



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 ADVENT

December 3, 2023

Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

Pastoral Team

Rev. Cyril O'Sullivan, *Pastor*

Rev. Ephrem Tillya, *Parochial Vicar,
Hospital Chaplain*

Rev. Mr. Christopher Major, *Deacon,
P.S.R., 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*

St. Isabella's Parish Team, *R.C.I.A.*

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

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. For more information about the RCIA program, please call the church office at 415-479-1560

Rectory / Parish Office	415-479-1560
St. Isabella's Parochial School	415-479-3727
PSR (Deacon Chris Major)	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. Vincent de Paul Car donations	800-322-8284
St. Isabella CYO Basketball	www.sicyo.com
Fax: Parish	415-479-8303
School	415-479-9961
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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, 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: _____

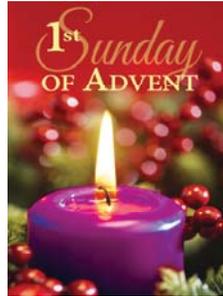


First Sunday of Advent

Mark 13 : 33 - 37



If a person doesn't prepare for what need to be done, then the odds are it will not get done because of lack of will, effort, time and necessary labor. Advent is no different. It is four weeks where we prepare ourselves to be able to celebrate Christmas. A Savior born unto us.



Friday, December 8th
Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation
Mass 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.

A Prayer for Vocations

God Our Father, you will all men and women to be saved and come to the knowledge of your truths. Send workers into the harvest that the Gospel may be preached, and the sacraments received. We pray this in Christ's name. Amen.

Catholic Seminaries

Across the U.S., dozens upon dozens of seminaries are closing down. The reasons are the Bishops have realized it is no feasible to have them.

1. No students
2. Finances. Very expensive to run seminaries
3. Old buildings expensive to maintain and remodel
4. Vatican has said, better to consolidate seminaries. One competent seminary to cover many dioceses
5. Lastly better use of priests. Less seminaries, these priests can return to parishes.



GIVING TREE —The Good Sam's have set up tables outside of church this weekend to collect gift cards and money for our parish Giving Tree Project. The donations will be used to provide gift cards and food vouchers for the children/families in our parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference to brighten their Christmas celebration. If you are not prepared this weekend, we will be collecting again after the Masses next weekend, December 9th/10th.

- * Gift cards **MUST** be for Target and they **MUST** be for \$40.
 - * Cash or checks may be given in any amount & we will buy the cards.
 - * Checks **MUST** be made out to St. Isabella's Giving Tree Project.
- If you have questions, contact Ellen Dederian at 415-479-0972 or Sue Boland at 415-308-7972. Thank you.

Catholic Trivia

1. The name of the Council, 325 AD
2. The room where the apostles experience the Holy Spirit
3. The ____ of Saints
4. Saint Catherine's town

Answer: Nicaea
 Answer: The Upper Room
 Answer: Litany
 Answer: Sinai

Did you know?

7.5 million Jews live in the U.S.

Catholic Universities (Part 2 of 2)

Did college prepare you to defend the faith? Students overwhelming said no. There was not even one class on this matter. Today Catholic education includes courses in apologetics, as salvation history, Bible studies, theology, morality, doctrines, and prayer. All of this is to help people to be whole in mind, body and soul. The hope is they will go back to their communities and build a Catholic culture.

Our "Handbell Choir" will be playing at the 5PM Mass on **Saturday 12/2**



Parish News

The plan is to build a garden in front of the church, a bird fountain, benches, flowers etc. Parishioners' ideas always welcome.

Secrets are at times a necessity tool for peace.



Yours in Fraternity,
Fr. Cyril O'Sullivan



Weekly Offering & Stewardship

Week Ending November 18 – 19, 2023

Offertory	\$ 2,990.16
Maintenance (restricted)	\$ 1,600.00
Masses and Religious Ceremonies	\$ 335.00
Total for parish	\$ 4,925.16
2nd: St. Patrick's Seminary	\$ 761.00

2023 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)

St. Isabella's Goal:	\$ 61,512.00
Donations received to date:	\$ 50,610.00
To raise:	\$ 10,902.00

Upcoming Second Collections:

- 12/3 ... Parish Maintenance
- 12/10 ... Retirement for Religious (USCCB)



14th Annual SIMBANG GABI

A Filipino Religious Tradition of Advent Masses and Rosaries in preparation for Christmas will be held **December 15, 16, and 17, 2023**. 6:30 pm Reconciliation: 6:45 pm Holy Rosary and 7:00 pm Mass. For inquiries and Mass Intentions: Sherry Aquino sprianal@yahoo.com (415)521-6934 or Lettie Ranjo: lettieranjo@yahoo.com



MASS INTENTIONS:

December 2—December 9

Saturday	12/2 ... 5 p.m.	Mr. Jean Perez +
Sunday	12/3 ... 9 a.m.	Alfred Silveira +
Monday	12/4 ... 8:30 a.m.	†
Tuesday	12/5 ... 8:30 a.m.	†
	... 11 a.m.	Funeral Judy Cassidy
Wednesday	12/6 ... 8:30 a.m.	†
Thursday	12/7 ... 8:30 a.m.	†
Friday	12/8 ... 8:30 a.m.	Thomas Erhard +
	... 7 p.m.	Lorry & Kay Marcone +
Saturday	12/9 ... 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, Matthew Millsap, Shirley Dimitratos, Jake Williams, Therese Bruton, Betty Ann Wright, Ginny Kerbs, George Kerbs, Les Mize, Barbara Landesman, Bruce Landesman, Ralph Pershing, Michael Piper, Mylo Peterson, Becky Tecson, Jim Sullivan, Judy Rosenbloom, James McCarthy, Gray Flory, Deacon Chris Major, Dolores Cuerva, Kennyetta Block, Sue Egisti, Bob Egisti

A Time for Sorrow, for those who live forever with Christ: 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 Bong, Nicholas Kunst, Cathie Inglis, David Alexander Swerrie, Bill Boitano, Lila Martinez, Fabrizio Martinelli, Donald W. Torre, Alfred Garcia, Winnie Coleman, Astrid Janson, Kathy Drady, Janey Payne, Rosalie Barozzi, Michael Alaimo, Patrick Buttner, Diana Nay, Alberto Gutierrez, Bill Bixby, James Egide, Bebe McDermott, James McGeehan, Alice Thompson, Patricia Semple, Richard McGrath, Richard Hunter, Jose Martinez, Judy Cassidy, Bonnie Kissell

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

St. Isabella's cooks will be back in the kitchen at Jonathan's Place (formerly Mill Street Homeless Shelter), preparing a delicious dinner for the residents on **Monday, December 11th**. If you would like to help by providing food from our shopping list or would like more information, please call Ellen Dederian at 415-479-0972. Thank you



Baptism: Welcome **Marshall Hart** into our Faith Family



Congratulations to **Annemarie Wilkosz & Erick Bonilla**, married last week. May they have a long & happy life together.

Christmas Flower Offerings in memory of:

Bob Brahm, Jerry Kerby, Emilio Tallerico & Rosalie Scalise, Jock & Kathryn Bastida, John & Sophie Mangone

Mondays —5 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, —5:15 Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet. Everyone is welcome.



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: You are invited to the 1st Annual Saint Isabella Christmas Lunch! **Friday, December 8th from 10:30-2:30 in the Parish Center** (Lunch seating begins at 11:45). Enjoy a catered sit-down lunch, an opportunity to do some holiday shopping with our amazing vendors, a visit from the school choir, and wrap up with a few games of Bingo. Bring a friend and kick off the holiday season with us! Visit 2023Christmas.givesmart.com or text 2023Christmas to 76278 to purchase tickets. Call the School office with any questions. Business and Family event sponsorships also available.



Job opening: Saint Isabella School Middle School Math Teacher

Saint Isabella School currently has an opening for a full-time middle school Math Teacher in this current 2023-24 school year. The position will begin in Dec. 2023 and through the end of this school year. The ideal candidate will be able to demonstrate deep familiarity with math skills and teaching practices. This person exemplifies a love for the students and a desire to see all students succeed at the highest level. Interested applicants should send a cover letter & resume to rpheatt@stisabellaschool.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