



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



CHRISTMAS

December 25, 2023

*A holy day has dawned upon us.
Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.*

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@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. 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.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: _____



CHRISTMAS

John 1 : 1 – 18



Unto us a child is born, a son given to us where we can rest our burdens upon his shoulders. They name him Prince of Peace, Wonder-Counselor, whose dominion eternally reigns. All Peace, Joys, and Blessings come from him. All Glory belongs to him forever and ever. Without him we are nothing. To all our wonderful parishioners and friends, may his Spirit reign in our hearts and minds, his Blessings be with us this Christmas and always.



Pope Francis

Pope Francis has appointed to date Cardinals from 64 different countries. 113 in his Pontificate.

Catechesis

You never heard in the Bible the Apostles called Bishops. Why not? The term Apostle mean you saw Jesus, heard him teach and accompanied him. By the 1st century, new leaders had never seen or met Jesus. These men were given the title Bishops.

Is Christ with us in the Church?

The song goes “Still is”

- He walked with us—Still does
- He talked with us—Still does
- He laughed with us—Still does
- He sat with us—Still does
- He spoke with us—Still does
- He listened with us—Still does
- He grieved with us—Still does
- He believed with us—Still does

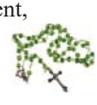


Mass Schedule
Christmas Eve, 4 PM
Christmas Day, 9 AM & 11 AM

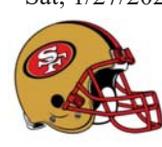
Saint Isabella School & PSR
presents the
Nativity Pageant
Sunday, December 24th
Christmas Eve Mass 4 PM
Performance - 3:30pm-5:30pm



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



SUPERBOWL PARTY 2024
Sat, 1/27/2024, 6PM - 9PM
Annual fund-raiser proceeds benefit St. Isabella Parish & School.
See flyer at the church.



Does the Church have enemies?

It would be absurd to think not. Secularists whose goal is to marginalize the faith even criminalize it as a hate group because it does not approve of a range of behaviors that Scripture calls sinful. They oppose us in the courts, the public square and often exaggerate our beliefs or history. Many have immense hatred towards Catholicism. Maybe the saddest of all groups today are Catholic political leaders who misrepresent Church teachings in the public forum.

Catholic Trivia

1. What is a Aspergillum?
2. What is the Opening Prayer at Mass called?
3. Lord, _____ to pray.

Answer:
1. Instrument used to sprinkle Holy Water
2. Collect
3. Teach us (Luke 11:1)



Christmas Greetings

On behalf of our staff at St. Isabella, we thank you for your dedication, support, volunteerism and presence. St. Isabella has been serving Terra Linda Catholics for over sixty years. Building community will be our main goal 2024. May the gifts of God’s Peace, Hope and Joy be yours this season and a blessed new year.

We are living through “not an era of change, but a change of era.”



Yours in Fraternity,
Fr. Cyril O’Sullivan



Weekly Offering & Stewardship

Week Ending December 9 – 10, 2023

Offertory	\$ 4,214.00
Maintenance (restricted)	\$ 2,249.00
Christmas Flower Fund	\$ 200.00
Masses and Religious Ceremonies	\$ 535.00
Total for parish	\$ 7,198.00
2nd: Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 1,116.00

2023 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)

St. Isabella's Goal:	\$ 61,512.00
Donations received to date:	\$ 50,810.00
To raise:	\$ 10,702.00

The second collection next weekend is for our **St. Vincent de Paul Conference**. Housing costs and rents are increasing in our area. This is especially hard for our neighbors who are living on the edge, can barely afford food and utilities, and are at risk of becoming homeless. St. Vincent de Paul provides assistance with rent, food and utilities to families in our neighborhood. Our 5th Sunday collection will be next weekend, December 30 and 31. Please help us help your neighbors in need.



Thank you to all those who contributed toward our Christmas flowers including those who did so in memory of their loved ones listed below:

Bob Brahm, Jerry Kerby, Gallagher/Mazza Families, Ernie Zeiter, Sabella Family, Serreno Family, Beigel Family, Jack Humenik, Paulie & Jack Simpson, Judy Cassidy, Patricia Vincent, Diane Vincent, Dimitratos Family, Picollo Family, George & Edna Bralye, Robert & Jill Mackichan, Oliver & Eva Mackley, John & Jim Agnew, Tom White, The Healy Family, The White Family, Francisco Obregozo, Ed Gallagher, Emilio Tallero & Rosalie Scalise, Jack & Kathryn Bastida, John & Sophie Mangone, Jim & Belva Metzler, Sykes Family, Noel Family, Alia Elkurdie, Patricia Molatone, E.A. & Josephine Leedham, Dan White, Sandy Collier, Harold Sinclair, Jr, Al & Alva Bole, Harold & Ruth Sinclair, Anna Dutcher, Richard Alves, Lucille Phillips, Leonard Phillips, Caroline Phillips, Katherine Eck, Mary Asche, Jon, Angie, Bob, Barbara, Baby Molly, Kathy, Diane, Tiny; Jule D'Elia, William James D'Elia, Robert D'Elia, Joseph & Angela Derenzo, Miriam Habenicht, Gilam & Roque Diaz, Linde & Lorenzo Lo, Walter Lee, Rocky & Toni Sibeto, Frank, Anthony, Dino & Stacey Ratto; Peggy Maile



A HUGE THANK YOU to all who contributed to the Good Sam's **Giving Tree Project**. In just two weekends, we collected \$5,145 in cash, checks and gift cards to support the children and families served by our parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference this Christmas season. Each child will receive a Target gift card and each family will be given a generous food voucher for their holiday dinner. Thanks to all for your generosity. Merry Christmas!



MASS INTENTIONS:

December 23—December 30

Saturday	12/23	... 5 p.m.	Judy Cassidy +
Sunday	12/24	... 9 a.m.	†
* Christmas Vigil	... 4 p.m.		Michael Angelo Ares +
* Christmas Day	... 9 a.m.		Parishioners of St. Isabella Church
* Christmas Day	... 11 a.m.		Richard McGrath +
Tuesday	12/26	... 8:30 a.m.	†
Wednesday	12/27	... 8:30 a.m.	†
Thursday	12/28	... 8:30 a.m.	†
Friday	12/29	... 8:30 a.m.	†
Saturday	12/30	... 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, Hadley Ward, Pat Clark

A Time for Sorrow, for those who live forever with Christ: 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 Bonghi, Nicholas Kunst, Cathie Inglis, David Alexander Swerrie, Bill Bointano, 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, Barbara Solve, Arthur Ferrero, Hilde Caruson, Gene Lindquist

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

News from the Archdiocese

-- **St. Patrick's Seminary Discernment Retreat**, Jan. 26-28, led by Bishop Daly to investigate where God may be calling you. Info contact faller.cameron@sfarch.org

-- **Online courses: Catholic Faith, Fiction, and Film**, Dr. Margaret Turek, 6 Tues, 7 PM. to 8:30, starting 1/2/2024. <https://sfarch.org/catholic-faith-fiction-and-film-course/>

-- **Word of Life**, monthly resources produced by the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, <https://www.respectlife.org/word-of-life-archive>

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