



# 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**  
(7th Sunday of Easter)

**May 21, 2023**

*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. Ephrem Tillya, *Parochial Vicar, Hospital Chaplain*
- Rev. Mr. Christopher Major, *Deacon, P.S.R., Marriage Preparation*
- Rev. Mr. Graham Cumming, *Deacon*
- Mr. Rob Pheatt, *School Principal*
- Mrs. Lynn Pieri Young, *Music*
- Mrs. Ginny Pheatt, *Office*
- Mrs. Nahed Naser, *Finance*
- Ms. Judy Rosenbloom, *R.C.I.A.*
- Mr. Frank Lavin, *Baptismal Preparation*

## 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. (Monday – Saturday)

### **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: 5:15 p.m. (All are welcome)

### **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 (R.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.

**To Register for RCIA, call Judy: 415-897-8241 or Sue: 415-472-1286**

Rectory / Parish Office	415-479-1560
St. Isabella's Parochial School	415-479-3727
PSR (Deacon Chris Major)	PSR@stisabellaparish.org
RCIA (Judy Rosenbloom)	415-897-8241
Parish Youth Council (PYC)	415-479-1560
Music (Lynn Pieri Young)	707-763-3965
Parish Council/Liturgy Committee	415-479-1560
St. Vincent de Paul Help Line	415-454-0366
St. Vincent de Paul Car donations	800-322-8284
St. Isabella CYO Basketball	<a href="http://www.sicyo.com">www.sicyo.com</a>
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School	415-479-9961
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School	rpheatt@stisabellaschool.org
Website: Parish	<a href="http://www.stisabellaparish.org">www.stisabellaparish.org</a>
School	<a href="http://www.stisabellaschool.org">www.stisabellaschool.org</a>



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](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_



## Ascension of the Lord

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 Francis

Pope Francis blesses what can be considered a Refugee’s Cross. On the Cross is a life vest, a knapsack, and a Rosary beads—the essentials of a dangerous journey ahead. He is displaying the Cross in the Apostolic Palace for all to see the plight of refugees.

### Catechesis

Why do people praying the Confiteor at Mass strike their breasts three times? Saint Augustine said, “It is an visible acknowledgement of sorrow for personal sins.” The one time you do not excuse by blaming others. The person recognizes I am a sinner in need of God’s mercy.

### Bishops

Top seven qualities laity define in trusting Bishops:

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| 1. Transparent | 4. Holy          | 7. Make Tough Choices |
| 2. Honest      | 5. Collaborative |                       |
| 3. Humble      | 6. Servant       |                       |

### Homilies

Compare to other faiths, Catholics have the shortest homilies.

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| Black Protestants | ... 54 minutes |
| Evangelicals      | ... 1 hour     |
| Orthodox          | ... 15 minutes |
| Catholics         | ... 10 minutes |

No matter how boring a Catholic sermon is, it is short.

### Abortion

Wyoming becomes the first State to ban abortion pills. The Governor said, “Abortion pills tragically is what it is—Abortion.”

### Polarization (Part 3 of 4)

The Holy Spirit is a harmonizing energy always open to loving relations with people. Are we able to harmonize our differences? Can we accept some brothers and sisters whose experience of Faith is different from our own? Can we have charitable and generous engagement with those who think differently? If we are not able to do this, the Church buries itself in factional trenches.

### Did you know?

Horse racing is one of the oldest sport in sports.

Oakland Diocese files for bankruptcy.

### Parish Life

Let me know of your vision of what a parish is.

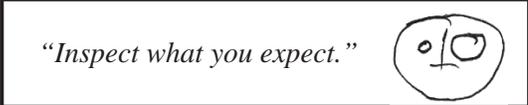



## 60th Birthday

May 21, 2023 10AM - 2PM  
Join us after the 9AM Mass for a  
**Spring Carnival to celebrate the  
60th Birthday of St. Isabella School!**  
Food Trucks, games, raffles,  
cake walk, music and more!  
**Happy 60th!**

The **St. Isabella Bell Choir** will have an upcoming performance at the **Pentecost Vigil Mass**, next Saturday, May 27th, 5PM. It is the **ONLY** Hand Bell Choir north of the Golden Gate. Please come and enjoy their beautiful sound. Performance will include some patriotic pieces in honor of Memorial Day.

**Catholic Men's Leadership Alliance** is having an in-person leadership summit June 23 - 25. More information can be found at [catholicmenleaders.org/annualsummit](http://catholicmenleaders.org/annualsummit)



Yours in Fraternity,  
Fr. Cyril O’Sullivan



## Weekly Offering & Stewardship

### Week Ending May 6 - 7, 2023

Offertory	\$ 3,524.00
Parish Maintenance (restricted)	\$ 2,091.00
Parish Kitchen Project	\$ 280.00
Masses and Religious Ceremonies	\$ 350.00
Total for parish	\$ 6,245.00
Holy Rosary Chapel/Latin Mass	\$ 723.00

### Week Ending May 13 - 14, 2023

Offertory	\$ 4,353.75
Parish Maintenance (restricted)	\$ 315.00
Masses and Religious Ceremonies	\$ 375.00
Dingberg Scholarship	\$ 25.00
Total for parish	\$ 5,068.75
2nd Coll: Catholic Charities—CYO	\$ 974.50

### 2023 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)

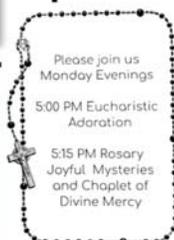
St. Isabella's Goal:	\$ 61,512.00
Donations received to date:	\$ 10,880.00
To raise:	\$ 50,632.00

2nd Collection this weekend: **Catholic Communication (USCCB)**. Funds help to spread the Gospel through print, radio, television, websites, and social media. For info, visit: <https://www.usccb.org/>

## FIRST Communion



Photos by Rosana Cumming



Please join us Monday Evenings

5:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

5:15 PM Rosary Joyful Mysteries and Chaplet of Divine Mercy



**Confirmation**  
Fri., May 19th,  
Mass 5 p.m.

Prayer request for  
**Jim Sullivan**



### News from the Archdiocese

6/5-6/8—Online Gender and Sexual Identity conference, 10am-1pm. <https://www.ruahwoodsintstitute.org/gender-sexual-identity-2023/>

6/22—Parental Rights and Religious Freedom Talk at Mater Dolorosa Church, SSF. <https://sfarchdiocese.org/event/parental-rights-and-religious-freedom-talk/>

6/6-7/18—The Teaching of Vatican II, Part 2. (Zoom.) <https://sfarchdiocese.org/vaticanii-part2-course>

6/23—"The Maronite Church, the Heartbeat of the Christians in the Middle East: History and Importance" at St. Dunstan, Millbrae. <https://sfarch.org/event/religious-freedom-in-the-middle-east/>

6/10—Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress, 9 am—5pm. Eucharistic Miracles exhibit, Adoration, Confession. Mass 5:30 pm. St. Mary Cathedral. <https://sfarchdiocese.org/registration-eucharistic-congress/>

Laudato Si Week: May 21-29. <https://laudatosiweek.org/>

5/26-28—Project Rachel Retreat. Visit [sfarch.org/rachel](https://sfarch.org/rachel)

5/29—Memorial Day Mass, 11 am, Mt. Olivet Cemetery

### MASS INTENTIONS:

May 20 – May 27

<b>Saturday</b>	5/20	5 p.m.	†
<b>Sunday</b>	5/21	9 a.m.	Thomas Bonggi +
<b>Monday</b>	5/22	8:30 a.m.	Gertrudes & Antonio Vinco +
<b>Tuesday</b>	5/23	8:30 a.m.	Michael Piper
<b>Wednesday</b>	5/24	8:30 a.m.	Honey Cabalza +
<b>Thursday</b>	5/25	8:30 a.m.	†
<b>Friday</b>	5/26	8:30 a.m.	Walter Lee +
		11 a.m.	Funeral Alfred Garcia
<b>Saturday</b>	5/27	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, Cathie Peters, William Thomas Reilly, Marilyn Swieconek, Ann Sykes, Richard Hunter, Kevin Swanson, Shirley McGrath, Lacey Graham, Bill Bixby, Matthew Millsap, Shirley Dimitratos, Jake Williams, Therese Bruton, Astrid Janson, BettyAnn Wright, Ginny Kerbs, George Kerbs, Les Mize, Barbara Landesman, Bruce Landesman, Ralph Pershing, Kathy Drady, Michael Piper, Mylo Peterson, Becky Tecson, Jim Sullivan

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

Nancy Ghilotti, Colleen McGuinn, Mary Gail Mibach, James McKinley, James Juarez, Janet Dunn, Aileen Moriarty Kelly, John Swieconek, Nancy Zaharin, Peter Tritz, Patricia Calhoun, Elizabeth Molarin, David Dunn, Anita Verena Bollinger, Paul Mueller, Violet Swanson, Katherine Pokas, Terese Moriarty, Alice Flaherty, Ryan Dallara, Honey Cabalza, Diana Santi, Doris Galli, Fran Gazdik, Hannah Daly, Ralph Tischbern, Alan Rosenbloom, Elizabeth Paganini, Betty Cronin, Reno Cantarutti, Jacqueline Tarantino, Robert Thomas, Robert "Bob" Doyle, Helmut Wendler, Christa Wendler, Louis Reilly, Tom Aiello, Richard Levy, Garry Altamirano, Michael Peregrin, Jean Perez, Patrick Johnson, Jordyn Powell, Florence Williams, Robert Anello, Greg Carman, Tom Bonggi, Nicholas Kunst, Cathie Inglis, David Alexander Swerrie, Bill Boitano, Lila Martinez, Fabrizio Martinelli

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