



# 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



## ASCENSION

May 17, 2026

Go and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of  
the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

### 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
Parish School of Religion	psr@stisabellasparish.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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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: \_\_\_\_\_



## The Ascension of the Lord

(Seventh Sunday of Easter)

Matthew 28 : 16 - 20



Matthew's Gospel offers no description of the Ascension event. Not a word spoken of it or printed. Why is this? Matthew is not interested where Jesus has gone to, but he wants to remind his followers what Jesus asked us to do. Go and teach all nations what I have commanded you to teach.



### Pope Leo XIV

Pope Leo XIV blasts the delusion that humans have of self omnipotence. This is the idolatry of self.

### Vatican Facts

Is there a residential area in Vatican City? No. There are 50 palaces, office buildings and apartments. But Vatican City is not a residential city. You live outside.

### Just War Theory (Part 2 of 2)

The U.S. Bishops admonished a “Crusade Mentality,” whereby a nation acts as if it has “absolute justice” on its side and is not willing to restrain force as very few wars are 100% justified. How can any of us justify the killing of medics, first responders, hospitals, churches, electrical grids, schools, infrastructure, ports, power plants, sanitations, water plants, civilians. Restraint is demanded in any war of nations of good will. Is everything included in war mentalities today. No restraint.

### Book (Might be Worth Reading)

“*The Way of Heaven and Earth*” by Matthew Becklo. Human beings end up choosing one or the other, or both. Spiritual or physical, contemplation or action, heavenly or worldly, idealistic or realistic, mystic or corporeal. Becklo says, though contrast they may be -- they can be united and connect to each other.

### Did You Know?

\$38 billion dollars spent on Mothers Day in the U.S.

### Grieving Ministry

Since we have a lot of funerals in our parish and many elderly parishioners whose spouses are passing on, come this October 2026, the parish will begin a Grieving Ministry. It will be for those want to come together for healing and support. I am lucky Mr. Ron Smith who has experience in this ministry will lead eight sessions to support those in mourning.

### Parish Needs

We badly need Eucharistic Ministers to reach out to convalescent homes where many of our elderly Catholics reside. If you are interested in supporting this ministry, it would mean volunteering your time and going to one convalescent home once a week, to distribute Holy Communion to 5 or 6 Catholics. Prayerfully consider this request. Call rectory 415-479-1560. Training will be provided.

### Thank You to our Volunteers

In recognition of our volunteers to parish ministries, parish expresses appreciation with a social dinner this Sunday.

## Upcoming Events

- 5/17 (Sun) ... Volunteers Appreciation Dinner
- 5/25 (Mon) ... Memorial Day
- 5/29 (Fri) ... Baccalaureate Mass & Graduation
- 6/2 (Tue) ... Altar Servers Field Trip to Six-Flag
- 6/5 (Fri) ... Last day of school (Summer Break)
- 6/21 (Sun) ... Fathers Day

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Yours in Fraternity,  
Fr. Cyril O’Sullivan

“Science tries to understand nature by measuring it, whereas spirituality tries to understand what can’t be measured.”





### Weekly Offering & Stewardship

#### Collections May 9 – 10, 2026

Offertory	\$ 3,893.00
Parish Maintenance (Restricted)	\$ 286.00
Masses & Religious Ceremonies	\$ 570.00
Total for Parish	\$ 4,749.00
2nd Coll.- Catholic Home Mission	\$ +26.00
2nd Coll.- Fr. Dingberg Scholarship	\$ 1,161.00
Holy Rosary/Latin Mass	\$ 604.00

#### 2026 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)

St. Isabella's Goal	\$ 58,255.00
Donations received to date	\$ 24,503.00
<b>Balance to raise</b>	<b>\$ 33,752.00</b>

#### Fr. Dingberg Scholarship

This scholarship (in honor of our founding pastor, Fr. Edward Dingberg) helps selected 8th grade graduates from our school and PSR attending Marin Catholic High School. Your generosity helps our students continue their Catholic education. You are welcome to bring your donation to the school or rectory over the next few weeks.



**2026 Respect Life Essay Contest** Congratulations to St. Isabella's students among the winners this year: **Maeve Nevi** (3rd grade), **Elias Bautista** (6th grade), **Audriana Veamatahau** (7th grade), **Shayda Citarrella** (8th grade). <https://sfarch.org/event/2026-awardsceremony/>

#### 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 in May:

5/17 - Catholic Communications Campaign (USCCB)  
 5/24 - Catholic Charities CYO Appeal  
 5/31 - Fifth Sunday - St. Vincent de Paul

Please pray for **Lynn Pieri-Young**  
Speedy Recovery



Remember those who have died.  
**Rob McFadden+**  
**John Quin-Harkin+**

Rest in Peace.



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#### MASS INTENTIONS:

May 16 - May 23, 2026

<b>Saturday</b>	5/16 ... 5 p.m.	Michael Ahern+
<b>Sunday</b>	5/17 ... 9 a.m.	Ken Valente+
<b>Monday</b>	5/18 ... 8:30 a.m.	Samantha Rhodes
<b>Tuesday</b>	5/19 ... 8:30 a.m.	Eva Mackey+
<b>Wednesday</b>	5/20 ... 8:30 a.m.	†
<b>Thursday</b>	5/21 ... 8:30 a.m.	†
<b>Friday</b>	5/22 ... 8:30 a.m.	Mass of Thanksgiving Milquel Carlos
<b>Saturday</b>	5/23 ... 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, 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, Rob Mills, Fabiola Busnardo, Karen Mize Gill*

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

*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, Lawrence Sykes, Ann McNally, Ken Valente, Robert R. Bryan, Mary Polizzi, Robert Foehr, Rob McFadden, Michael DiLembo, John Quin-Harkin*

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

#### Events in the Archdiocese

**Mission Dolores 250th Anniversary 1776—2026**, beginning May 2026, year-long celebration for 250th anniversary of the founding of Mission. For more info, visit [www.missiondolores.org/](http://www.missiondolores.org/)

**The Joyful & Sorrowful Mysteries of My Life: A Prayer Experience** with Fr. James Goeke, SJ, 5/17, Oak St. SF. Info: <https://saintagnessf.org/islc-events>

**"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 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)