



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



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 2023

*"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert,
'make straight the way of the Lord,'"*

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

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	www.sicyo.com
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: _____

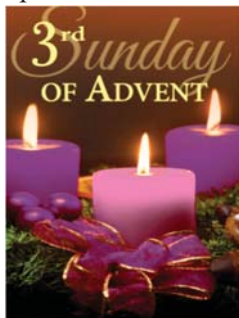


Third Sunday of Advent

John 1 : 6 - 8



Last week we had Luke’s account of John the Baptist mission, this week we have John’s account and by all purposes they are identical. John announces the Messiah has come and points him out when he comes to be baptized at the Jordan River. There is no confusion who is the Messiah. It is Jesus Christ who will baptize us into his Holy Spirit retaining the waters of the Baptist symbolism of purity.



Pope Francis

The synodal process has brought much joy to many Catholics because it is the first time the Church has invited them to speak of their faith and hopes.

Cardinals

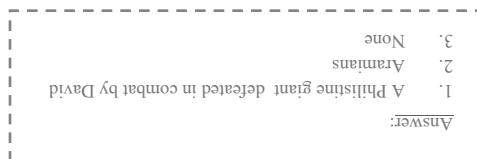
Pope Francis added 21 new Cardinals on September 30, 2023. 16 from different countries.

Vocations (Part 2 of 2)

A decrease in religious beliefs is a major reason in the decline of Church vocations. Secularism is the dominant culture. Finding the sacred in life linked to transcendence is key to healthy vocations. Mass attendance, school, parish retreats and catechesis, youth groups - All help.

Catholic Trivia

1. Who was Goliath?
2. Biblical name for Syria
3. What is 3:00 p.m. Prayer called?



The Synod

One of the questions out of the Synod was—Is the Mass too long? Now no one can say one hour is too long, but quite a number across the country say their Masses last 1½ hours and it drives them crazy. Long homilies, hymns and unending announcements can create marathon Masses. I can say we don’t have this problem here.

Deacons

32,226 in the Americas, the most in any continent.

Did you know?

\$60 billion of damage done in the U.S. due to catastrophic weather 2023.

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

Priest who died at Dachau Concentration Camp

Fr. Leon Gutowski born in Poland 1896, emigrated to the U.S. ordained for Wisconsin 1927. During WWII, he asked to return to Poland. He was arrested by the SS for leading a religious procession and sent to Dachau. He lasted a year. 2,579 Catholic priests were imprisoned during WWII. A family story says, in 1942, Fr. Leon knocked on his grandmother’s door luggage in hand. She saw him inside and joyfully opened the door but he was gone. A few days later she received news of his death. 8/29/1942. He was 38 years of age.

Parish News

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

*You can have power over your mind—
and you will find strength.*

Yours in Fraternity,
Fr. Cyril O’Sullivan



Weekly Offering & Stewardship

Week Ending December 2 – 3, 2023

Offertory	\$ 5,022.00
Maintenance (restricted)	\$ 4,079.00
Christmas Flower Fund	\$ 635.00
Masses and Religious Ceremonies	\$ 520.00
Total for parish	<u>\$ 10,256.00</u>
Holy Rosary Chapel/Latin Mass	\$ 349.00

2023 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)

St. Isabella's Goal:	\$ 61,512.00
Donations received to date:	\$ 50,810.00
To raise:	\$ 10,702.00



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

Bob Brahm, Jerry Kerby, Gallagher/Mazza Families, Ernie Zeiter, Sabella Family, Serreno Family, Beigel Family, Jack Humenik, Paulie & Jack Simpson, Judy Cassidy, Patricia Vincent, Diane Vincent, Dimitratos Family, Picollo Family, George & Edna Bralye, Robert & Jill Mackichan, Oliver & Eva Mackley, John & Jim Agnew, Tom White, The Healy Family, The White Family, Francisco Obregozo, Ed Gallagher, Emilio Tallerico & Rosalie Scalise, Jack & Kathryn Bastida, John & Sophie Mangone, Jim & Belva Metzler, Sykes Family, Noel Family, Alia Elkurdie, Patricia Molatone, E.A. & Josephine Leedham, Dan White, Sandy Collier, Harold Sinclair, Jr, Al & Alva Bole, Harold & Ruth Sinclair, Anna Dutcher, Richard Alves, Lucille Phillips, Leonard Phillips, Caroline Phillips, Katherine Eck, Mary Asche, Jon, Angie, Bob, Barbara, Baby Molly, Kathy, Diane, Tiny



Saint Isabella School & PSR
presents the
Nativity Pageant
Sunday, December 24th
Christmas Eve Mass 4 PM
Performance - 3:30pm-5:30pm

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 (415)521-6934 or Lettie Ranjo: lettieranjo@yahoo.com



MASS INTENTIONS:

December 16—December 23

Saturday	12/16	... 5 p.m.	Margaret Erhard +
Sunday	12/17	... 9 a.m.	Steve Millsap
Monday	12/18	... 8:30 a.m.	George Palmer +
Tuesday	12/19	... 8:30 a.m.	Laura Balestreri +
Wednesday	12/20	... 8:30 a.m.	†
Thursday	12/21	... 8:30 a.m.	†
Friday	12/22	... 8:30 a.m.	†
Saturday	12/23	... 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, 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@stisabellasparish.org

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



Prayer requests
Hadley Ward



News from the Archdiocese

-- **Catholic Charities** "Be A Blessing" Campaign — Host a Toy/Gift Drive. Darlene Wilson 415-972-1371 or visit: <https://catholiccharitiessf.org/holiday-wish-list/>
-- **Adopt a Christmas Angel Family** this Holiday Season! Julio Escobar 415-614-5572, 12/22 SF Cathedral, visit <https://sfarch.org/christmasangels-adoptafamily/>
-- Online course: **Catholic Faith, Fiction, and Film**, Dr. Margaret Turek 6 Tues 7 PM. to 8:30, starting 1/2/2024. <https://sfarch.org/catholic-faith-fiction-and-film-course/>

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