



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



First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2019

"You must be prepared,
 for at an hour you do not expect,
 the Son of Man will come."

— Matthew 24:44

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@stisabellaparish.org
Email: School	rpheatt@stisabellaschool.org
Website:	www.stisabellaparish.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.stisabellaparish.org, or fill out this form and put it into the collection basket or mail it to the rectory. Thank You! Name: _____

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

From the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

HOPEFUL EXPECTATION

Our liturgical year begins with the season of Advent—a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. On the First Sunday of Advent we look forward to the end of time when we will awaken to the dawn of Christ's new day.

Today we hear Isaiah speak of a day when God's power will have brought universal peace and God's Word will have instructed all people, radiating God's "light" (teachings) into all of human society. Only when humanity walks "in the light of the LORD" (Isaiah 2:5), when all people desire to be instructed "in [God's] ways" (Isaiah 2:3), will the world be set aright and our deepest longings fulfilled. The reading from Romans calls us to "awake from sleep" for this final "day is at hand" (Romans 13:11, 12). Together this Sunday's scriptures proclaim our Christian faith that Jesus is the One who will finally come to fulfill God's plan of salvation.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Cyril O'Sullivan



This Week (December 1-8, 2019)

This Weekend:	Second Collection: Parish Maintenance
Sunday 12/1:	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT RCIA Classes: 9:00 am-2:00 pm, Parish Center & Cougar's Den 3rd Grade School and PSR Mass: 9:00 am Advent Wreath-Making: 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Parish Center Christmas Pageant Practice: 12:30-1:30 pm, Church No PSR Classes
Monday 12/2:	Blessed Mother Rosary Group: 5:00 pm, Church
Tuesday 12/3:	Tuesday Confessions: 5:00-7:00 pm, Church Spanish Rosary Novena: 7:00 pm, Church
Wednesday 12/4:	Baptism Preparation Class: 7:00 pm, Rectory Spanish Rosary Novena: 7:00 pm, Church
Thursday 12/5:	Adult Choir Practice: 7:00 pm, Church Spanish Rosary Novena: tba
Friday 12/6:	First Friday: Adoration and Benediction after 8:30 am Mass Spanish Rosary Novena: 7:00 pm, Church
Saturday 12/7:	Spanish Rosary Novena: 7:00 pm, Church
Next Weekend: Sunday 12/8:	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT PSR and RCIA Classes: 9:00 am-2:00 pm, Parish Center & Cougar's Den Christmas Pageant Practice: 12:30-1:30 pm, Church
Next Week's 2nd Collection: Religious Retirement	



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Parishioners are encouraged to spend time in the Church with the Blessed Sacrament on the First Friday of each month. Can you spare time to be with Jesus in the Eucharist?

Next Date for Adoration & Benediction:

**Friday, December 6, 2019
following the 8:30 am Mass**

Blessed Mother Rosary Group

The Blessed Mother Rosary group meets on Mondays at 5:00 pm, in the church. All are welcome to pray the rosary with us.





Weekly Offering & Stewardship

November 16-17 Offertory: \$ tba
 2nd Coll. - Parish Maintenance: \$ tba
 To be reported, due to early bulletin deadline
 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 9/30/2019: \$ 45,911.00

MILL STREET HOMELESS SHELTER



The holiday season is upon us, and it is truly a time to think about others, especially those less fortunate. In that spirit of giving, St. Isabella's will bring dinner to the Mill Street Homeless Shelter in San Rafael on Monday, December 9th. If you can give those at the shelter a bright moment by providing them nourishment — a vegetable, salad, pasta or chicken legs, or a gallon of milk or juice, please call Ellen Dederian at 415-479-0972, or email: ellen15@pacbell.net. Your generosity will make a difference, knowing you have helped to make someone's day a little brighter. Thank you!

THE GIVING TREE: A St. Isabella's Tradition



The Giving Tree is up, and all but 20 tags were taken. What a great response! Here are just a couple of reminders:

- * Please be sure to print your name and your phone Number on the log sheets in the binders on the table in the vestibule.
- * All gifts should be wrapped and the tag from the tree should be firmly attached to the gift.
- * Place gift cards in securely wrapped packages, ie. small boxes. It is a program when a gift card falls Our of a small gift bag or envelope. Gift cards should be \$35, so that children in the same family or residents in the same group home are treated equally.
- * Gifts should be returned to the church at a weekend Mass, **no later than next weekend: Dec. 7th—8th.**

Thanks to all of Santa's Helpers for your generosity. If you have any questions, please call or leave a message for Ellen Dederian at: 415-479-0972.

Next Weekend's Second Collection, Dec. 7-8L

Religious Retirement

Next Weekend's Second Collection supports hundreds of U.S. religious communities care for aging members. Some 30,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests benefit from your generosity.

To learn more, visit: retiredreligious.org

Mass Intentions This Week: December 1-7, 2019

Sunday 12/1: 7:30 am: †
 9:00 am: †
 11:30 am: Intentions of the People of St. Isabella
 2:00 pm: Alfred Silveira †
 5:00 pm: †

Monday 12/2: 8:30: Doris & Bob Wilhelm †

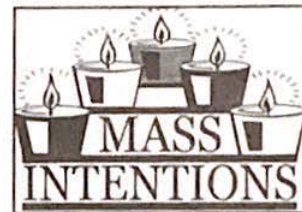
Tuesday 12/3: 8:30: †

Wed. 12/3: 8:30: †

Thurs. 12/4: 8:30: †

Friday 12/5: 8:30: †

Saturday 12/6: 8:30 am: †
 5:00 pm: Mae Redmond † Pat Kelly †



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, Adaline Herbert, Edna Herrera, Richard Hunter, Josephina Iniguez, Millie Jones, Prudence Mary Kerr, Shannon Sinclair-Kloss, Tashihiro Kosins, Inga 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, Thomas Howard, Rob Wells, Clint Sinkular, Gilberte Godfrey

A Time for Sorrow, for those who live forever with Christ: Debby DeGennaro, Wynn Halligan, Cathi Strickland, Helen Casamus, Dennis Crisp

Remember in your Prayers: For the safety and well-being of our students, teachers and staff

(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@stisabellaspriest.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: rpheatt@isabellaschool.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.

CARMELITE NUNS ANNUAL FALL JAM SALE

The Jam Sale ends on Feb. 14.

Enjoy delicious Apricot, Peach, Strawberry, Plum-Pear & Bumbleberry Jam, and Pear-Apple Sauce. These make wonderful gifts for Thanksgiving, Christmas & Valentine's Day.

All proceeds support the Carmelite Sister's contemplative life of prayer. For more info, call: 415-847-3381

God bless you!

Address: Carmelite Monastery
530 Blackstone Drive,
San Rafael, CA 94903



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 23 to Sunday, April 26, 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 — Todas las naciones confluirán hacia el monte del Señor (Isaías 2:1-5).

Salmo — Qué alegría cuando me dijeron: "Vamos a la casa del Señor" (Salmo 122 [121]).

Segunda lectura — Ya es el momento de que se despierten del sueño (Romanos 13:11-14).

Evangelio — Velen, pues, y estén preparados para la venida del Hijo del hombre (Mateo 24:37-44).



The St. Vincent de Paul Society says:
Think about it... Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush, not a last minute rush. Think about it...