



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, 2022

*A light will shine on us this day:
the Lord is born for us.*

Pastoral Team

Rev. Cyril O'Sullivan, *Pastor*
Rev. Ephrem Tillya, *Parochial Vicar,
Hospital Chaplain*
Rev. Neil Healy, *Priest-in-Residence*
Rev. Mr. Christopher Major, *Deacon,
P.S.R., Marriage Preparation*
Rev. Mr. Graham Cumming, *Deacon*
Mr. Rob Pheatt, *School Principal*
Mrs. Lynn Pieri Young, *Music*
Mrs. Ginny Pheatt, *Office*
Mrs. Nahed Naser, *Finance*
Ms. Judy Rosenbloom, *R.C.I.A.*
Mr. Frank Lavin, *Baptismal Preparation*

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 – Saturday)

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

Rectory / Parish Office	415-479-1560
St. Isabella's Parochial School	415-479-3727
PSR (Deacon Chris Major)	PSR@stisabellasparish.org
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
St. Isabella CYO Basketball	www.sicyo.com
Fax: Parish	415-479-8303
School	415-479-9961
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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

Luke 2 : 15 - 20



We miss the spirit of Christmas if we consider it uneventful, doubtful and distant. We miss the purpose of Christmas if we do not see it as the link between God and Man joined eternally together. In this unity of love is the solution to all ills which afflict the world. The great message of Christianity remains. Only with wisdom comes joy; and with spiritual enlightenment comes love.



Nativity Needlepoint Artwork
created by Zora Apt
(St. Isabella's Sacristy)

Pope Francis

If compassion is a way of life, life has no limitations.

Was Jesus born on December 25th?

The date of Jesus birth is something we cannot know definitively. This is a study in itself for those interested. The Gospels make clear, he was born in Bethlehem where Joseph's family come from. Caesar's census was taking place at the time. Born in a stable. Herod's fears. And the Magi visit. But they do not tell us of a date. But what is said. A Savior was born into the world. And on Christmas we honor the truth of this event.

Vatican News

In the unusual move, the Vatican criticized the Chinese Government for appointing a Bishop to a Catholic Diocese that does not exist. The Vatican has a spirit of dialogue on the appointment of Bishops with China which was renewed in 2020 but now seemingly broken.

A Unified Easter Date

For the past 60 years the Vatican has been in consultation with Eastern Orthodox Churches to agree on a common date to celebrate Easter. It seems ridiculous the East and Western Churches have two different dates celebrating Easter Sunday.

Catholic Quiz

Where did the Magi come from?

Answer:
Balthazar — Arabia
Caspas — India
Melchior — Persia

Colma Cemetery, San Francisco

January 7, 11 a.m. is the Annual Mass for all those buried in Catholic Cemeteries.

Did you know?

Roger Staubach, richest of all quarterbacks to play the game. \$600,000,000.

Christmas Crib at St. Isabella


The parish thanks 3rd Grade St. Isabella for setting up the Christmas Crib 2022. They think we should double it next year and make it a city.




Christmas Greetings

On behalf of our staff at St. Isabella, we thank you for your dedication, support, volunteerism and presence. St. Isabella has been serving Terra Linda Catholics for sixty-one years. Building community as we open up will be our main goal 2023. May the gifts of God's peace, hope and joy be yours this season and a blessed new year.

SUPERBOWL PARTY — Annual fundraiser proceeds benefit St. Isabella Parish & School. **Sat, 1/28, 6PM - 9PM** in the Parish Center. Enjoy food, refreshments and football fun hosted by the St. Isabella's School Alumni! Donations received by 1/7 qualify for a chance to win \$ prizes. All proceeds go to many needed upgrades at St. Isabella. More info, see the flyers at the church vestibules or call Tom or Kirk Hunter at 415-453-4916.



Mondays — 5 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, —5:15 Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet. Everyone is welcome.




Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve	... 5 p.m. Family Mass
Christmas Day	... 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Bring a bell to Christmas Masses.

"Women measure a man by how they treat their family."



Yours in Fraternity,
Fr. Cyril O'Sullivan



Weekly Offering & Stewardship

Week Ending December 10 - 11, 2022

Offertory	\$ 4,656.00
Parish Maintenance (restricted)	\$ 150.00
Parish Kitchen Fund (restricted)	\$ 10.00
Masses and Religious Ceremonies	\$ 130.00
Christmas Flower Fund	\$ 110.00
Total for parish	<u>\$ 5,056.00</u>
Retired Religious (2nd Collection)	\$ 883.00
Holy Rosary/ Latin Mass	\$ 445.00

2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)

St. Isabella's Goal	\$ 55,865.00
Donations received to date	\$ 22,240.00
Balance to raise by year-end	<u>\$ 33,625.00</u>



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

Ed Gallagher, Jerry Kerby, Bob Brahm Family, Elaine Chan, Warren Chan, Malvino Family, Hunter Family, Galeazzi Family, Noel Family, Sykes Family, Lorraine Zoog, Bob Brenza, Jane Janis, Oliver & Eva Mackley, Florentino Buban, Sr., Josefa Buban, Nicasio Ortiz, Frank & Constance Sabella, Richard Sabella, Dimitratos Family, Picollo Family, Norman Silva, Patricia Vincent, Diane Vincent, Eileen Vincent, Harold Vincent, Harold & Jackie McConnell, Tom & Brian McConnell, Howard Sanford, Lindquist/Claus Family, Tom White, Ernie Zeiter, Jose Obregozo, Marichu Ariztegui, Lucille Phillips, Caroline Phillips, Mary Asche, Leo Phillips, Kathryn Farber, Raymond Farber, Shirley Murray, Joseph Murray, Joey Murray, Patricia Molatone, Rev. Michael Keane, Dan White, Teddy Russell, Josephine & E.A. Leedham.



GIVING TREE —

1st weekend collected \$2,930.00
2nd weekend collected \$3,815.00
Thank you for your generosity.



MASS INTENTIONS: December 24 – December 31

Saturday	12/24	5 p.m.	Matthew Millsap
Sunday	12/25	9 a.m.	William Reilly
	12/25	11 a.m.	†
Monday	12/26	8:30 a.m.	Carol Bennett + Charles "Pat" Semple + Mauraid Cahill +
Tuesday	12/27	8:30 a.m.	Rich Younkin +
Wednesday	12/28	8:30 a.m.	Carol Bennett +
Thursday	12/29	8:30 a.m.	Fr. William Smith +
Friday	12/30	8:30 a.m.	Matthew Millsap
Saturday	12/31	8:30 a.m.	†



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS...

A Time for Healing, for those who are sick, that they experience strength in the Lord's compassion:

Fr. Neil Healy, Cathie Peters, Tommy Watson & family, Baby Jimmy Bogden, Hugo Phillips, Anthony Lindquist, Peter Maren, Judith Walsh Cassidy, Claudia Reimer, George Kerbs, Mary Sullivan, Ruby Wilson, Rich McGrath, Dolores Cuerva, William Thomas Reilly, Marilyn Swieconeck, Ann Sykes, Richard Hunter, Kevin Swanson, Anne Boeri, Shirley McGrath, Lacey Graham, Jordyn Powell, Bill Bixby, Mary McCaffrey, Matthew Millsap, Shirley Dimitratos, Jake Williams, Richard Levy

A Time for Sorrow, for those who live forever with Christ:

Tom White, Jack Cooper, Pat Vincent, Kara Roell, Ann Gregory, Elizabeth (Betty) Sheehy, Bonnie Papreso, Audrey Rouldes, Francesca Cantarutti, Louis Lovato, Elaine Chan, Theodore Lamantia, Bob Carrasco, Lori Ahern, Walter Kelly, Nancy Ghilotti, Colleen McGuinn, Mary Gail Mibach, James McKinley, James Juarez, Janet Dunn, Aileen Moriarty Kelly, John Swieconeck, Nancy Zaharin, Peter Tritz, Patricia Calhoun, Elizabeth Molarin, David Dunn, Anita Verena Bollinger, Paul Mueller, Violet Swanson, Katherine Pokas, Terese Moriarty, Alice Flaherty, Ryan Dallara, Honey Cabalza, Diana Santi, Doris Galli, Fran Gazdik, Hannah Daly, Ralph Tischbern, Alan Rosenbloom, Elizabeth Paganini, Betty Cronin, Reno Cantarutti, Jacqueline Tarantino, Robert Thomas

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@stisabellaparis.org

The Bridge/Catholic SF - News from the Archdiocese

"The Arch and the Spire: Romanesque and Gothic Churches"— online course, 1/10 to 2/14. Register at <https://sfarchdiocese.org/arch-and-spire-course/>

Walk for Life Mass, 1/21 9:30 a.m. St. Mary Cathedral SF. <https://sfarch.org/event/walk-for-life-mass-2/>

St. Patrick's Seminary Discernment Retreat, 1/27-1/29. Contact: Fr. Cameron Faller | faller.cameron@sfarch.org

St. Isabella Catholic School Admissions



SAINT ISABELLA SCHOOL
EDUCATING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

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. e-mail: rpheatt@stisabellaschool.org