



# 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



**WEEK 1**  
**Advent**<sup>GLP</sup>

November 30, 2025

Stay awake! For you do not know  
on which day your Lord will come.

## 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.**  
**Rev. Raphael Laizer, 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. (Mondays – Saturdays)

### **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.  
 Mondays—Saturdays: Rosary 7:30 a.m.

### **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

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Rev. Cyril O'Sullivan	479-1560 ext.21
Rev. Raphael Laizer	415-741-7408
St. Isabella's Parochial School	415-479-3727
Parish School of Religion	psr@stisabellaparish.org
Music (Lynn Pieri Young)	707-763-3965
Parish Council/Liturgy Committee	415-479-1560
St. Vincent de Paul Help Line	415-454-0366
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Website: Parish	www.stisabellaparish.org
School	www.stisabellaschool.org



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.stisabellaparish.org](http://www.stisabellaparish.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

Matthew 24 : 37 - 44



Today we begin a new liturgical year and the Gospel of Matthew, and the Season of Advent in preparation for Christmas. The Gospel conveys a sense of urgency. Time to Wake Up, Be Real, Be Prepared, Stay Awake, Be Ready. This season is not a time to be seen as doing nothing.



## Pope Leo XIV

“Recognizing each other as brothers is antidote to all extremism”  
Check out Pope Leo XIV’s new book, entitled “*The Power of the Gospel: Christian Faith in 10 Words.*”

## Catechetical

Do penitents at Confession have to receive a penance for sins? The priest is required to give a penance to penitents as a part of the sacrament. If the penitent thinks the penance is too harsh, he can ask the priest if he would lessen it. If the penitent refuses penance then he lacks sorrow & contrition and forgiveness of the sacrament. By this unrepentant attitude he continues to live in sin. The only exception to no penance required is if the penitent is near death.

## Advent

- Week 1 .. Hope - Anticipating Jesus's arrival and God's promises of redemption.
- Week 2 .. Peace - Christ brings peace to the world and can be found within our own hearts.
- Week 3 .. Joy - “Gaudete Sunday” Celebrates the joy of anticipating Christmas
- Week 4 .. Love - God's love for humanity by sending his Son and reflecting that love to others.

## Did you Know?

The average American gains 10 lbs. during the December festivities, but Christmas only ranks third behind Thanksgiving and Super Bowl Sunday.

## Interested to be an Usher?

We are looking for a few more ushers at our weekend Masses. Interested, call the rectory office 415-479-1560 or let Fr. O’ know.

## Upcoming Events

- 12/6-12/7 ... Giving Tree (St.VdP/Good Sam’s after Mass)
- 12/7 (Sun.) ... Pancake Breakfast (after Mass), parish center
- 12/12 (Fri.) ... St. Isabella School Christmas Lunch
- 12/13-12/14 ... Giving Tree (St.VdP/Good Sam’s after Mass)
- 12/15 (Mon.) ... Senior Lunch, 11 - 1 p.m., parish center
- 12/18 (Thur.) ... School Concert at church, 5 p.m.
- 12/18-12/20 ... Simbang Gabi

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## 16th Annual SIMBANG GABI

Join us for a Filipino Religious Tradition of Advent Masses and Rosaries in preparation for Christmas

December 18, 19 and 20, 2025

6:30 pm - Reconciliation 6:45 pm - Holy Rosary

7:00 pm - Mass

Light refreshments to follow after each mass. All are welcome!

For inquiries and Mass Intentions:

[Sherry Aquino: spriana1@yahoo.com](mailto:spriana1@yahoo.com) (415) 521-6934

[Lettie Ranjo: lettieranjo@yahoo.com](mailto:lettieranjo@yahoo.com) (415) 246-2167



**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 6th/7th and December 13th/14th, the Good Sam's 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.

Yours in Fraternity,  
Fr. Cyril O’Sullivan

“Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world.”





**Weekly Offering & Stewardship  
Collections November 22– 23, 2025**

To be reported next week

**2025 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)**

St. Isabella's Goal	\$ 70,629.00
Donations received to date	\$ 35,385.00
<b>Balance to raise by Dec. 2025</b>	<b>\$ 35,244.00</b>

Rosary Prayer Group

**Weekdays Monday -Saturday**

7:30 am ... Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet  
8:00 am ... Liturgy of the Hours  
8:30 am ... Mass  
**Tue, Thur, Fri & Sat**  
7:20 am ... Exposition

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



**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

**Ronan Santana  
Frankie Santana  
Emmit Urciuoli  
Emilia Urciuoli**

**SVDP - 5th Sun. Collections**

This weekend is the Fifth Sunday collection for St. Vincent de Paul. The St. Isabella St Vincent de Paul conference helps 20 to 30 of our neighbors each month. Thank you for your kindness and support.



**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**November 29 – December 6, 2025**

<b>Saturday</b>	11/29 ... 5 p.m.	Matthew Millsap
<b>Sunday</b>	11/30 ... 9 a.m.	James Egide+
<b>Monday</b>	12/1 ... 8:30 a.m.	†
<b>Tuesday</b>	12/2 ... 8:30 a.m.	Jacob Jones
<b>Wednesday</b>	12/3 ... 8:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Isabella
<b>Thursday</b>	12/4 ... 8:30 a.m.	†
<b>Friday</b>	12/5 ... 8:30 a.m.	†
<b>Saturday</b>	12/6 ... 8:30 a.m.	Jacob Jones



**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 Althuiszen, 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, Lon Sykes, Ann Sykes, Bob Arzave

**A Time for Sorrow, for those who live forever with Christ:** 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, Tom Crawford, Helen George, Jean Daramy, Christina (Bottarini) Reavis, Patrick Peters, Margaret Louise Schmidt

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



**Remembrances**

Ray Johansson; Joe & Anna Falasco; Floyd Falasco; Ron Derenzo; Jule D'Elia; James D'Elia; Robert D'Elia; Angela Derenzo; Joseph Derenzo; Ken Densdorf; Alfred Silveira; Rosalie Scalise; Emilio Talerico; Jack & Kathryn Bastida; John & Sophie Mangone; Norm Silva; Joy Roney; Chaz Martinsen; Frank Slevin; Ed & Mona Carlson; Frank & Josephine Slevin; Gus & Lily Neves; Richard McGrath; Mary McCaffrey; John Trimble; Jack, Ann, Manning, Jean, Bob, Malcolm, Tom, Pat and Surangani Fraser; Philip Brown; Mavis & Cecil Brohier; Res de Hoedt and extended family; Honey Cabalza; Melita Quimpo; Ernie Zeiter; Ed Gallagher; Naomi Neff; Larry Marcone; Kay & Lorry Marcone; Nin & John Blythe; Katherine Blythe; Mike Blythe; Uncle Mike & Catherine; Ann & James Murphy; Agnes Manfredi; Catherine Peake; Leonard & Trudie Sandelands; Marie & Lou Green; June & Tom Edwards; John Finnegan; Mr & Mrs Benito San Gabriel; Mr & Mrs Cipriano Santos; Marie & Digna Libuneo; Dorothy, Frank, Dean, Anthony & Stacey Ratto; Florence Whiteley; Peggy Maile; Pierre Babka; Lucille Phillips, Caroline Phillips; Leonard Phillips, Katherine Eck; Marge Kosinks; Mary Asche; Constance, Frank and Richard Sabella; Gina La Rocca; Frank Sabella, Jr.; Harold Bender; Howard R. Standish; Lorene Standish; Shirley Giese; Patricia Vincent, Diane Vincent; Rocky & Toni Sibeto; Lolo Doro; Lola Letty; Dino Paul Banducci; Julia Kirby Ling; Carlos Noelle Ling; Alexandra Ling; Dino & Olga Banducci; Sachee & Little Feather Rubio; Charles Coshaway Johnston; Cox Family; Wau Family; Horan Family; Norgand Family; James & Belva Metzler; Charles & Virginia De Jonghe; Lionel & Bernice O'Connor; Hugh & Patricia Dengler; Raymond & Joan Dengler; Ralph & Scarlett Dengler; Marvin Dengler; Raymond Farber; Kathryn Farber; Joseph Murray; Shirley Mirray; Joey Murray; John Murray; Esther Choe; Marie Guillen; Gloria Hahn; Joseph Choe; John Yu; SongHark Choe; Lulu Connor; San Whang Choe; Soon Sook Lee; Robert Doyle; Lucy Ruli; Pete Rulli; Helen Doyle; Tom Doyle; Stephe Doyle; Nick & Nancy Rulli; Tony & Jennie Silvestri; Philip Rapoport; Marshall Gleisten

Events in the Archdiocese

**Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe**, beginning 11/28 ending 12/6 Mass at Cathedral. For info, contact Fr. Moises Agudo 415-282-1652 x114 | 415-658-6139 | [socorroaragon@stpetersf.com](mailto:socorroaragon@stpetersf.com)

**2026 Knights of Columbus Clergy Night** 1/23/2026, 6p Holy Angels Parish, Daly City. Inviting you to annual appreciation dinner to honor bishops, priests, deacons, religious brothers and sisters, and seminarians. Contact Brian Marston | 415-601-3380 | [marstonb21@gmail.com](mailto:marstonb21@gmail.com)

**An Evening for the Separated and Divorced**, 12/3, 7p, via ZOOM. Contact: Ed Hopfner | 415-614-5547

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