



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 8, 2024

*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. 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

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
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Music (Lynn Pieri Young)	707-763-3965
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RCIA (Rev. Cyril O'Sullivan)	415-479-1560
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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.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: _____



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Luke 3 : 1 - 6



Luke for the first time in his Gospel introduces the Messiah, the insistent voice of John the Baptist urging us to prepare a way for the Lord. This opening a path to the Lord is still as valid today as it was in the past for those who wish to know him. This is how it all begins, how much of my mind and soul am I willing to open so as to meet the Lord.



Vatican Facts

Why is the red the color of Cardinals? Red became the color of Cardinals over 500 years ago. Pope Paul II began this tradition 1465. The color is symbolic of a willingness to shed blood for one's faith. It is a bright red between scarlet and crimson. Cardinals wear red cassocks, skull caps, stockings and cloaks. One tailor in Rome has the honor of serving the Cardinals.

Growing in the Faith

Like anything else in life it takes work and lots of it. Prayer, Sacramental fidelity, community activities and pastoral works of mercy. Some people feel faith will drop from the heavens while I sit on my couch with my feet up and a beer can next to me. To grow in faith demands personal investment, time and commitment to God's word in the Scriptures. This is a daily practice, not once a year. The Church has a 2000 year path to encounter God and it works. "Listen to what Jesus says, you will not be confused."



Catholic Trivia

1. How many Catholic Bishops in the world?
2. How many Cardinals in the world?
3. How many Catholic Priests in the world?
4. How many Catholic Religious Sisters in the world?

Answer:
 1. 5,340
 2. 238
 3. 414,336
 4. 700,000

There are a limited number of 2025 Catholic Calendars available. Please contact Ginny in the parish office by phone at 415-479-1560 or office@stisabellasparish.org

A Prayer

Let nothing disturb you
 Let nothing frighten you
 Let nothing despair you
 Let nothing annoy you
 Let nothing deter you
 Let nothing misguide you
 Let no hate stir you
 Be firm in the Lord, be firm.

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.



Christmas Family Tension (part 1 of 3)

Family gatherings have their moments. Here are some tips to keep the peace.

1. If one offends another in a hot discussion, that individual should give a humble explanation and an apology would restore the peace. We call this empathy.

Parish Council

Parish Council asks parishioners to consider how St. Isabella can become more of a welcoming community. Send your comments to rectory office or to Fr. O' by 1/15/2025.

"Teachers make all Professions possible."



Yours in Fraternity,
 Fr. Cyril O'Sullivan



Weekly Offering & Stewardship

Week Ending November 23-24, 2024

Offertory	\$ 3,994.25
Parish Maintenance (Restricted)	\$ 370.00
Christmas Flower Fund	\$ 125.00
Masses and Religious Ceremonies	\$ 45.00
Total for parish	<u>\$ 4,534.25</u>

Week Ending November 30 - December 1, 2024

Offertory	\$ 6,764.55
Parish Maintenance (Restricted)	\$ 4,623.76
Christmas Flower Fund	\$ 643.00
Masses and Religious Ceremonies	\$ 50.00
Facility Rental/Hall	\$ 1,350.00
Total for parish	<u>\$ 13,431.31</u>

2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)

St. Isabella's Goal	\$ 72,891.00
Donations received to date	\$ 26,390.00
Balance needed	<u>\$ 46,501.00</u>

Today's 2nd Collection: Retirement for Religious (USCCB)



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; Millarugus Lavin; Ed & Hazel Healy; Charles & Kate White; Tom White; Lucille Phillips; Katherine Eck; Patricia Vincent; Gene Lindquist; Jaime Claus; Ernie Zeiter; Ed Gallagher; Ray Johansson; Deceased members of Agnew Family; Cliff Vattuone; Carolyn Magliano; Chazbel Seraphim; Patricia Molatore; Virginia Bispo; Dan White; Josephine & Bud Leedham; Teddy Russel; Oliver & Eva Mackley; Sofia Parra; Cheryl Lobermeier; Richard Mackley; Gail Oestreich; Harold & Jackie McConnell; Howard Sanford; Tom McConnell; Brian McConnell; Paola Smith; Mr. & Mrs. James Metzler; Mr & Mrs Charles DeJonghe; Mr. & Mrs Lionel O'Connor; Mr. & Mrs Hugh Dengler; Ronald Derenzo; The Bole Family; The Sinclair Family



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 this Mon, **Dec. 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 info about the program, please call Ellen Dederian at 415-479-0972.

Holy Day of Obligation

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

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 sprianal@yahoo.com 415-521-6934 or Lettie Ranjo lettieranjo@yahoo.com

The Good Sam's have set up a table 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 served by 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 and we will buy the cards.
- * Checks MUST be made out to St. Isabella's Giving Tree Project.

If you are not prepared this weekend, we will be collecting again next weekend. If you have questions, please contact Ellen Dederian at 415-479-0972 or Sue Boland at 415-308-7972. Thank you. Merry Christmas to all!



MASS INTENTIONS:

December 7—December 14, 2024

Saturday	12/7	...	5:00 p.m.	Mr. Jean Perez +
Sunday	12/8	...	9:00 a.m.	Thomas Erhard +
Monday	12/9	...	8:30 a.m.	John Robert Reilly
		...	7:00 p.m.	†
Tuesday	12/10	...	8:30 a.m.	Rose Crivello +
Wednesday	12/11	...	8:30 a.m.	Carolyn Magliulo +
Thursday	12/12	...	8:30 a.m.	John Healy +
Friday	12/13	...	8:30 a.m.	†
Saturday	12/14	...	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, 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, Kannyetta Block, Sue Egisti, Bob Egisti, Hadley Ward, Pat Clark, Jeanne Althuizen, Valerie Bortoli, Louise & Phil Rapoport, Dorothy Ratto, John Antonio IV, Colleen Skinner, Special Prayers for STL, Ken Valente

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 McCarthy, George Kerbs, Johnny Devine, Wayne Botkin, Jr., Tim Boland, Rosemary Gentile, Dolores Cuerva, Sue Stallone, Timothy Collins, Helen Stichler, 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@stisabellaspri.org

Retrouvaille Marriage Help

Concerned about your marriage? This is a peer ministry program to help troubled marriages. Retrouvaille is for couples who want to do something positive about their marriage. Retrouvaille of San Francisco has an upcoming weekend on Feb. 21-23, 2025. For confidential info call 415-893-1005 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com

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