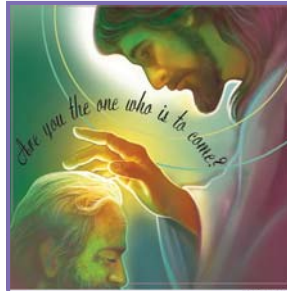


Saint Isabella Church & School

One Trinity Way, P.O. Box 6166, San Rafael California, 94903
 and our Pastoral Mission at Most Holy Rosary Chapel:
 One Saint Vincent's Drive, Marinwood, CA



Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2019

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will
 return and enter Zion singing,
 crowned with everlasting joy.
 — Isaiah 35:10a

Pastoral Staff

- Rev. Cyril O'Sullivan, *Pastor*
- Rev. Tony Vallecillo, *Shared Parochial Vicar*
- Rev. Ephrem Tillya, *Parochial Vicar*
- Rev. Neil Healy, *Priest-in-Residence*
- Rev. Mr. Graham Cumming, *Deacon*
- Mr. Rob Pheatt, *School Principal*
- Ms. Elissa Kuhr, *Vice Principal*
- Mrs. Lyn Gatti, *PSR Director (Parish School of Religion)*
- Mr. Shane Graham, *PYC Director (Parish Youth Council)*
- Mrs. Lynn Pieri Young, *Director of Music*
- Mr. Clarence Mamaril, *Office Manager*
- Mr. Mike Mangini, *Pastoral Minister*
- Mr. Steven Pile, *Staff Accountant*

Schedule of Services

Eucharist at St. Isabella's Church

Daily Mass (Monday – Saturday): 8:30 am
 Saturday evenings: 5:00 pm
 Sundays: 7:30, 9:00 (Family Mass), 11:30 am, 5:00 pm
 2:00 pm Spanish Mass/Misa en Español

Reconciliation at St. Isabella's Church

Tuesdays, 5:00-7:00 pm (English or Spanish)
 Saturdays, 3:45-4:45 pm (or by appointment)

Services at Most Holy Rosary Chapel (located at One Saint Vincent's Drive, Marinwood)

Sunday Mass: 9:45 am
 Gregorian (Latin) Mass: Website: www.tlmsf.org.org
 Traditional Form of Confession: 11:30 am
 Mass at 12:15 pm with Schola Cantorum

Infant Baptism Expectant or new parents should contact the rectory at least two months before the desired date of baptism to complete a session of baptismal instruction.

Matrimony Engaged couples should contact the rectory at *least six months before the desired wedding date.*
Requests for weddings or baptisms at Most Holy Rosary Chapel must be arranged by contacting St. Isabella's Parish.

Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.) Formation provided for adults and children, non-baptized, baptized in another tradition, and baptized Catholics seeking to complete the sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist.

To Register for RCIA, call Judy: 415-897-8241 or Sue: 415-472-1286

Rectory / Parish Office	415-479-1560
St. Isabella's Parochial School	415-479-3727
Parish School of Religion (PSR)	415-479-1560
Parish Youth Council (PYC)	415-479-1560
RCIA (Judy Rosenbloom)	415-897-8241
Music (Lynn Pieri Young)	707-763-3965
Liturgy Committee (call Rectory)	415-479-1560
Parish Council (Courtney E. Therien)	415-676-9253
St. Vincent de Paul Help Line	415-454-0366
St. Vincent de Paul Car donations	800-322-8284
FAX: (Parish)	415-479-8303
(School)	415-479-9961
Email: Parish	office@stisabellasparish.org
Email: School	rpheatt@stisabellaschool.org
Website:	www.stisabellasparish.org



Welcome to all who celebrate with us, both long-time residents or those newly arrived in the parish. You may register through our website: www.stisabellasparish.org, or fill out this form and put it into the collection basket or mail it to the rectory. Thank You! **Name:** _____

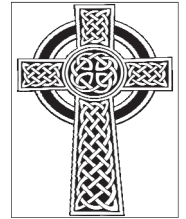
New parishioner _____
 New address or phone _____ **Address:** _____
 Moving, remove from list _____
 Please send Sunday envelopes _____ **Phone:** _____

From the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

REASON TO REJOICE

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as *Gaudete* (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of



rejoicing.

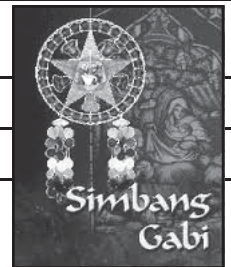
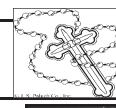
Today’s first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God’s saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God’s presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah’s prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus’ presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Matthew 11:5).

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Cyril O’Sullivan

This Week (December 15-22, 2019)

This Weekend:	Second Collection: Parish Maintenance
Sunday 12/15:	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT PSR Classes (9:30 am); RCIA Classes (after 11:30 am Mass, 12:45-1:45 pm), Parish Center Christmas Pageant Practice: 12:30-1:30 pm, Church PYC Mass (High School Youth): 5:00 pm, Church PYC Bake Sale after the 9:00 am, 11:30 am and 5:00 pm Masses
Monday 12/16:	Blessed Mother Rosary Group: 5:00 pm, Rectory Dining Room Simbang Gabi: 6:30 –8:00 pm, Church
Tuesday 12/17:	Tuesday Confessions: 5:00-7:00 pm, Church Simbang Gabi: 6:30 –8:00 pm, Church
Wednesday 12/18:	Simbang Gabi: 6:30 –8:00 pm, Church
Thursday 12/19:	Simbang Gabi: 6:30 –8:00 pm, Church
Friday 12/20:	Simbang Gabi: 6:30 –8:00 pm, Church Simbang Gabi Fiest Celebration and Potluck: 9:00-10:00 pm, Parish Center Spanish Youth Group: 7:00-9:00 pm, Cougar’s Den
Saturday 12/21:	Flowers and Nativity Set-Up: 9:30 am, Church
Next Weekend: Sunday 12/22:	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT No PSR Classes Christmas Pageant Practice: 6:30-8:30 pm, Church
Next Week’s 2nd Collection: No Second Collection	



Blessed Mother Rosary Group

The Blessed Mother Rosary group meets on Monday at 5:00 pm, **this week (Dec. 16th) in the Rectory.** All are welcome to pray the rosary with us.



Dear Parishioners,

If you receive email messages from “Fr. O’Sullivan” or any parish staff asking for donations, gifts cards or money, **please disregard and delete the email.** This is a common scam that happens nationwide. St. Isabella’s staff will never ask for gift card or donations via email. Thank you and don’t fall for Internet scams.

Seeking Volunteers for Church Christmas Decorations

The Liturgy Committee is requesting help from our Parish family to help decorate the Church for Christmas. The occasion to assist is: **Saturday, December 21st at 9:30 am**, after morning mass.

We will be arranging flowers and placing statues in the Nativity.

Contact Person: Sue Egisti: susanegisti0738@gmail.com



PYC BAKE SALE—Sunday Dec. 15

PYC Youth Ministry will sell baked goods after the 9:00 am, 11:30 am and 5:00 pm Masses on Sunday, Dec. 15th



Weekly Offering & Stewardship

Dec. 7-8 Offertory: \$ 7,701.90
 2nd Coll.-Parish Maintenance: \$ 3,716.00
 Sagrado del Corazon - 12/3/2019: \$ 77.00

Weekly Operating Expenses: \$ 12,618.58
Thank you for your generous Offertory gifts.
May God reward your generosity!

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) - 2019

Our AAA 2019 Assessment: \$ 91,000.00
Funds Collected and held at
SF Archdiocese as of 11/28/2019: \$ 46,961.00

MILL STREET HOMELESS SHELTER

Jesus asks us to feed the hungry, and that's just what the cooks of St. Isabella's did this last Monday, December 9th, and what they have done all year long. Thanks to all who brought their wonderful dishes for the Mill Street Homeless Shelter this past week as well as all who have contributed to the dinners we have proved during this past year. The meals were delicious, nourishing, and greatly appreciated by the residents. What a gift this parish brings to these people who are struggling, especially at this time of year. Thanks again for carrying out His message. Merry Christmas to all!



THE GIVING TREE: A St. Isabella's Tradition

Christmas is a time of giving, and the members of St. Isabella's Parish have certainly lived up to that!

Our Giving Tree Project is complete. This last week, four agencies picked up a total of more than 250 gifts which were donated by members of our parish to brighten the holidays for some of the less fortunate children in our community.

Many thanks to all who helped make this annual project such a success. A special thanks to our Good Sams, who made all the tags for the tree and sorted all the gifts when they were returned. We couldn't have done it without them.

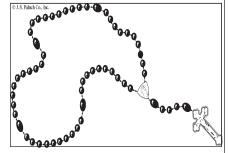


Rosaries and Religious Articles Wanted

RCIA will accept any religious articles, rosaries, prayer booklets, etc. Please leave articles at the entrances of the church:

“Attn: Judy Rosenbloom”

You may also call Judy Rosenbloom at 415-897-8241 for any questions. Thank you!

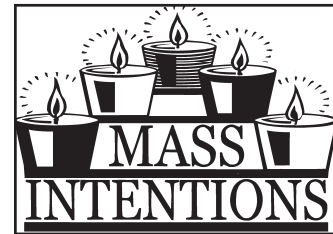


Upcoming Holy Days of Obligation:

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, 2019
The Solemnity of Mary, Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Mass Intentions This Week: December 15-21, 2019

Sunday 12/15: 7:30 am: Ray Johansson †
 9:00 am: Intentions of the People of St. Isabella
 11:30 am: Mary McClellan †
 2:00 pm: †
 5:00 pm: In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday 12/16: 8:30: †
Tuesday 12/17: 8:30: Steve Castaldo †
Wed. 12/17: 8:30: Ma Ellena Villodres †
Thurs. 12/18: 8:30: Special Intentions Bill Sweeney †
Friday 12/19: 8:30: †
Saturday 12/21: 8:30 am: †
 5:00 pm: Cezar Villodres †



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS...

A Time for Healing, for those who are sick, that they experience strength in the Lord's compassion: Lois Bishop, Margo Boje, Kristin Brewer, Susan Britton, Bill Buttner, Susan Cane Ares, Michael Cane-Ares, Elaine Chan, Helen Cifuentes, Carl Clement, Judy Collins, Lena Cretti, Maradee Davis, Manuel Demengo, Dorothy Dixon, Carl Duda, Richard Edelman, Anna-vie Farley, Richard Feliciano, Gayle Fenci, Frances Flynn, Neil Graham, Jim Haase, Agnes Henderson, Edna Herrera, Richard Hunter, Josephina Iniguez, Millie Jones, Prudence Mary Kerr, Shannon Sinclair-Kloss, Tashihiro Kosins, Ingg Lee, Ralph Gong Lee, Gene Lindquist, Margaret Lindsay, Mark Lindsay, Emy Luchessa, Joe MacKenzie, Nancy McGovern, Jane Walsh McGowan, Jailun McIsaac, Nick Michael, Greg Motto, Deacon Jim Myers, Jovanna Nerrera, Jose Nunez, John P., John Pardini, Mary Parnell, Lisa Pieper, Gail Pierce, Carol Pierpont, Allan Rosenbloom, Pat Vicky Rufins, Pat Sanders, Molly Shepard, Joseph Smith, Fr. Wilt Smith, Joe Stallone, Tom Stapleton, Jerry Streeter, Febronia Tabahita, Peggy Wittman, Deborah Wunderlich, Deacon Rich Younkin

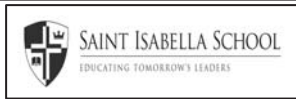
Newly added to our prayers for the sick: Emelia Colin, Rob Wells, Gilberte Godfrey

A Time for Sorrow, for those who live forever with Christ: Debby DeGennaro, Wynn Halligan, Cathi Strickland, Helen Casamus, Dennis Crisp, George Martinez, Gary Frugoli, Adaline Herbert, Thomas Howard

Remember in your Prayers: For the safety of our Police Officers, Firefighters, and First Responders

(To have your loved one added to (or removed from) the weekly Mass Intentions or our Parish Bulletin prayer list, please call the rectory at 415-479-1560, or email: office@stisabellaparish.org.)

St. Isabella Catholic School Admissions



Come explore your Parish Catholic

School and discover the difference a Catholic education can make for your child and your family. We provide a complete educational program built on strong core academics with faith formation and prayer woven into the students' daily school experience. Our kindergarten through eighth grade faculty includes specialists in science, Spanish, music, physical education, and technology. Our Extended Day program is nurturing, reasonably priced, and available on a drop-in basis.

Admission tours are held Monday and Friday mornings at 8:45 by appointment. Arrangements can be made if these times cannot fit your schedule. We're anxious to answer your questions about the application process for all grades.

You are encouraged to call the office, 415-479-3727 and set an appointment or contact Principal, Rob Pheatt: rpheattstisabellaschool.org

St. Isabella School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, scholarship and financial aid, and athletic and other school administered programs.

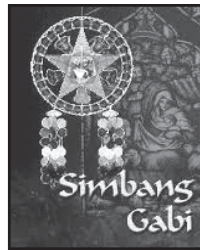
11th Annual SIMBANG GABI

*A Filipino Religious Tradition of Advent Masses
and Rosaries in preparation for Christmas*

December 16-20, 2019

**6:30 pm Reconciliation; 6:45 pm Holy Rosary
7:00 pm Mass**

**Dec. 20: Fiesta Celebration & Potluck
at the Parish Hall, after Mass**
*Share the joy of Christmas through
the Filipino-American Culture*



For inquiries:

Sherry Aquino: spriana1@yahoo.com

For Mass Intentions:

Lettie Ranjo: lettieranjo@yahoo.com



**Give your faith a chance to
blossom and grow...**

Ask someone about Cursillo.

Upcoming Cursillo 2020 Weekends:

- ◆ The Women's Cursillo will be held at the San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo from Thursday evening, April 16 to Sunday, April 19, 2020.
- ◆ The Men's Cursillo will be held Thursday, April 23 to Sunday, April 26, 2020, also at the Seminary.

For more info, visit: www.marincursillo.com

Or contact Peggy Pugh: peggypugh@yahoo.com

Applications on line at: marincursillo.com

Por la Misa En Español:

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — ¡Sean fuertes, no teman! Su Dios viene a salvarlos (Isaías 35:1-8a, 10).

Salmo — Ven, Señor, a salvarnos (Salmo 146 [145])

Segunda lectura — Sean también pacientes y valientes porque la venida del Señor está cerca (Santiago 5:7-10).

Evangelio — “¿Eres tú él que debe venir o tenemos que esperar a otro?” (Mateo 11:2-11).



The St. Vincent de Paul Society says:

*Think about it... Friendship is the only cement
that will ever hold the world together...*

Think about it...