



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



4th Sunday of Advent &
Christmas 2025

They shall name him Emmanuel,
which means God is with us.

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
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St. Isabella's Parochial School	415-479-3727
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Parish Council/Liturgy Committee	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.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: _____



4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas

Matthew 1:18-24



Here we have the final scene that sets the incarnation into motion. It's involving God, Angel Gabriel, Joseph and especially Mary. It will all come down to Mary's response. Will she say Yes or No. Her decision of let it be done according to your word begins the Christmas story.



Merry Christmas

Pope Leo XIV

Walk together, breaking down walls of prejudice and mistrust, an invitation to become 'peacemakers'.

Christmas Traditions

The candy cane - originated in Germany 1670. Its purpose was to keep children sit still during long Christmas services. The candy is shaped like a T to represent the crooks of the shepherd's staff that visited baby Jesus at Bethlehem. Red stripes represent the blood Jesus shed at Jerusalem. The peppermint flavor represents the hyssop drink offered to Jesus on the cross. J is the first letter of Jesus' name, and red and white are the colors of Christmas.

Christmas Crossword/Trivia

1. The _____ of St. Mary's
2. The wise men came from the _____
3. Mother of Mary
4. What age was Mary when she conceived Jesus
5. Most popular Christmas hymns

Answer:
1. Bells
2. East
3. Saint Anne
4. A teenager, 15 - 16 years of age
5. "O Holy Night"



Did You Know?

The most important Christmas carol in Italy is not "Silent Night", but "You Came Down from the Star" by St. Alphonsus Liguori, 1732 AD.

Roles for Laity in Parish Life

Share your gifts for others. OCIA, PSR, choir, servers, music, ushers, parish council, finance council, St. Vincent de Paul, grief ministry, youth group, Eucharistic ministers.

Anyone interested in joining the choir or instruments, contact the rectory office 415-479-1560. Music is the melody of a good life.

We are looking for more ushers at our weekend Masses. If you are interested, call the rectory office 415-479-1560 or let Fr. O' know.

Praying
for peace
in the
Holy
Land.



Christmas Crib

Thank you to St. Isabella 3rd Graders for the beautiful setup of the Christmas crib 2025, and the men who placed the stones for the crib settings.



Merry Christmas

St. Isabella staff wish to thank all our parishioners for your support and prayers. Happy Christmas to you and many blessings cross your path in year 2026.

Yours in Fraternity,
Fr. Cyril O'Sullivan

Upcoming Events

- 12/18-12/20 ... Simbang Gabi
12/24 (Wed.) ... Christmas Eve - Mass 4 p.m.
12/25 (Thur.) ... Christmas Day - Masses: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
2026
1/1 (Thur.) ... Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)
1/24 (Sat.) ... Parish Super Bowl Party

"Christmas is built upon a beautiful and intentional paradox; that the birth of the homeless should be celebrated in every home." – G.K. Chesterton





Weekly Offering & Stewardship

Collections December 6– 7, 2025

Offertory	\$ 6,050.00
Parish Maintenance (Restricted)	\$ 2,339.00
Christmas Flower Fund	\$ 795.00
Total for Parish	<u>\$ 9,184.00</u>
Holy Rosary/Latin Mass	\$ 484.00

2025 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)

Balance to raise by year end \$ 32,944.00

Mass Schedule

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



Christmas Masses, bring a bell to join in for the Gloria.

SUPERBOWL PARTY 2026

Saturday, 1/24/2026, 6PM - 9PM

Join us for fun, food and drink.



Annual fundraiser since 1981. Proceeds benefit St. Isabella Parish & School. **See flyer at the church.**

Early bird prizes for donations received by 12/20. Questions, call Tom & Kirk Hunter (415) 453-4916.



Christmas Flower Offering in Remembrance of

Rosalie Scalise and Emilio Tallerico; Jack and Catherine Bastida; John and Sophie Mangone; Richard Hunter; Malvino Family; Galeazzi Family; Bellesi Family; Gerald Kerby; Robert Brahm; Norm Silva; Kieth Silva; Jobeth Hosteller; Nannete Carlson; Joy & Bob Roney; Toni & Tom Sullivan; Slevin Family; Silva Family; Dean Banducci; Carlos & Julia Ling; Olga & Dino Banducci; Sacheen Littlefeather; Patricia Molatore; Lucille, Caroline & Leonard Phillips; Katherine Eck; Oliver & Eva Mackley; Cheryl Lobermeier; Richard Mackley; Gail Oestrich; Ronald Derenzo; Angela & Joe Derenzo; Jim & Jule D'Elia; Bob D'Elia; Marshall Gleisten; Jane Beck; Bobby Lee; Ernie Zeiter; Alejandro & Olivia Cabacub; Reynaldo Cubacub; Remedios Capati; Raymond Schmidt; Lolo Doro; Leticia Aquino; James & Belva Metzler; Harold Bender; Dimitratos Family; Picollo Family; Philip Rapoport; Lawrence Marcone Family; Marianne & Jim Geck; Agnew Family; Frank, Dorothy, Anthony, Dino & Stacey Ratto; Florence Whiteley; Nita Lyman; Peggy Maile; Pierre Babka; Fr. O'Sullivan, Fr. Raphael, Fr. Emmanuel



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.



MASS INTENTIONS:

December 20 – December 27, 2025

Saturday	12/20 ... 5 p.m.	Jacob Jones
Sunday	12/21 ... 9 a.m.	†
Monday	12/22 ... 8:30 a.m.	Cliff Vattuone+
Tuesday	12/23 ... 8:30 a.m.	†
Wednesday	12/24 ... 4 p.m.	Cliff Vattuone+ Carolyn Magliulo+
Christmas	12/25 ... 9 a.m.	Tim & Evelyn O'Sullivan++
	... 11 a.m.	Parishioners of St Isabella
Friday	12/26 ... 8:30 a.m.	†
Saturday	12/27 ... 8:30 a.m.	Elizabeth Reilly



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, Ken Vincent, Amelia Johansson

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@stisabellaparis.org

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/>

"How Christians should think about AI", by Catholic University of America panel, <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/266761/catholic-university-of-america-panel-explores-how-christians-should-think-about-ai>

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