



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 15, 2024

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.*

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
Parish School of Religion	PSR@stisabellaspriish.org
Music (Lynn Pieri Young)	707-763-3965
Parish Council/Liturgy Committee	415-479-1560
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.stisabellaspriish.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

Luke 3 : 10 - 18



Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The word means “Rejoice”. The basis for such rejoicing is the coming of the incarnation is near. It is time to begin rejoicing.



Pope Francis

God is not detached from life. Wherever people are in their circumstances, he is imminently present.

Vatican Facts

Cardinal Mezzofanti, 1774, spoke 39 languages. He said Basque was the most difficult language and Italian the most beautiful. Shakespearean English the most expressive language. Having to give two German soldiers last rites about to be executed, he learnt the German language in one day.

Catholic Trivia

1. Reception of Holy Orders
2. Castel Gandolfo has two of these
3. Letters above the Cross
4. Teaching handed down by the Apostles

Answer:

1. Ordination
2. Papal Gardens (private) Barberini Gardens (public)
3. INRI - Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews
4. Apostolic traditions

Catechism

Are we supposed to fast on Fridays or only during Lent? The Church Law is, all Fridays of the year Catholics abstain from eating meat. (Friday menu is fish.)

Some Catholics like to do pilgrimages to refresh their souls. But whether we do or not, we are all pilgrims on Earth, as we make our way to Heaven.

The Good Thief

He is remembered for the last decision he made in his life. He renounced his evil ways, asked forgiveness for his sins and seek to be with Jesus in his Kingdom after death. That is what we call a Profession of Faith.

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

Note: Christmas Eve is 4 PM (not 5 PM)

Christmas Family Tension (part 2 of 3)

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

2. Avoid known contentious issues that cause controversies. There is nothing wrong with setting up appropriate boundaries that sets acceptable behaviors at gatherings. Then it is easy to intervene and say “Hey, remember the rules we agreed to.”

War

War is terror and anguish
 War is death and suffering
 War is destruction and ruins
 War is slaughter and maiming

War is agony and wounds
 War is brutality and inhumanity
 War is insanity and depravity
 War is loss and squander

War is bloody and hell
 War is Satanic
 War is Satan.

Parish News

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.

Parish thanks St. Isabella School 3rd Graders for the set up of the Christmas Crib 2024, along with their adult team.

As we enter the Christmas Season, the report on philanthropy is down by 7%. This decline affects the works of charitable organizations. Our decision to give to those in need is always in a generous spirit to those in need.

“Nothing is a waste of time
if you use the experience wisely.”

Yours in Fraternity,
Fr. Cyril O’Sullivan



Weekly Offering & Stewardship

Week Ending December 7-8, 2024

To be reported next week.

2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)

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

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



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; Mill-agrus Lavin; Ed & Hazel Healy; Charles & Kate White ; Tom White; Lucille Phillips; Katherine Eck; Patricia Vincent; Gene Lindquidst; Jaime Claus; Ernie Zeiter; Ed Gallagher; Ray Johansson; Deceased members of Agnew Family; Cliff Vattuone; Carolyn Maglialo; Chaz-bel Seraphim; Patricia Molatore; Virginia Bispo; Dan White; Jose-phine & 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

Remember those who has died.



Felix Conte +

December 4, 2024 passed away. Longtime parishioner of St. Isabella. May his soul rest in peace.

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

Praying for peace in the Holy Land.



MASS INTENTIONS:

December 14—December 21, 2024

Saturday	12/14 ...	5:00 p.m.	Anna Maria Williams +
Sunday	12/15 ...	9:00 a.m.	Ray Johansson +
Monday	12/16 ...	8:30 a.m.	Margaret Erhard +
Tuesday	12/17 ...	8:30 a.m.	Bernie Duggan +
Wednesday	12/18 ...	8:30 a.m.	Ed Gallagher +
Thursday	12/19 ...	8:30 a.m.	Laura Balestreri +
Friday	12/20 ...	8:30 a.m.	Anissa Seraphim +
Saturday	12/21 ...	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, Kennyetta 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, Felix Conte

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

The Good Sam's have set up a table outside of church again this week-end 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.

This is our final 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!

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