



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



CHRISTMAS

December 25, 2024

*And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us.*

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@stisabellasp parish.org
Music (Lynn Pieri Young)	707-763-3965
Parish Council/Liturgy Committee	415-479-1560
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St. Vincent de Paul Help Line	415-454-0366
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Website: Parish	www.stisabellasp arish.org
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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, 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: _____



The Nativity of the Lord

John 1:1-18



We have heard the Christmas story many times, the music and cards, yet it is a story that continues to touch our spirit. For children, it is especially moving because for the first time they begin to hear the story and their imagination seeing the crib, decorations, Christmas tree and lights, and Santa move them deeply. But most of all being told by the Christmas story. This child who came into the world is a gift from God.



Pope Francis

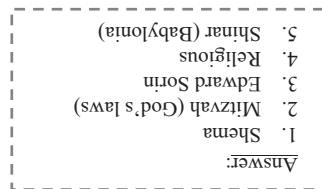
Open yourselves to the Gospel. Open your hearts to encounter God. Open yourselves to your brothers and sisters.

What is the Season of Advent

Advent is the time, four weeks, to think about what the coming of the Son of God entering earthly life means and still means. No armies, no navies, no parliaments, no kings - put together - have affected life on this planet as did the birth of Christ 2000 years ago. He brought a realization of human dignity. He gave us eternal hope, the reason to love, and renewed the face of the earth.

Catholic Trivia

1. Word on a wall
2. Commandment word
3. He established Notre Dame University
4. Members of religious orders called
5. Land where the Babel Tower was built



Is there a Moral Obligation to Vote?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church has three moral obligations:

1. To pay taxes
2. To defend one's country
3. All citizens the right to vote.

There are different forms of Government some of whom we consider abuse of power. We live in a democracy of which blood was shed so that we have certain rights to decide who remains in power. Democracy itself demands - vote.

Christmas Family Tension (part 3 of 3)

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

3. Be there to enjoy the occasion. Add a happy spirit to the gathering. Be present spiritually to the complicated, beautiful person before me. After all this is home—the heart of life, a world of memories.

A Prayer Intention

We pray the Church continue to sustain in all ways a synodal lifestyle as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

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.

Christmas Greetings

On behalf of our staff at St. Isabella, we thank you for your dedication, support, volunteerism and presence. St. Isabella has been serving Terra Linda Catholics for over sixty years. Building community will be our main goal 2025. May the gifts of God's Peace, Hope and Joy be yours this season and a blessed new year.

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

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



Christmas crib at St. Isabella

"It's not how much you give but how much love we put into giving."

Yours in Fraternity,
Fr. Cyril O'Sullivan



Weekly Offering & Stewardship

Week Ending December 14-15, 2024

To be reported next week.

2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)

St. Isabella's Goal	\$ 72,891.00
Donations received to date	\$ 28,890.00
Balance needed	\$ 44,001.00



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; 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 Maglialo; 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; Rosalie Scalise; Emilio Tallerico; Jack & Catherine Bastida; John & Sophie Mangone.



2nd Collection next weekend is for our **St. Vincent de Paul Conference**. Housing costs and rents are increasing in our area. This is especially hard for our neighbors who are living on the edge, can barely afford food and utilities, and are at risk of becoming homeless. St. Vincent de Paul provides assistance with rent, food and utilities to families in our neighborhood. Our 5th Sunday collection will be next weekend, December 28th and 29th. Please help us help your neighbors in need.



MASS INTENTIONS:

December 21—December 28, 2024

Saturday	12/21 ... 5 p.m.	Prayers for STL
Sunday	12/22 ... 9 a.m.	Cliff Vattuone +
Monday	12/23 ... 8:30 a.m.	Norbet Krier +
Christmas Eve	12/24 ... 4 p.m.	Cliff Vattuone + Carolyn Magliulo +
Christmas	12/25 ... 9 a.m. ... 11 a.m.	William Reilly, Jr. †
Thursday	12/26 ... 8:30 a.m.	Matthew Millsap
Friday	12/27 ... 8:30 a.m.	†
Saturday	12/28 ... 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, Ken Valente, Special Prayers for STL

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 Sitchler, 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@stisabellaspriarth.org

SIMBANG GABI. A Filipino Religious Tradition of Advent 6:30 p.m. Reconciliation
Masses and Rosaries in preparation for Christmas. 6:45 p.m. Holy Rosary
7:00 p.m. Mass.

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.



Events in the Archdiocese

Annual Walk for Life West Coast— Mass & Rally St. Mary's Cathedral, Sat. 1/25/2025. perezsa@sfarch.org

Writing of Benedict XVI, 6-week course (1/7 to 2/11). <https://sfarchdiocese.org/benedict-xvi-course/>

Archdiocese with National Catholic Bioethics Center offer help to navigate ethical issues related to health care. Monthly updates: <https://sfarch.org/bioethics>.

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