



# 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



## First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

*Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life*

### Pastoral Team

- Rev. Cyril O'Sullivan, *Pastor*
- Rev. Emmanuel Adams, *Parochial Vicar, Hospital Chaplain*
- Rev. Mr. Christopher Major, *Deacon, 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*
- Rev. Cyril O'Sullivan, *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 R.C.I.A. program, please call the church office at 415-479-1560

Rectory / Parish Office	415-479-1560
St. Isabella's Parochial School	415-479-3727
Parish School of Religion	PSR@stisabellasp parish.org
Music (Lynn Pieri Young)	707-763-3965
Parish Council/Liturgy Committee	415-479-1560
RCIA (Rev. Cyril O'Sullivan)	415-479-1560
St. Vincent de Paul Help Line	415-454-0366
St. Isabella CYO Basketball	<a href="http://www.sicyo.com">www.sicyo.com</a>
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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.stisabellasp arish.org](http://www.stisabellasp arish.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: \_\_\_\_\_



# First Sunday of Advent

Luke 21 : 25 - 28



Advent Season (to come, what's coming, what celebration is to come), is one of the favorite times of the year as we look forward to celebrate Christmas, the birth of our Saviour. Advent is used twice. First Advent is celebrating Christmas, preparation to celebrate. The second Advent as it is called when Christ returns at the end of time in all his glory and power. For all purposes we celebrate the first Advent, preparation for Christmas.



Holy Day of Obligation  
Monday, December 9th, **Feast of Immaculate Conception**,  
8:30AM and 7PM Masses.

### Vatican Trivia

Which Pope slept the least? Pope John XXIII. His usual sleeping time at night was five hours and then he began his day.

### Canon Law

Can a priest refuse Holy Communion? Yes. He can to those who have been excommunicated or interdicted. After been warned of grave sin and the individual persists in mortal sin, the person then have broken communion with the Church and can be asked to refrain from receiving Holy Communion. Some Catholics are not in favor of such procedures; other Catholics are scandalized seeing a Catholic in the public square speaking against Church teachings and receiving Communion.

### Test Your Theology of Eucharist

- Which Church Council addressed the errors of Protestantism on Eucharist?  
[a. Lateran | b. Vatican I | c. Trent | d. Nicene]
- Which is not true about the Eucharist?  
[a. The Eucharist commits us to the truth | b. The Eucharist commits us to the poor | c. The Eucharist unites us to Christ deeply | d. The Eucharist heals us from mortal sins ]
- The Church celebrates Eucharist because  
[a. Jesus told us to do so | b. Christians need Eucharist | c. It is the law of the Church | d. It forms unity in the Church ]

### Did You Know?

A single person today have the capacity to kill a billion people.

### A Book Worth Reading

"The Genesis of Gender" by Abigail Favale.

### Purpose of Art

Good art challenges our mind to consider truths, morality, reality, and politics. Artists try to move beyond entertainment. Art includes mediums as theatre, films, music, literature, and liturgies. Art asks hard questions and lets the truth emerge in subtle ways.


**Our annual Christmas Giving Tree Project** is coming up the next two weekends and we will follow the same procedure as last year. The goal is to provide the children/families served by our parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference with gift cards from Target and food vouchers for their Christmas celebration. The weekends of December 7th/8th and December 14th/15th, the Good Sams will set up a table after the Masses to collect cash, checks, or Target gift cards.

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

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



Answer:  
1. c). Trent  
2. d). The Eucharist heals us  
3. a). Jesus told us to do so

"A war can be won without fighting." 

Yours in Fraternity,  
Fr. Cyril O'Sullivan



### Weekly Offering & Stewardship

Week Ending November 16-17, 2024

Offertory	\$ 3,532.04
Parish Maintenance (Restricted)	\$ 2,040.00
Masses and Religious Ceremonies	\$ 150.00
Votive Candle Fund	\$ 18.00
Total for parish	\$ 5,740.04
2nd: Campaign for Human Dev.	\$ 704.00

#### 2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)

St. Isabella's Goal	\$ 72,891.00
Donations received to date	\$ 26,090.00
<b>Balance needed</b>	<b>\$ 46,801.00</b>



### Christmas Flower Offering in remembrance of:

Gerald Kerby; Bob Brahm; Deceased members of the Mazza & Gallagher Families; Mary & Joseph Lavin; Helen & Frank Cassidy; Joe & Irene Bondanza; Frank & Maria Cresci; Millagrus Lavin

15th Annual **SIMBANG GABI**. A Filipino Religious Tradition of Advent Masses and Rosaries in preparation for Christmas will be held at St. Isabella Church December 19th, 20th, 21st. 6:30PM Reconciliation, 6:45PM Holy Rosary 7:00PM Mass. For inquiries and Mass Intentions: Sherry Aquino [spriana1@yahoo.com](mailto:spriana1@yahoo.com) 415-521-6934 or Lettie Ranjo [lettieranjo@yahoo.com](mailto:lettieranjo@yahoo.com)

**2nd Collection:** 12/8 ... Retirement for Religious (USCCB)



**St. Isabella's team of 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 9th. If you would like to help cook, provide food from our shopping list, or donate money to buy the groceries we need, or would just like more information about the program, please call Ellen Dederian at 415-479-0972. Thank you.



St. Isabella School presents the **2nd Annual Christmas Lunch**, Friday, December 13th. Saint Isabella Parish Center with Seated Lunch. Christmas Tree Court Silent Auction. Christmas Shoppe ~ School Choir ~ Bingo. Tickets on sale now.

**Mondays** —5PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet. Everyone is welcome.



**Praying for peace in the Holy Land.**



### MASS INTENTIONS:

November 30—December 7, 2024

<b>Saturday</b>	11/30	...	5:00 p.m.	Christy Pavich +
<b>Sunday</b>	12/1	...	9:00 a.m.	James Egide +
<b>Monday</b>	12/2	...	8:30 a.m.	Florita Dagali Special Intention
<b>Tuesday</b>	12/3	...	8:30 a.m.	†
<b>Wednesday</b>	12/4	...	8:30 a.m.	John Antonio IV
<b>Thursday</b>	12/5	...	8:30 a.m.	†
<b>Friday</b>	12/6	...	8:30 a.m.	†
<b>Saturday</b>	12/7	...	8:30 a.m.	- Communion Service



**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, Therese Bruton, Betty Ann Wright, Ginny Kerbs, Barbara Landesman, Bruce Landesman, Ralph Pershing, Michael Piper, Mylo Peterson, Becky Tecson, Jim Sullivan, Judy Rosenbloom, James McCarthy, Gray Flory, Dn. Chris Major, Kennyetta Block, Sue Egisti, Bob Egisti, Hadley Ward, Pat Clark, Jeanne Althuisen, Valerie Bortoli, Louise & Phil Rapoport, Dorothy Ratto, John Antonio IV, Colleen Skinner, Special Prayers for STL, Ken Valenta*

A Time for Sorrow, for those who live forever with Christ: *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, Gene Lindquist, Diane Sandquist, Matthew Brown, George Vaio, Tom Egan, Cliff Vattuone, Marjorie Alaimo, Maria Lorch, Cecelia Kudlick, Dennis Bohm, Les Mize, Ron Derenzo, Elsie Adamson, Marilyn McCarrthy, George Kerbs, Johnny Devine, Wayne Botkin, Jr., Tim Boland, Rosemary Gentile, Dolores Cuerva, Sue Stallone, Timothy Collins, Helen Sitchler, Bobbie Danz, Frank Bertolli*

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@stisabellaspriary.org](mailto:office@stisabellaspriary.org)

Remember those who has died.



**Bobbie Danz +**  
**Frank Bertolli +**  
May their souls rest in peace.

The Godmothers of Catholic Charities St. Vincent School for Boys presents a "**Teddy Bear Tea**" on **December 8th** 11AM - 1PM. Enjoy a traditional English tea party with sandwiches, champagne, dessert and a teddy bear for each child. Fun for both children and adults! For information and reservations please contact [www.godmothers.org](http://www.godmothers.org) or Kathy at 415-302-7571

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