



# 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



## Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 14, 2025

That the world might be saved.

### Pastoral Team

Rev. Cyril O'Sullivan, *Pastor*

Rev. Raphael L. Laizer, *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, *O.C.I.A.*

St. Isabella Parish Team, *P.S.R.*

### 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 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 (O.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 O.C.I.A. program, please call the church office at 415-479-1560

Rectory / Parish Office	415-479-1560
Rev. Cyril O'Sullivan	415-479-1560 ext. 21
Rev. Raphael L. Laizer	415-741-7408
St. Isabella's Parochial School	415-479-3727
Parish School of Religion	psr@stisabellasparrish.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. Isabella CYO Basketball	www.sicyo.com
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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.stisabellasparrish.org](http://www.stisabellasparrish.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 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

John 3 : 13 - 17

It is because of our belief that Jesus rose from the death and returned to his heavenly Father, this faith is essential to Catholicism.



### Pope Leo XIV

Today we have a pandemic of arms, both large and small.

### Vatican Facts

Does the Vatican have a pharmacy? Yes it has, but no shop with a sign on it Pharmacy. Vatican employees participate in a plan. They make a monthly contribution from their pay checks and receive free medical and dental care and prescription drugs without charge. The Vatican pharmacy has no women cosmetics or perfumes. The Vatican pharmacy could be the oldest drug store in the world. It goes back to 1277 Pope Nicholas III.

For those who visit Vatican City, fascination grips visitors. Combinations of religious awareness and cultural wealth flow over you as you enter this tiny state in the middle of Rome. Have it on your bucket list if you like travelling. (Don't forget Cork also, it is cheaper on your wallet.)

### What is a Parish?

"What is a parish?" a school kid popped this question. We know our parish and may visit it often. Canon Law defines a parish as a community of faithful established within a diocese, whose pastoral care is entrusted to a pastor (priests) under the authority of the Diocesan Bishop. The availability of the Sacraments is foremost to the functioning of parish life. Education, building community, outreach to the poor and socials are all important in parish life. Parishes remain one of the greatest gifts the Church offers to the faithful.

### Did You Know?

One in seven children live in poverty in the United States.

### Religious Education Programs

Wishing to have your children enrolled in the Parish School of Religion (PSR) or CCD. OCIA Program for adults interested in joining the faith. Classes will start up in September. To enroll or for more information, call the Rectory, 415-479-1560.

### St. Isabella Parish Community

St. Isabella School is almost packed to capacity. Teachers have their work cut out for them. Some Catholic schools in Marin have declining enrollment, so we are lucky that is not a problem St. Isabella School has to address.

St. Isabella School is having a "Dine and Donate Fundraiser" at Super Duper in Novato's Hamilton Marketplace on Wednesday, 9/24. Mention St. Isabella's when you order and the school will get a percentage of the proceeds.

Movie Night at the School, Friday, 9/12, 7PM, showing: "Moana 2."

### Welcome Fr. Raphael

Fr. Raphael Laizer, from Arusha, Tanzania, is the third youngest in a family of seven. He has devoted his life to spiritual growth and service, earning his ordination in the Arusha Archdiocese. In 2013, he traveled to the US to further his faith and knowledge, starting with Clinical Pastoral Education at California Pacific Medical Center. This experience helped him provide compassionate spiritual support and shaped his ministry. He spent over nine years as a chaplain at UCSF Mission Bay Benioff Children's Hospital, supporting individuals and families. He also earned a Master's in Organization and Leadership from the University of San Francisco, strengthening his leadership skills. Before joining St. Isabella, he lived at St. Patrick Church and worked as an administrator at St. Finn Barr Church, where his diverse experiences continue to deepen his commitment to serving the church.

Praying  
for peace  
in the  
Holy  
Land.



### Blessing of the Animals

Thursday, 10/2,  
8 AM,  
St. Isabella  
parish grounds.



*"It is not polls or public opinion that counts. It is right or wrong. What would Jesus have preached if he relied on polls in the land of Israel."*



Yours in Fraternity,  
Fr. Cyril O'Sullivan



## Weekly Offering & Stewardship Collections September 6 - 7, 2025

To-be-reported next week

### 2025 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)

St. Isabella's Goal	\$ 70,629.00
Donations received to date	\$ 28,928.00
<b>Balance to raise</b>	<b>\$ 41,701.00</b>

### SVDP - Pennies from Heaven Raffle

This weekend & next weekend after Mass, 9/13 - 9/14 & 9/20 - 9/21, your St. Isabella Conference of St. Vincent de Paul will be selling raffle tickets for the Pennies from Heaven annual raffle. Tickets are \$20/each or 10 tickets for \$100. The raffle will be held **October 11th** and you do not need to be present to win.



**PSR Registration** for 2025-2026 is now open. Class starts 9/21, Sundays 10:15 am-11:15. Registration: <https://stisabellasparrish.org/Religious-Education/Parish-School-of-Religion-PSR>



### Urgent Relief for Survival in Gaza and Recovery Across the Holy Land

The Holy Father notes with great sorrow that "Gaza is starving." He continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the territory. **Catholic Relief Services (CRS) & Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA)** work through local church partners there, are able to assist people quickly and efficiently.

#### TO DONATE

- **St. Isabella 2nd Collection - Weekend 9/27 - 9/28**
- **CRS:** Online, send check, or phone 1-877-HELP-CRS <https://www.crs.org/donate/holy-land-conflict>  
Catholic Relief Services  
Holy Land Response  
P.O. Box 5278  
Tipton, IA 52772-0517
- **CNEWA:** Send check to  
Catholic Near East Welfare Association  
Gaza Emergency Relief  
220 East 42nd Street, 27th Floor  
New York, NY 10017

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



Welcome into our Faith Family, newly baptized  
**Wyatt Hawkins Brass**  
**Aaron Gonzalez**



Congratulations to Wedding Couples:

**Christina Parodi & Jacob Ellington,**  
**Kimberly Goodrich & Antonio Costa,**

married at St. Vincent last week. May they have a long and happy life together.



Workshops for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion & Readers.  
Saturday, 10/25 at St. Anselm, Ross 10a-3p. Contact Rectory for info and registration code.

#### September Second Collections

- 9/21 - Priests Retirement Fund
- 9/28 - Archdiocese Gaza Relief Fund

SF Archdiocese with Catholic Charities/CYO invite you to the **Matthew 25 Parish Luncheon, Wednesday, 9/24, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. St. Mary Cathedral, SF.** Event honors persons exemplify the humble spirit of Christ's example. Event is free, parish registration is required by ADSF/CYO by 9/15. If any St. Isabella parishioners wish to attend, contact the parish office before 9/15.

**St. Vincent de Paul High School** in Petaluma will be holding **Fall 2025 Open Houses, 10/6 and 11/3.** Register for a campus tour, meet students, teachers and advisors. #1 College Prep in Sonoma County. Rooted in 107 years of Catholic Tradition. Register at [www.svhs-pet.org](http://www.svhs-pet.org)

#### Events in the Archdiocese

**"Patristic Fathers"** - Online School of Pastoral Ministry 6-week Course with Michael Aquilina, 9/9—10/14. Info: <https://sfarch.org/patristic-fathers-course/>



### MASS INTENTIONS:

September 13 — 20, 2025

<b>Saturday</b>	9/13 ... 5 p.m.	Jacob Jones
<b>Sunday</b>	9/14 ... 9 a.m.	Giovanni Incaviglia+
<b>Monday</b>	9/15 ... 8:30 a.m.	†
<b>Tuesday</b>	9/16 ... 8:30 a.m.	Jacob Jones
<b>Wednesday</b>	9/17 ... 8:30 a.m.	†
<b>Thursday</b>	9/18 ... 8:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Isabella
<b>Friday</b>	9/19 ... 8:30 a.m.	Joseph S. Crivello+
<b>Saturday</b>	9/20 ... 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, Judy Rosenbloom, Matthew Millsap, Sue Egisti, Bob Egisti, Jeanne Althuisen, Valerie Bortoli, Louise Rapoport, John Antonio IV, Colleen Skinner, Ken Valente, Special Prayers for STL, John Davis, Nena Lindquist, Pat Beigel, Bob Casper, Jacob Jones, Anna Ahern, Lynn Pieri-Young

**A Time for Sorrow, for those who live forever with Christ:**

Tim Boland, Rosemary Gentile, Dolores Cuerva, Sue Stallone, Timothy Collins, Helen Stichter, Bobbie Danz, Frank Bertolli, Felix Conte, Daniel Edwards, Susan Marie McDonald, Dcn. Jim Myers, Barbara Lee, Bishop Ayo-Maria Atoyebi, OP, George Roach, Mark Mullan, Steve Volk, James Wright, Kathleen Reilly, Jack O'Toole, Dan Keegan, Dorothy Ratto, Claudia Reimer, Phil Rapoport, Mary McCaffrey, Gregory Fissel, Joyce Bullentini, Russell Lease, Karen Arzave, Anthony Bosque, Barbara Landesman, Andres Dypoco Amil Sr., Leda Sanford, Patricia Kendall

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

### 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)