



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, California



CHRISTMAS

December 25, 2021

*Brings glad tidings, announcing peace,
bearing good news, announcing salvation.
"Your God is King!"*

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, *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*

Schedule of Services

Eucharist at St. Isabella's Church

Saturday evenings: 5:00 p.m.
Sundays: 9:00 a.m.
Daily Mass: 8:30 a.m. (Monday – Friday)

Reconciliation at St. Isabella's Church

Saturdays, 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
or by appointment, call 415-479-1560

Rosary/Prayer Group at St. Isabella's

Mondays: 5:15 p.m. (All are welcome)

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

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| Rectory / Parish Office | 415-479-1560 |
| St. Isabella's Parochial School | 415-479-3727 |
| PSR (Therese Bruton) | 415-479-1560 |
| RCIA (Judy Rosenbloom) | 415-897-8241 |
| Parish Youth Council (PYC) | 415-479-1560 |
| 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@stisabellasparish.org |
| School | rpheatt@stisabellaschool.org |
| Website: Parish | www.stisabellasparish.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.stisabellasparish.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: _____



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

John 1 : 1—18



Christmas completes the cycle of the church year where births to graduations, weddings to families and the saying farewell to good friends who passed on during the Cycle 2021 A.D. Christmas begins the new Cycle 2022 A.D. with Peace, Hope, and Love that unto us a Savior is born.



Pope Francis

Christmas reminds us we are all united as brothers and sisters.



Bring **BELLS** to Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses.

The Synod

Called by Pope Francis aims to shift the Church toward a more decentralized model of decision making by inviting lay people to have more of a voice in church leadership. The Synod is to be inclusive inviting absentee Catholics, the elderly, refugees, handicapped, women, etc. for their input. Every diocese in the world will be involved in this. This will be a universal Synod. Visit St. Isabella parish website www.stisabellaparish.org for more information.

Inviting families to bring bells to church for our **Christmas Eve Family Mass at 5:00 pm**. Also, we will be gathering at 4:45 pm for the Family Mass for pre-caroling.

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

- ✦ Friday 12/24 **Christmas Eve** – 5PM Mass
- ✦ Saturday 12/25 **Christmas Day** – 9AM & 11AM Masses
- ✦ Sunday 12/26 – 9AM
- ✦ Saturday 1/1/22 – 5PM
- ✦ Sunday 1/2/22 – 9AM



Universal Church

The U.S. has 176 diocese; 16,703 U.S. parishes. 1.3 billion Catholic population; 652 archdiocese; 2,248 dioceses worldwide. Missions not included in these statistics.

Did you know?

The first text message was sent on 3 December 1992, when the 22-year-old British engineer Neil Papworth used his computer to send the message "Merry Christmas" to his colleague Richard Jarvis on his mobile phone.

Lost & Found

A ring has been found in the parish. Contact Fr. O' 415-479-1560.

Catechesis

Why would God send a person to eternal hell for a sin committed over a brief time span perhaps one moment. Hell is eternal. Once a soul goes there, its state is eternal. The decision for heaven or hell is made in this life, not in the next life. Repentance is no longer available after this life. The decision for God or the devil is made while we are mortal. If you wish to follow the devil go to hell—where he is. Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches “After their fall, the angels could not be restored to heaven.”

COVID-19

February 6, 2020 reported the first death from this virus. Today, December 2021, over 680,000 people have died. 82% of Catholics have taken at least one dose of a vaccination. It is clear vaccinations is the best way to end this pandemic. The Church considers it as an act of love to do so. The pandemic is not over. Experts are saying we may be in for another winters surge.

*“If you want to go fast, go alone.
If you want to go far, go together.”*



Yours in Fraternity,
Fr. Cyril O’Sullivan



Weekly Offering & Stewardship

Weekend of 12/11—12/12

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| Offertory | \$10,320.10 |
| Maintenance | \$ 2,754.00 |
| Christmas Flower Fund | \$ 120.00 |
| Immaculate Conception Holy Day | \$ 99.00 |
| Total for parish | \$13,293.10 |
| <i>Others</i> | |
| Holy Rosary/Latin Mass | \$1,225.32 |
| 2nd - Retired Religious | \$1,044.00 |

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)

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| 2021 St. Isabella's Goal: | \$ 82,827.00 |
| Donations received to date: | \$ 39,700.00 |
| Need to raise by year-end: | \$ 43,127.00 |



Prayer request for **Cathie Peters**, recovery from surgery

Prayer request for **Hugo Phillips**, get well soon

Prayers request for **Anthony Lindquist**

Thank you to all those who contributed toward our Christmas flowers including those who did so in memory of their loved ones listed below:

Kathy Autry, Joseph Balestreri, Laura Balestreri, Agusta Berger, Florentino Buban, Sr., Florentino Buban, Jr., George Buban, Josefa Buban, Triumfo Buban, Joseph Crivello, Rose Crivello, D'elia Family, Derenzo Family, Antonio Devincenzi, Gilma & Roque Diaz, Dimitratos Family, Alia Elkurdi, Gary Fissel, Galeazzi Family, Clare Hance, Kevin Haney, Hunter Family, Josephine & E.A Leedham, Lindquist/ Claus Family, Linde & Lorenzo Lo, Cheryl Lobermeier, Nita Lyman, Oliver & Eva Mackley, Richard Mackley, Peggy Maile, Malvino Family, Kenny Manda, Jackie & Harold McConnell, Patricia Mola-tore, David Noel, Edith Noel, Herbert Noel, Joaquin Obregozo, Jose Obregozo, Teresa Obregozo, Gail Oes-trich, Caroline Phillips, Leonard Phillips, Lucille Phillips, Picollo Family, Barbara Pincince, Leatha Pulizzano, Anthony Ratto, Dino Ratto, Frank Ratto, Stacey Ratto, John Sadlowski, Howard Sanford, Nicolas Sanford, Raymond Schmitt, Pauline & Jack Simpson, Hank & Gaddy Stoffers, Philip Swieconeck, Diane Vincent, Patricia Vincent, Milda Wardenburg, Dan White, Tom White, Ernie Zeiter.

Mass Intentions: December 24 - December 31

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| Christmas Eve | 5:00 p.m. | Gilma Diaz+ Linda Lo+ Lorenzo Lo+ |
| Christmas Day | 9:00 a.m. | † |
| | 11:00 a.m. | † |
| Sunday 12/26 | 9:00 a.m. | Charles "Pat" Semple+ |
| Monday 12/27 | 8:30 a.m. | † |
| Tuesday 12/28 | 8:30 a.m. | † |
| Wednesday 12/29 | 8:30 a.m. | † |
| Thursday 12/30 | 8:30 a.m. | † |
| Friday 12/31 | 8:30 a.m. | Emilio Tallerico+ Rosalie Scalise+ |



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS...

A Time for Healing, for those who are sick, that they experience strength in the Lord's compassion: Dcn. Jim Myers, Fr. Neil Healy, Beth Flaherty, Tara Garcia, Jordan Roggenbuck, Louise & Phil Rapoport, Brendan Moylan, Sue Egisti, John Walters, Elsie & Michael Peregrin, Mary Polizza, Maria Renderos, Pat Buttner, Baby Charlotte Merino, Dr. Mark Higgins, Ally Glass, Una Sherman, Margaret Cervetto, Neal Graham, Jr., Claire Lee, Mary Gail Mibach, Cathie Peters, Tommy Watson & family, Baby Jimmy Bogden, Hugo Phillips, Anthony Lindquist

A Time for Sorrow, for those who live forever with Christ: Dcn. Rich Younkin, Doug Lathrop, Francine Strain, Michael & Norma Giannini, Fr. Wilton Smith, Alice Bogan, Nola Joy Slingsby, Alfred Petrofsky, Virginia Page, Rich Martino, Gilberte Godfrey, Robert Gash, Ivano Santi, Oliver Mackley, Mike Mangini, Mark Momboisse, Jimmy Lucero, Istvan Kadar, Robert Burkhard, Eileen Kerr, Margorie Manko, Barbara Walsh, Lucille Bailey, Maria Ponce, Lorraine Duffy, Jonathan Edwards, Gary La Rocca, David Papke, Martha McNeil, Barbara Ingrassi, Marinetta Ferraro, Mario Waters, Tom White, Jack Cooper, Pat Vincent, Kara Roell, Ann Gregory, Elizabeth (Betty) Sheehy



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



Our Parish School of Religion (PSR) held a successful Kitchen Drive the past two weeks. Families donated new kitchen items to Make It Home Bay Area, a non-profit organization devoted to helping people transitioning out of homelessness and youths aging out of foster care. This organization is located in Northgate Mall. Check out the website for other ways you can make a difference!

SUPERBOWL PARTY 2022

Please join us for our Annual Super bowl Party on Saturday **January 29, 2022** from 6:00PM – 9:00PM in the Parish Center. Enjoy food, refreshments and football fun hosted by the St. Isabella's School Alumni! Donations received by January 7, 2022 qualify for a chance to win \$ prizes. **All proceeds go to many needed upgrades at St. Isabella.** For more information and to make a donation, please see the flyers at the church vestibules or call Tom or Kirk Hunter at 415-453-4916.



Limited quantities of a book by Matthew Kelly titled "**Life is Messy**" are available in the entrances to the church. Matthew Kelly is a best selling author, speaker and spiritual leader. Please take a copy.



St. Isabella Catholic School

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. To set up an appointment, call School Office at 415-479-3727.