



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 2
Advent

December 7, 2025

Produce good fruit as evidence of repentance.

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

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	479-1560 ext.21
Rev. Raphael 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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School	415-479-9961
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Website: Parish	www.stisabellasparrish.org
School	www.stisabellasparrish.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.stisabellasparrish.org, or fill out this form and put it into the collection basket or mail it to the rectory. Thank You!

New parishioner _____
New address or phone _____
Moving, remove from list _____
Please send Sunday envelopes _____

Name: _____
Address: _____
e-Mail: _____
Phone: _____



Second Sunday of Advent

Matthew 3 : 1 - 12



It's hard to find a John Baptist in today's world. He doesn't live for his own comforts. He doesn't care what politicians or authorities think of him. He's not interested in compromises. He is fearless in his passion for truths and authentic moral behaviors. He understands in humbleness his place in following God's Will, and he is obedience to his conscience.



Advent

Advent is a time special to Christians to spiritually prepare for Christmas. Maybe we can reflect on Scripture. Pray each day. Attend a Mass during weekdays. Go to Confession. Do works of Charity. Whatever we decide to do, we do it to the glory of God.

Canon Law

Canon 915. Yes, if one has been excommunicated or persist in serious sin, are not to be admitted to Holy Communion. A priest cannot excommunicate. This authority is reserved to a bishop or a higher authority.

Did you Know?

Pope Pius XII was the most prolific writers of all Popes. He wrote 40 encyclicals in his 19 years of his Pontificate.

Deacons

There are 19,000 Deacons in the U.S. The diaconate is the fastest growing ordinations in the U.S. Deacons go back to apostolic days. They assist the priest in liturgy and pastoral works. Five years of formation before ordination. The diaconate was restored 50 years ago, at the Vatican Council II. The first martyr of Christianity was Deacon Saint Stephen, stoned to death in Jerusalem 36 AD. The majority of Deacons are married with families. St. Isabella has a Deacon, Chris.

Book

"*The Complete Stories*" by Flannery O'Connor. These stories take in family, faith, politics. All her stories will move us by hard truths and realities. Might be worth reading.

Why Read Books?

People read less today. The sale of books has decreased dramatically. The result being many book shops have gone out of business. Terra Linda has no bookshop. Kathy Carl gave her reason to continue to read books, "*I read all kinds of books to pull me out of a sea of darkness and meaningless so that I can experience feel life.*"

Interested to be an Usher?

Interested, call the rectory office 415-479-1560 or let Fr. O' know.

Upcoming Events

- 12/6-12/7 ... Giving Tree (after Mass)
- 12/7 (Sun.) ... Pancake Breakfast (after Mass), parish center
- 12/8 (Mon.) ... Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation
Masses: 8:30 a.m. all school Mass & 7 p.m.
- 12/12 (Fri.) ... St. Isabella School Christmas Lunch
- 12/13-12/14 ... Giving Tree (after Mass)
- 12/15 (Mon.) ... Senior Lunch, 11 - 1 p.m. parish center
RVSP by 12/10 (call or email parish office.)
- 12/18 (Thur.) ... School Concert at church, 5 p.m.
- 12/18-12/20 ... Simbang Gabi

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 (415) 521-6934

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



Our annual Christmas Giving Tree Project

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!

Yours in Fraternity,
Fr. Cyril O'Sullivan

"If you don't acknowledge how old you are, think how old you feel, and everyone says they feel younger than their real age."





Weekly Offering & Stewardship

Collections November 22– 23, 2025

Offertory	\$5,278.90
Parish Maintenance (Restricted)	\$ 340.00
Votive Candle Fund	\$ 242.00
Masses and Religious Ceremonies	\$ 350.00
Total for Parish	<u>\$6,210.90</u>
Holy Rosary/Latin Mass	\$ 229.00

Collections November 29– 30, 2025

Offertory	\$ 3,560.28
Parish Maintenance (Restricted)	\$ 126.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 45.00
Total for Parish	<u>\$ 3,731.28</u>
Holy Rosary/Latin Mass	\$ 489.85
St Vincent de Paul Conference/5th Sun.	\$ 3,166.00

2025 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)

Balance to raise by year end \$ 33,944.00



Remembrances

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 Miray; 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

SVDP - Thank you very much to the parishioners of St Isabella for the continuing support of the St. Isabella St. Vincent de Paul Conference in the fifth Sunday collection last weekend. Your generosity provides the much needed assistance to many people in our community.

Senior lunch, Mon. 12/15, 11-1, parish center. RSVP by 12/10 to the rectory by phone 479-1560 or email office@stisabellasparrish.org in order to have an accurate count.

Congratulations to
**John Bailey &
Claire Gordon**

May they have a
long and happy
life together.



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

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.



Our Lady of
Guadalupe
Feast Day
12/12

Second collections for December

12/7 ... Maintenance
12/14 ... Retirement for Religious (USCCB)



MASS INTENTIONS:

December 6 – 13, 2025

Saturday	12/6	... 5 p.m.	Sal Guardino+
Sunday	12/7	... 9 a.m.	†
Monday	12/8	... 8:30 a.m.	Thomas Erhard+
		... 7 p.m.	Kay & Lorry Marcone++
Tuesday	12/9	... 8:30 a.m.	Carolyn Magliulo+
Wednesday	12/10	... 8:30 a.m.	Rose Crivello+
Thursday	12/11	... 8:30 a.m.	Matthew Millsap
Friday	12/12	... 8:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Isabella
Saturday	12/13	... 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, 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

Events in the Archdiocese

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

The Creed: Ladder of Faith Course for 1700th Anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea, 6 week course, 1/1/2026-2/20, 7p-8:30. <https://sfarch.org/creed-course/>

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