



# 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



## Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2026

Live as children of light,  
for light produces every kind of  
goodness and righteousness and truth.

### 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

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
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St. Vincent de Paul Help Line	415-454-0366
St. Isabella CYO Basketball	www.sicyo.com
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School	rpheatt@stisabellaschool.org
Website: Parish	www.stisabellasparish.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.stisabellasparish.org](http://www.stisabellasparish.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: \_\_\_\_\_

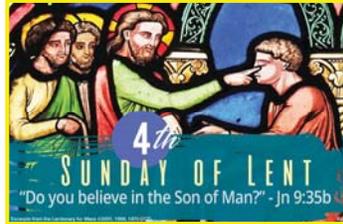


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John 9 : 1 - 41



There are many forms of blindness. Spiritual blindness is equally as destructive as physical blindness. Some examples: Selfishness blinds us to the needs of others. Insensitivity blinds us to the hurts we cause to others. Snobbery blinds us to the dignity of others. Pride blinds us to recognizing our personal fault. Business blinds to the beauty of life. Materialism blinds us to spiritual values. Superficiality blinds us to truth.



### Pope Leo XIV

Words can escalate conflict — or foster peace. Peace begins with what we say and how we say it.

### Vatican Facts

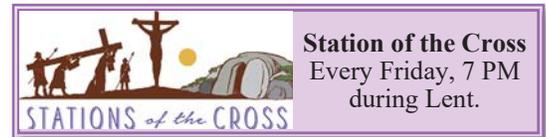
Which Pope's remains were stolen by grave robbers? Pope Celestine V in 1988. An urn was stolen in a church, L'Aquila, Italy. They were recovered later by police.

### Vatican News

The Holy See sports association, "Athletica Vaticana", presented an Olympic cross to Milan on the eve of the Winter Olympics. During the Olympics, it would remain at the Basilica of San Babila. Fifteen different pieces of wood from around the world make up the cross. This tradition began in 2012 at the London games.

### What is AD?

We are in the year 2026 AD. AD is the Latin for Anno Domini, which means "Year of the Lord." It is 2026 years since the birth of Christ.



### Top 10 Catholic Book List (continue)

Spiritual classic. Have you read any of these books?

3. *The Spiritual Exercises - St. Ignatius of Loyola*. To help Christians discern the will of God in their lives. Focuses on self abandonment and finding God in all things.

### Do Masked Police Undermine Democracy?

Law enforcement officers from FBI to local police swear an oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the U.S. against the enemies." They do not pledge allegiance to a president or a political party or an elite class of citizens. So what is the need for a militarized law enforcement. What is the need to hide behind a mask? Wearing masks and military outfits does not build trust but more reminds us of terrorist organizations. Democratic policing does not need masks.

### Book

"*Thoreau's God*", by Richard Higgins. Thoreau was frustrated by organized religion because he did not think words could adequately express the human relationship with God. It had to be personally experienced.

### 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.

Yours in Fraternity,  
Fr. Cyril O'Sullivan



### Upcoming Events

- 3/20 (Fri) ... Station of the Cross 7 p.m.
- 3/21 (Sat) ... Men's Cursillo Retreat (9-1)
- 3/27 (Fri) ... Station of the Cross 7 p.m.
- 3/28 (Sat) ... Men's Cursillo Retreat (9-1)
- 3/29 (Sun) ... Palm Sunday & Holy Week

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*"Civil religion (secularism) generates patriotism and civic loyalty. Religion (faith) opens the human spirit to transcendence and to the highest moral values.."*





**Weekly Offering & Stewardship  
Collections March 7 – 8, 2026**

To be reported next week

**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://stisabellaspriest.org/Stewardship/AAA-Annual-Appeal>

**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.**



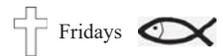
**Mondays —5PM** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet. Everyone is welcome.



*This weekend 3/14 and 3/15 we will be kicking off our 2026 Annual Appeal Campaign. There will be a second collection for AA on those days as well.*



St. Joseph Feast Day  
March 19th



Fr Fridays

**Easter Flower  
Offering in Memory:**



- Mary & Joseph Lavin
- Joseph & Irene Bondanza
- Frank & Helen Cassidy
- Frank & Maria Cresci
- Milagros Lavin
- Rosalie Scalise
- Emilio Tallerico
- Jack & Catherine Bastida
- John & Sophie Mangone

**Second Collections - March**

- 3/15 ... AAA
- 3/22 ... Catholic Relief Services (USCCB)
- 3/29 ... St Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday



**Happy St. Pat's Day**

**Events in the Archdiocese**

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

**“Constructive Conversations with your kids about Love and Sexuality,”** Evan Lemoine, Theology of the Body expert, 3/21, Reception 6p. Presentation 6:30, St. Anselm, Ross. Info 415-614-5574 | [hopfnere@sfarch.org](mailto:hopfnere@sfarch.org)

**St. Rita Lenten Lecture Series:** 5 Wednesdays 2/25-3/25. Soup supper 5:15 p.m. Lecture 6 p.m. For info, contact 415-456-4815 | [saintrita@sfarch.org](mailto:saintrita@sfarch.org)

**Lunch Break Prayer on International Day of the Unborn Child and Evangelium Vitae, 3/24, 1p.** Zoom, <https://sfarch.org/event/rosary-for-unborn-child/>

**Mission Dolores 250th Anniversary 1776—2026,** beginning May 2026, year-long celebration of events for the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the Mission. Info visit: <https://www.missiondolores.org/>

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



**MASS INTENTIONS:  
March 14 – 21, 2026**

<b>Saturday</b>	3/14 ... 5 p.m.	Bobby Mello+
<b>Sunday</b>	3/15 ... 9 a.m.	Dorothy Mandin+
<b>Monday</b>	3/16 ... 8:30 a.m.	Jerry Randall+
<b>Tuesday</b>	3/17 ... 8:30 a.m.	Jacob Jones
<b>Wednesday</b>	3/18 ... 8:30 a.m.	David Whitley+
<b>Thursday</b>	3/19 ... 8:30 a.m.	Margaret Healy+
<b>Friday</b>	3/20 ... 8:30 a.m.	Healing - Matthew Millsap
<b>Saturday</b>	3/21 ... 8:30 a.m.	Peter & Labib Seraphin++



**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 Althuisen, 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, 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, Laurence Sykes, Ann McNally*

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