



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



First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

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@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
St. Isabella CYO Basketball	www.sicyo.com
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School	415-479-9961
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School	rpheatt@stisabellaschool.org
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, 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: _____

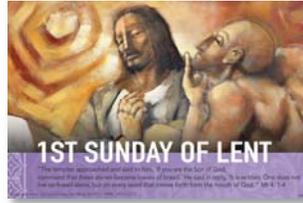


First Sunday of Lent

Matthew 4 : 1 - 11



The Lenten Season is a reminder to us of the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert being tempted by Satan. Temptation is a part of the human experience. The Bible has many references: Adam and Eve's story tells us there are also heavenly punishments as they were kicked out of the Garden of Eden for being tempted to forsake Yahweh as Lord; David temptations with Bathsheba and had her husband killed so he could take her as his wife; Jacob's sons and the temptation to have Joseph murdered because of jealousy; and so on. Lots of Biblical stories have temptations at its core. Here Jesus is tempted but unlike others, he will remain faithful to his Heavenly Father and to self.



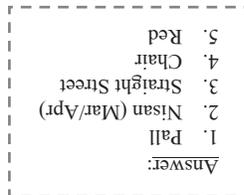
Pope Leo XIV

Lent emphasizes the communal aspect of listening to the word and fasting. Let us ask for the grace of a Lent that leads us to greater attentiveness to God and to the least among us.



Catholic Trivia

1. Chalice covering
2. Jewish month of Passover (Pesach)
3. A street in Damascus (Acts 9:11)
4. From the _____ of Peter
5. Color associated with martyrs



Station of the Cross
Every Friday, 7 PM
during Lent.

Relics (Part 2 of 3)

Modern people find it distasteful to have anything to do with the dead. Leave it to the professionals and hide death away. Catholics on the other hand hold on to the remains of saints. If we believe something is holy, we want to hold on to it, and with great reverence. There are two kinds of relics:

1. Remains of the person called first class relics
2. Possessions they owned called second class relics

The Art of Playfulness

Playfulness is a source of healthy living. Unfortunately, playfulness can be destroyed by the stresses of life and work, and societal pressures that do not allow adults to waste time. 21st century life demands us to focus on achievements rather simply to be. Slowly playfulness can disappear from living; life becomes joyless; we value people for what they achieve not for who they are. It is good to value people not for what they produce. But because they exist. It is good to waste time occasionally just to experience the joy of living in the moment.

Did You Know?

40% decline in the buying of books in the U.S. since the pandemic.

Parish Ministries

The parish is asking for more volunteers in these parish ministries: PSR, OCIA, Parish Council, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, and Altar Servers. We could do with more help and appreciate your consideration. If you are interested, call the office, 415-479-1560.



Upcoming Events

- 2/21 & 2/28 ... Men's Cursillo Retreat (parish center, 9-1)
- 2/28 (Sat) ... 1st Holy Confession (2nd graders)
- 3/1 (Sun) ... Pancake Breakfast (parish center after Mass)
- 3/1 (Sun) ... MIAC St. Pat's Family Potluck (parish center, 4p-8)
- 3/7 & 3/8 ... Holy Land Sale (after Mass)
- 3/8 (Sun) ... Daylight Saving 2 a.m.

Yours in Fraternity,
Fr. Cyril O'Sullivan

*"I wish not merely to be called
Christian, but also to be Christian."*





Weekly Offering & Stewardship

Collections February 7 – 8, 2026

Offertory	\$ 5,325.95
Votive Candles	\$ 210.00
Masses and Religious Ceremonies	\$ 405.00
Total for Parish	<u>\$ 5,940.95</u>
Holy Rosary/Latin Mass	\$ 268.00

Collections February 14 – 15, 2026

Offertory	\$ 2,821.00
Parish Maintenance (Restricted)	\$ 7,299.00
Total for Parish	<u>\$ 10,120.00</u>

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.



Second Collections - March

3/1 ... Maintenance
3/15 ... Catholic Relief Services (USCCB)
3/29 ... St Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday

Pope Leo's Message for Lent 2026

<https://ewntvatican.com/articles/full-text-of-pope-leos-message-for-lent-2026>

Events in the Archdiocese

Lenten resources: <https://sfarch.org/g/lent/>

St. Rita Lenten Lecture Series: "Are you listening?" The Parables of Jesus Christ. 5 Wednesdays 2/25-3/25. Soup supper 5:15 p.m. Lecture 6 p.m. For more info, contact 415-456-4815 | saintrita@fairfax.att.net

How God calls parents and grandparents, 2/28, 10a, Our Lady of Loretto, Novato. Talk & reception. Info & registration: <https://sfarch.org/event/howgodcalls/>

Life Giving Wounds Healing Retreat, 2/27 6p-3/1 3p. Healing retreat for whom with parents divorced/ separated. Info & registration: <https://lifegivingwounds.org/>

Power, Presence, Permanence: The History of Sculpture in Six Short Strokes, 2/24—3/31, online course - Dr. Elizabeth Lev presents the human conquest of marble or metal. <https://sfarch.org/history-sculpture-course/>

Igniting a Faith that Serves, 3/25, 10-3, Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacramento. For information, contact: Saul Perez | 415-614-5616 | perezsa@sfarch.org; RSVP <https://cacatholic.org/capitol/>

"Gathered by Grace, Empowered for Glory", Filipino Catholic Charismatic Communities Archdiocese of SF, 3/28, St. Mary Cathedral, SF. <https://fccspirit.com/>

Catholic Charities Easter Basket Food Drive, donation deadline, 3/25, St. Francis of Assisi, SF. Contact: | 415-972-1371 | volunteer@catholiccharitiessf.org

CRS Rice Bowl 2026 – Catholic Relief Services' annual Lenten almsgiving program. Info and Lenten prayers, printable resources, and videos are available at www.crsricebowl.org and www.platodearroz.org.



2026 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)

St. Isabella Assessment is \$ 58,255.00

The Archdiocesan Annual Appeal unites all the parishes in the Archdiocese in mission and ministry. The funding allocation:

Universal Church & Communications	17%
Clergy Support	35%
Social Ministry	23%
Parish Ministry & Schools	25%

Read Archbishop Cordileone's letter, brochure, how to donate and information, visit <https://sfarch.org/aaa/> or <https://stisabellaparish.org/Stewardship/AAA-Annual-Appeal>



MASS INTENTIONS:

February 21 – February 28, 2026

Saturday	2/21 ... 5 p.m.	Jimmy Davenport+
Sunday	2/22 ... 9 a.m.	Lidia Smith+
Monday	2/23 ... 8:30 a.m.	James Egide+
Tuesday	2/24 ... 8:30 a.m.	Jacob Jones
Wednesday	2/25 ... 8:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St Isabella
Thursday	2/26 ... 8:30 a.m.	†
Friday	2/27 ... 8:30 a.m.	Bob Carrasco+
Saturday	2/28 ... 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:

Judy Rosenbloom, Matthew Millsap, Sue Egisti, Bob Egisti, Jeanne Althuizen, Valerie Bortoli, Louise Rapoport, John Antonio IV, Colleen Skinner, Ken Valente, Special Prayers for STL, John Davis, Nena Lindquist, Bob Casper, Anna Ahern, Lynn Pieri-Young, Lon Sykes, Ann Sykes, Bob Arzave, Ken Vincent, Amelia Johansson, Mike Boland, Fr. Ray Reyes

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

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, Pat Beigel, Fr. Neil Healy, Pat Clark, Marilyn Swieconeck, Michael Tieche, Michael Mello

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

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