



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



December 20, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Advent

*The child to be born
will be called holy, the Son of God.*

Pastoral Team

Rev. Cyril O'Sullivan, *Pastor*
Rev. Ephrem Tillya, *Parochial Vicar (Hospital Chaplain)*
Rev. Neil Healy, *Priest-in-Residence*
Rev. Mr. Graham Cumming, *Deacon*
Mr. Rob Pheatt, *School Principal*
Ms. Elissa Kuhr, *Vice Principal*
Mrs. Ginny Pheatt, *Office*
Mrs. Nahed Naser, *Finance*
Mrs. Lynn Pieri Young, *Liturgy & Music*
Ms. Therese Bruton, *P.S.R.*
Ms. Judy Rosenbloom, *R.C.I.A.*
Mr. Frank Lavin, *Baptismal Preparation*
Mr. Christopher Major, *Marriage Preparation*
Mr. Shane Graham, *P.Y.C.*
Mrs. Maria Renderos, *Cook & Housekeeper*

**** Check parish website for latest updates. ****

www.stisabellaparish.org

Schedule of Services

Eucharist at St. Isabella's Church

Daily Mass (Monday – Saturday): 8:30 am (private)
Saturday evenings: 5:00 pm
Sundays: 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Reconciliation at St. Isabella's Church

Saturdays, 4:00 - 4:45 pm
or by appointment, call 415-479-1560

Services at Most Holy Rosary Chapel

(located at One Saint Vincent's Drive, Marinwood)
Website: www.tlmsf.org

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
Parish Council/Liturgy Committee	415-479-1560
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
School	rpheatt@stisabellaschool.org
Website: Parish	www.stisabellaparish.org
School	www.stisabellaschool.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!

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



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Luke 1 : 26 - 38



Luke describes the utter supernatural happenings surrounding the birth of Christ. A momentous event must be filled with heavenly happenings, far beyond earthly possibilities. So look at the sequence of Christmas events, Elizabeth, John the Baptist, Angels, Shepherds, Stars, Virgin Birth, Escape from Herod's evil will, extraordinary by any moments in history.

Christmas Mass

Christmas Mass will be Thursday, 12/24/2020, 3 P.M. OUTDOOR at St. Isabella (CANCEL IF RAINING). Masks are mandatory. Practice social distancing and common-sense safety protocols. Stay well. Merry Christmas to all our parishioners.

Weekly printed bulletins are available outside the front entrance of St. Isabella Church. Check parish website for latest updates, www.stisabellaparish.org.



COVID Vaccine

This is a sensitive area, but does raise concerns. National Catholic Bioethics Center questioned pharmaceutical companies—Moderna and Pfizer, is the vaccine developed using cell lines initially derived from aborted fetuses. On December 3, the Catholic bishops of California issued a statement (<https://cacatholic.org/covid-vaccines>) saying that the imminent Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are morally acceptable. They have not produced the vaccines from cells of fetuses.

Fr. Michael McGivney Beatification: (Part 3 of 3)

The 1st miracle attributed to Fr. McGivney is a Down Syndrome child who had enlarged heart, liver, kidneys that will cause his death. Prayers to Fr. McGivney were answered and the child no longer has enlarged organs. The Knights have about 16,000 parish councils, including in Marin County. It is the richest Catholic organization in the Church supporting many Catholic causes. (You thought the Jesuits were rich, think again.)

Vatican Facts

Has a child ever been born in Vatican City? Though there are women working in Vatican City, no baby has ever been born within Vatican walls.

World Youth Day 2023

The celebration has always been held on Palm Sundays. From now on it will be celebrated on Christ the King Sundays. Why the change? The Vatican decided Christ is King and reigns, the universal message we want to send to the youth.

Pope Francis

Wherever we are in whatever state of life, in sickness and in health, we all can pray.

Did you know?

The most Christmas trees in an American home is the White House (80 Christmas trees.)

Parish Announcement


The parish is building a database of parishioner emails over the past six months. We have about now 800 in our parish database. Anyone who wants to add theirs, send to the parish office, office@stisabellaparish.org.

Parish life continues. COVID-19 does not mean life stops. Though it certainly has caused many inconveniences. Parish business goes on as usual, such as administration, consulting, hospital calls, convalesce calls, pastoral care, zoom meetings; School confessions; burials, weddings, baptisms occur but with minimum number of people; handling requests via emails and phone calls, daily Mass intentions; and of course prayers, especially those who have requested prayers for their loved ones. Many parishioners miss seeing each other, one of the best things parish offer is community. I know this is a difficult time for everyone, but together we will come through this stronger and better. Many blessings to all.

WANTED
Technology-Savvy Volunteers

St. Isabella has always been an in-person parish, activities are on site for parishioners and friends to enjoy the Faith and Community life. This year we come to realize the online presence will enhance our ministries & make accessible when necessary. Livestream Masses, Facebook, Zoom are now a norm. We are looking for Technology-Savvy volunteers to get us up and running as soon as possible. Please call Fr. O' 415-479-1560 or email office@stisabellaparish.org.

Whoever debases others is debasing himself.



Yours in Fraternity,
Fr. Cyril O'Sullivan



Weekly Offering & Stewardship

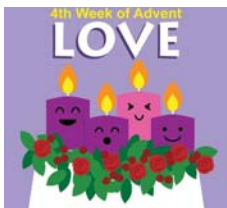
Parish:	
Offertory	\$4,000.00
Funeral	\$100.00
Maintenance	\$289.00
Roof Repair Fund	\$1,320.00
Christmas Flower Fund	\$1,005.00
Total for Parish	<u>\$6,714.00</u>

*Thank you for your generous Offertory gifts.
May God reward your generosity!*

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) - 2020

2020 Assessment:	\$ 98,729	
Donations Received to Date:	\$ 42,048	43%

To donate online, visit the Archdiocese's online giving page;
<https://www.sfarchdiocese.org/aaa>.



Congratulations to
Kristan Klinghoffer,
receiving the Sacrament
of Confirmation.



Welcome
Cillian Kelly
to our Faith family,
he was baptized last
Saturday. Virtual
streaming of the
Baptism for grand-
parents in Donegal,
Ireland who could
not attend due to
travel restriction.



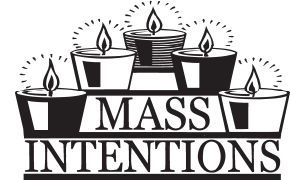
Christmas Memory

My grandfather, William Agnew, was born in Ireland and came to the U.S. as a young adult since there were few job opportunities in County Cork. My Irish roots run deep on both sides (Agnew, Lowery, Crowley & Cox). I grew up in a small town in Wisconsin and had 2 older brothers. After I was born, my parents had 3 more boys. When baby no. 6 arrived and I asked my Dad what the baby's name would be, he said David Francis, and I cried. Why do my parents keep bringing home boy babies when I keep asking for a girl baby? To my great delight, my mother gave birth to baby no. 7, who arrived on Christmas Eve a few years later, and she was named Mary Carol. Needless to say, it was my best Christmas present ever! When I was 12 years old, my parents had another baby boy, Gerald Patrick, but since I had my baby sister, I was delighted and my siblings are all great blessings in my life.

Kathleen Anne Agnew Kugelmas

✠ Mass Intentions This Week: December 20 - December 26, 2020

Sunday 12/20	—	Mr. & Mrs. Combatir & Chita Miranda †
Monday 12/21	—	Cezar Villodres, RIP †
Tuesday 12/22	—	Anisa Seraphim †
Wednesday 12/23	—	Suhermady Ghani †
Thursday 12/24	3 P.M.	Parishioners' Intentions †
Friday 12/25	—	Parishioners' Intentions †
Saturday 12/26	—	Alfred Silveria †



Special prayer request for
Jordan Roggenbuck



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS...

A Time for Healing, for those who are sick, that they experience strength in the Lord's compassion: Dianna Baetz, Lois Bishop, Lauren Bohm, Margo Boje, Kristin Brewer, Susan Britton, Bill Buttner, Susan Cane Ares, Michael Cane-Ares, Elaine Chan, Helen Cifuentas, Carl Clement, Emelia Colin, Judy Collins, Lena Cretti, Maradee Davis, Manuel Demengo, Dorothy Dixon, Richard Edelman, Annavie Farley, Richard Feliciano, Gayle Fenci, Frances Flynn, Gilberte Godfrey, Neil Graham, Jim Haase, Agnes Henderson, Edna Herrera, Richard Hunter, Josephina Iniguez, Millie Jones, Prudence Mary Kerr, Shannon Sinclair-Kloss, Ingga Lee, Ralph Gong Lee, Gene Lindquist, Margaret Lindsay, Mark Lindsay, Emy Luchessa, Joe MacKenzie, Jailun McIsaac, Nick Michael, Greg Motto, Kevin Moore, Deacon Jim Myers, Jovanna Nerrera, Jose Nunez, John Pardini, Mary Parnell, Lisa Pieper, Leonora Pilar, Gail Pierce, Carol Pierpont, Allan Rosenbloom, Pat Vicky Rufins, Molly Shepard, Fr. Wilt Smith, Joe Stallone, Frank Stankis, Jerry Streeter, Febronia Tabahita, Rob Wells, Deborah Wunderlich, Deacon Rich Younkin, Felix Conte, Fr. Neil Healy, Tiffany Martinson.; Cathie Inglis, Beth Flaherty, Tara Garcia, Rich Martino.

A Time for Sorrow, for those who live forever with Christ: Steve Callagy, Jackson Walsh, Barbara Reeves, Lloyd Peterson, Neal Graham Sr, Sr. Colleen Kern, Fr. Ken Westray, Fr. Brian Costello, Dan White, Connie Govi

Remember in your Prayers: For the safety and well-being of all those affected by the Covid-19 epidemic

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



The Bridge - News from the Archdiocese

Archdiocese Advent resources: sfarch.org/advent

California Bishops Issue Positive Statement on Vaccines. The bishops committed to working with Catholic health care ministries & Catholic Charities to promote and encourage COVID-19 vaccinations in collaboration with state and local governments and other entities. cacatholic.org/covid-vaccines

Catholic Artists & Archbishop Cordileone: An Advent Retreat, Saturday, December 19, 2:00 pm, Zoom, sfarch.org/events/artist-retreat-advent

SF Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of its founding in San Francisco in 1921. For news & activities, email dcmibach@aol.com.

Additional resources, visit SF Archdiocese website: <https://sfarch.org/>

Saint Vincent School for Boys is one of the oldest institutions dedicated exclusively to therapeutic and compassionate care for traumatized boys. Saint Vincent, located in Marinwood, houses boys in a supervised setting where they live with each other and with counselors. Because of the global pandemic, these boys need our help to celebrate Christmas. If you would like to help make their Christmas merry, Saint Isabella is gifting gift cards to the boys at Saint Vincent whose ages range from 9 through 17. *If you would like to donate a gift card, please send it to Kathy Ferguson in the school office by Wednesday, December 16th.* Our contact at Saint Vincent has requested Target gift cards, so that the boys can purchase a variety of items for themselves. Thank you for your generosity during these difficult and different times.

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, send email to: rpheatt@stisabellaschool.org