary, HR & Finances*
Mrs. Karen McFadden, *Assistant Secretary, Outreach*
Ms. Sissy Ratto, *Parish School of Religion Secretary*
Junior High/Confirmation Coordinator
Mrs. Thu-Ha Rae, *Parish School of Religion*
Elementary Coordinator

Eucharist

Daily Mass (Monday – Saturday): 7:30 & 9:00 AM
Saturday evenings: 5:00 PM
Sundays: 7:30, 9:00 (Family Mass), 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM

Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:30-4:30 PM
(or by appointment)

Most Holy Rosary Chapel: 9:30 AM
Gregorian: Confessions: 11:30-Noon
Mass (with Schola): 12:15 PM

Infant Baptism Expectant or new parents should contact the rectory at least two months before the desired date of baptism to complete the one-evening session of instruction required prior to the celebration of the Sacrament.

Matrimony Engaged couples should contact the rectory at least six months before the desired wedding date. Couples are asked to attend a Marriage Formation Program prior to the Sacrament.

Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.) Formation is provided for adults and children, non-baptized, baptized in another tradition, or baptized Catholic seeking to complete the initiation sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Children must be at least seven years of age and have at least two years of catechesis.

Rectory / Parish Office	479-1560
St. Isabella's Parochial School	479-3727
Parish School of Religion-Elementary	479-1222
Parish Youth Council (PYC)	479-1560
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Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. If you have not registered, please fill in this form and put it into the collection basket or mail it to the rectory.

New parishioner ____
New address or phone ____
Moving, remove from list ____
Please send Sunday envelopes ____

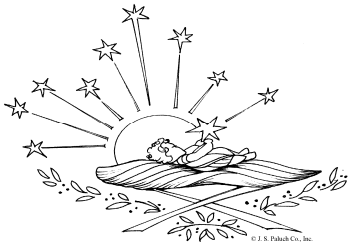
Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2008

The child to be born will be called holy,
the Son of God.
— Luke 1:35



This Week at St. Isabella's

Sunday: NO Preschool / R.C.I.A. Kids

Monday: Blessed Mother Prayer Group: 7:30 PM, Church

Tuesday: NO PSR
NO Scripture Group

Wednesday: The Rectory will close at Noon today
Christmas Eve Masses:
5:00 PM w/ Christmas Pageant
9:00 PM w/Adult & Handbell Choirs
Christmas Eve Mass @ St. Vincent's: 5:30 PM

Thursday: ***Christmas Day Masses***:
12 AM—Midnight Mass
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM (No Evening Mass on Christmas Day)

Friday: ***Daily Mass: 9:00 AM ONLY***

Saturday: ***Daily Mass: 7:30 & 9:00 AM***

Sunday: ***Feast of the Holy Family***
Masses: 5:00 PM Saturday Vigil
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM

Wednesday, December 31st—The Rectory will close at Noon

Thursday, January 1st—New Year's Day, is a *Day of Prayer for World Peace.* Mass will be at 9:00 AM ONLY.

The Feast of Mary, Mother of God is not a Holy Day.

Mass Intentions: Week of December 21, 2008

Monday	7:30 — Lucille Donlon †	9:00 — Vera Goodloe †
Tuesday	7:30 — Tina Stanz †	9:00 — Gus Neves †
Wednesday	7:30 — Rosalie Scalise & Emilio Tallerico †	9:00 — Mary Flannery †
Thursday	7:30 — Christmas Day	9:00 — Christmas Day
Friday	7:30 — No Mass	9:00 — Henry Silva † & Charles 'Pat' Semple †
Saturday	7:30 — Jose Navarro †	9:00 — Lori Redmond †

Please pray for the sick and those who are recovering from illness / surgery: *Helen Giacomini, Elaine Chan, Sandra Rovetti (niece of Marilyn Mori), Michelle Hufford, Lucien Perez, Hart Smith, John Murphy, Dorothy Castellani, Elizabeth O'Donnell, Mary Cole, Tom Padden, Niki Cagle (niece of Zora Apt), Claire Denise Miller, Louise Nagy, Dianna Baetz, Doris Doty, Nuala McKinley, Patrick Cronin, Mary Pino, Forrest Phillips, Kathy Tucker, Evelyn Vaughn, Victor Rey Garabato, Sister Teresa Rivera, Cristina Wilson, Jeanette Eckart, Bernard Bloesch, Victor Kunst, Darlene Ayala, Michael Iniguez, Lorie O'Hara (friend of Mike Duffy)*

...for those who have died: *Theresa Cappiello, Evelyn Burciaga (sister of Henry Pozzi),*

St. Anselm Church,
97 Shady Lane, Ross
is excited to once again present the
Schola Cantorum San Francisco
Epiphany Concert
on
Saturday, January 3, 2009
2pm in the church.
Tickets: $20, $15/students & seniors

The choir has been exclaimed as one of the best of its type in the nation. Past performances have been beautiful and moving. Treat yourself, family and friends this "Little Christmas". Tickets available at the door.

Gregorian Mass—Most Holy Rosary Chapel

Christmas Masses

10:00 AM—High Mass with Schola Cantorum
12:15 PM—Chant Mass

New Year's Day Mass

10:00 AM—High Mass with Schola

Sunday Schedule—2009

Traditional Form of Confession: 11:30-12:00 Noon
Mass at 12:15 with Schola Cantorum
Benediction after Mass on the First Sunday / month
Adult Catechism after Mass on the Second Sunday

Christmas Season TV on EWTN

Telecasts include Pope Benedict XV offering Midnight Mass, December 24th at 3:00 PM (live), with encores December 25th at 5:00 AM & 1:00 PM. Another telecast features choral meditations and the Solemn Mass of Christmas Eve, live from the National Shrine in Washington, D.C., December 24th at 7:00 PM. The Pope's Christmas Message to the World airs December 25th at 7:00 PM and December 26th at 12:00 AM & 2:00 PM. All times are Pacific. EWTN is carried 24 hours a day on Comcast 229; Dish 261; Direct TV 370.

Dear Parishioners and Staff of Saint Isabella,

The birth of Christ Jesus, Our Lord and Savior, is an excellent occasion for me to express my deep appreciation and gratitude for the sixteen years of joy and happiness you gave me, and I will be forever grateful to you for the love you showed me in so many ways.

Accepting Fr. Keane's invitation to come and live with you turned out to be one of the greatest blessings I have ever experienced. May he rest in the peace of the Lord whose birthday we are celebrating. I miss him terribly. And I miss all of you.

As we celebrate Christmas I pray that Jesus will reward you with an abundance of his peace, joy and love. Merry Christmas.

Gratefully yours, /s/ Father Knapp

Women's Weekend Retreat

The women of St. Isabella parish are invited to our annual retreat at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center on the weekend of February 13-15, 2009. Don't miss out on this great experience of rest and spiritual renewal. Make your reservation now by calling Judy Rosenbloom (897-8241) or Sue Egisti (472-1286).

Calling All Women's Retreat Alumni

Would you be willing to come together to help your captains promote our next retreat, February 13-15, 2009? Our theme is *"Encountering the Joy of the Lord...and Holy Is His Name."*

We need your pictures, ideas, memories and a small amount of your time. Please call Judy or Sue ASAP! Thanks.

Thank you to all who helped with the December dinner. the residents were *very* grateful! One man said, "It is so good that you bring us such a wonderful meal, along with the special placemats, (made by the 2nd graders in our School) but your presence here with us is what means the most." It was a festive evening enjoyed by all.

Monica Martinez will be coordinating the January dinner with some parish teens. Thank you, Monica!

In Memory of ~

Asche/Phillips Family, Thomas J. Farrell, John Govi, Paul Bosque, Tom Bosque, John VandenBerg, Frank Ratto, Anthony Ratto, Frank & Anita Tate, Regalia Family, Louis R. Castellani, James G. Flynn, Mike O'Brien, Marty O'Brien, Dick O'Brien, Father Michael Keane, Bastida, Mangone, Tallerico Families, Rosalie Scalise, Barbara Martin, Malvino/Hunter Families

Offertory December 14: $ 7,521
Retired Religious: $ 1,673

Thank you for being faithful stewards of your Parish.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

During these difficult and stressful economic times, we are all struggling to make ends meet. St. Isabella's Parish is no different. We continue to be very grateful for your financial support. Without you, we would not be able to continue our programs and services. Let us all pray for a positive turn in our economy. Thank you.

A Note from the Parish Office: Boxed sets of offertory envelopes have been mailed. If you are an envelope user and have not received your 2009 set, OR if you have not had envelopes in the past and would like to receive them, please call Sheri at the rectory, 479-1560x10. Thank you!
If you wish to donate to the Parish through stock/bond sales, our broker is (parishioner) Dave Dunn at Oppenheimer & Co., Inc. in San Francisco. You may reach Dave at (415) 438-2965

Marin County Respect Life

5th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco is set for Saturday, January 24, 2009. Please join us as we once again peacefully proclaim our message that abortion hurts women (and men) and that we all deserve better than abortion.

Before the Walk, Bishop William Justice invites everyone to concelebrate mass with him and his brother bishops—8:00 AM at St. Mary's Cathedral.

For more information, visit www.walkforlifewc.com or check out the posters on the church bulletin boards.

Bible Study: The First Christmas

Fr. Craig's Bible study series continues Tuesdays, December 30 and January 6, following the 9:00 AM Mass.

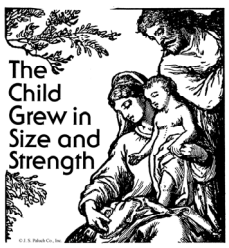
Christmas in the Heart ~

Christmas! 'Tis the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial fire of charily in the heart

Psalm Response: December 21

Forever I Will Sing… Psalm 89

Readings for December 28, 2008



Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14
Psalm 128
Colossians 3:12-21
Luke 2:22-40

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph