



# 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



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2023

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: All flesh shall see the salvation of God.*

### Pastoral Team

Rev. Cyril O'Sullivan, *Pastor*

Rev. Ephrem Tillya, *Parochial Vicar, Hospital Chaplain*

Rev. Mr. Christopher Major, *Deacon, P.S.R., Marriage Preparation*

Mr. Rob Pheatt, *School Principal*

Mrs. Lynn Pieri Young, *Music*

Mrs. Ginny Pheatt, *Office*

Mrs. Nahed Naser, *Finance*

Mr. Frank Lavin, *Baptismal Preparation*

St. Isabella's Parish Team, *R.C.I.A.*

### 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](http://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. For more information about the RCIA program, please call the church office at 415-479-1560

Rectory / Parish Office	415-479-1560
St. Isabella's Parochial School	415-479-3727
PSR (Deacon Chris Major)	PSR@stisabellaparish.org
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	<a href="http://www.sicyo.com">www.sicyo.com</a>
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School	415-479-9961
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School	rpheatt@stisabellaschool.org
Website: Parish	<a href="http://www.stisabellaparish.org">www.stisabellaparish.org</a>
School	<a href="http://www.stisabellaschool.org">www.stisabellaschool.org</a>



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](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_

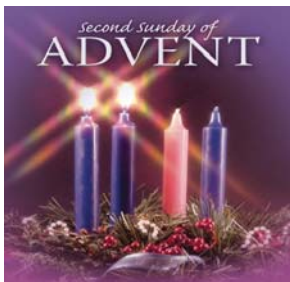


## Second Sunday of Advent

Mark 1 : 1 - 8



The difference between John’s baptism and Christ’s baptism is John’s baptism is a common sense, rational, reasonable approach to how to change your life around when your life is immortal or evil. So you repent, be contrite, feel sorry for sins, and have a conscience and live by right versus wrong, good versus bad conduct behavior. So it is a moral teaching of the best that we can be.



### Pope Francis

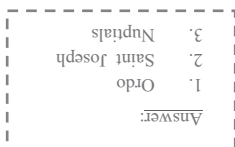
The real evil plaguing countries today is lawlessness, crime, lack of work, collapse of care, of education, and religious poverty. We need to return to conscience and solidarity.

### Vocations (Part 1 of 2)

A young man viewed his religious vocation in this way: “I stopped seeing vocation as what is God calling me to do? And I started seeing it as, who is God calling me to be.” Since 1965, the population of priests in the U.S. has dropped by 25,000 and this is now affecting parishes throughout the nation.

### Catholic Trivia

1. Book containing calendar of Masses
2. Patron Saint of Canada
3. Marriage vows



### Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, 4 PM  
Christmas Day, 9 AM & 11 AM

### Did you know?

Only 5 House members have been kicked out of Congress in U.S. history.

### Reading of Gospel

If priests or deacons are only allowed to read the Gospel, why on Good Friday and Palm Sunday, laity reading the Gospel. The answer is, Roman Missal makes an exception on these two days. The narrative can be read by readers playing roles of individuals in the Passion. But if this is not done, then deacon or priest does the reading.

### Christmas Gifts

Even though we celebrate Christmas, few of our gifts are religious gifts. Here are some Faith gifts:

1. Collectible saint dolls, 11 inches, \$28 (website: <https://theLittleRoseShop.com>)
2. Sainly creatures: 14 tales of animals in the lives of saints, “Simply Gorgeous” \$24.95 (website: <https://bookstore.WordOnFire.org>)
3. Men’s gray rosary. Natural map stone, \$41.95 (website: <https://OSVCatholicBookstore.com>)
4. Framed print of “Saint Therese of the Holy Face”, three prints with frames, \$80—\$150 (website: <https://bookstore.WordOnFire.org>)

### Parish News

Parish thanks St. Isabella School 3rd graders for the set up of the Christmas Crib 2023, along with Mike Schalich, Jeff Pheatt, and Danielle Boland.



Work for the good of the collective,  
get over yourself.



Yours in Fraternity,  
Fr. Cyril O’Sullivan



## Weekly Offering & Stewardship

Week Ending November 25 – 26, 2023

Offertory	\$ 6,685.25
Maintenance (restricted)	\$ 110.00
Votive Candle Fund	\$ 59.35
Masses and Religious Ceremonies	\$ 60.00
Total for parish	<u>\$ 6,914.60</u>
2nd: Campaign for Human Dev.	\$ 640.25

### 2023 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)

St. Isabella's Goal:	\$ 61,512.00
Donations received to date:	\$ 50,610.00
To raise:	<u>\$ 10,902.00</u>



**Baptism:** Welcome  
**MacKenzie Meeks**  
**MacKenzie MacLean**  
into our Faith Family

2nd Collection today is  
for Retirement for  
Religious (USCCB)



**GIVING TREE** —The Good Sam's have set up tables outside of church this weekend to collect gift cards and money for our parish Giving Tree Project. The donations will be used to provide gift cards and food vouchers for the children/families in our parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference to brighten their Christmas celebration.

\* Gift cards **MUST** be for Target and they **MUST** be for \$40.  
\* Cash or checks may be given in any amount & we will buy the cards.  
\* Checks **MUST** be made out to St. Isabella's Giving Tree Project.

If you have questions, contact Ellen Dederian at 415-479-0972 or Sue Boland at 415-308-7972. Thank you.

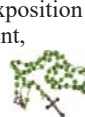
### 14th Annual SIMBANG GABI

A Filipino Religious Tradition of Advent Masses and Rosaries in preparation for Christmas will be held **December 15, 16, and 17, 2023**. 6:30 pm Reconciliation: 6:45 pm Holy Rosary and 7:00 pm Mass. For inquiries and Mass Intentions: Sherry Aquino [sprianal@yahoo.com](mailto:sprianal@yahoo.com) (415)521-6934 or Lettie Ranjo: [lettieranjo@yahoo.com](mailto:lettieranjo@yahoo.com)

Our Lady  
of Guadalupe  
Feast Day,  
December 12



Remember those who has died.  
**Barbara Solve +**  
**Arthur Ferrero +**  
**Hilde Caruson +**  
May their souls rest in peace.

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

Prayer  
requests  
**Hadley**  
**Ward**



### MASS INTENTIONS:

December 9—December 16

<b>Saturday</b>	12/09	... 5 p.m.	Richard Hunter +
<b>Sunday</b>	12/10	... 9 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Isabella Parish
<b>Monday</b>	12/11	... 8:30 a.m.	Rose Crivello +
<b>Tuesday</b>	12/12	... 8:30 a.m.	†
<b>Wednesday</b>	12/13	... 8:30 a.m.	†
<b>Thursday</b>	12/14	... 8:30 a.m.	†
<b>Friday</b>	12/15	... 8:30 a.m.	Ray Johannson +
<b>Saturday</b>	12/16	... 8:30 a.m.	Ashley Yamouchi +



### 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, Matthew Millsap, Shirley Dimitratos, Jake Williams, Therese Bruton, Betty Ann Wright, Ginny Kerbs, George Kerbs, Les Mize, Barbara Landesman, Bruce Landesman, Ralph Pershing, Michael Piper, Mylo Peterson, Becky Tecson, Jim Sullivan, Judy Rosenbloom, James McCarthy, Gray Flory, Deacon Chris Major, Dolores Cuerva, Kennyetta Block, Sue Egisti, Bob Egisti, Hadley Ward

**A Time for Sorrow, for those who live forever with Christ:**  
Robert "Bob" Doyle, Helmut Wendler, Christa Wendler, Louis Reilly, Tom Aiello, Richard Levy, Garry Altamirano, Michael Peregrin, Jean Perez, Patrick Johnson, Jordyn Powell, Florence Williams, Robert Anello, Greg Carman, Tom Bonggi, Nicholas Kunst, Cathie Inglis, David Alexander Swerrie, Bill Boitano, Lila Martinez, Fabrizio Martinelli, Donald W. Torre, Alfred Garcia, Winnie Coleman, Astrid Janson, Kathy Drady, Janey Payne, Rosalie Barozzi, Michael Alaimo, Patrick Buttner, Diana Nay, Alberto Gutierrez, Bill Bixby, James Egide, Bebe McDermott, James McGeehan, Alice Thompson, Patricia Semple, Richard McGrath, Richard Hunter, Jose Martinez, Judy Cassidy, Bonnie Kissell, Barbara Solve, Arthur Ferrero, Hilde Caruson

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](mailto:office@stisabellaparis.org)

St. Isabella's cooks will be back in the kitchen at Jonathan's Place (formerly Mill Street Homeless Shelter), preparing a delicious dinner for the residents on **Monday, December 11th**. If you would like to help by providing food from our shopping list or would like more information, please call Ellen Dederian at 415-479-0972. Thank you

### News from the Archdiocese

- Catholic Charities "Be A Blessing" Campaign — Host a Toy/Gift Drive, Darlene Wilson 415-972-1371
- Adopt a Christmas Angel Family this Holiday Season! Julio Escobar 415-614-5572
- "The Flower World Prophecies: Our Lady of Guadalupe Converts a Continent" [mgallagher@bxvi.org](mailto:mgallagher@bxvi.org)
- Women's Hope & Healing After Abortion Weekend Retreat, Maureen Lundy 415-614-5567

### 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 scheduled. 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](mailto:rpheatt@stisabellaschool.org)