

# Church of the Transfiguration

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**Mission Statement: "Transfiguring Our Community Through Faith"**



## **Rev. Raphael Zwolenkiewicz, OFM Conv, Pastor**

**Fr. Kevin Schindler-McGraw, OFM Conv, Parochial Vicar; Fr. Luke Vu, OFM Conv, Parochial Vicar;  
Deacon Martin J. Leach • Deacon John A. Mignano • Deacon Timothy L. Moore • Deacon Burton J. Rigley**

### **SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

Saturdays 4:00 pm

Sundays 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Mon-Fri 8:00 am (Except First Fridays - 9:30 am)

### **LIVE STREAM MASS ON**

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### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

### **BAPTISMS**

Please call the Parish Office to register.

### **MATRIMONY**

Six months advance notice required. Please call the parish office.

### **FUNERALS**

Please contact the funeral home of your choice and then the parish office.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, YOUTH MINISTRY & RCIA**

Director of Religious Education: Wendy Estrada

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### **SICK & HOMEBOUND MINISTRY:**

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#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

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### **PARISH OFFICE**

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(Closed for lunch 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm)

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**Saint Vincent de Paul Help Line: 510-274-0830**

**For Clergy visit during Out of Hours and Emergencies, please call 510-537-0806 Ext. 109**

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Attention: 2024 Bishop's Ministries Appeal

All contributions to the Bishop's Ministries Appeal are tax  
deductible to the full extent of the law.



## Transfiguration Christmas Concert

The Music Ministry of the Church of the Transfiguration and Director Alexander Katsman would like to invite you to our annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, **December 8th at 3:00 pm**. Please hear our Choir and Soloists singing carols and contemporary Christmas music. Reception to follow.

*Free Will Donation*

## Precious Blood Distribution

Starting December 1st (Sunday) we start distributing the Precious Blood of Christ. The process is as follows: The Eucharist will only be distributed at the center aisle. Parishioners at the far end pews on both sides will have to walk over to the center aisle to receive communion. Please be considerate in lifting the kneelers for those crossing the pews. The wine ministers will be standing at the right side and left side of the center aisle to receive the Precious Blood. Thank you for your cooperation.

## New Socks and Underwear Collection

In collaboration with our Confirmation Candidates, our St Vincent de Paul members will be collecting **NEW** socks and underwear for people in need in our area on Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8 after all the masses. The greatest need is for men in the larger sizes (large, extra large, etc), but women's sizes are needed too. Thank you for helping people in need in our parish!

## Fr. Kevin is Grateful!

A heartfelt and great big **THANK YOU** to all on this occasion of my 40th Anniversary of Ordination. I am so grateful for those who generously contributed to the potluck celebration this past Friday evening—the delicious food you brought, the fantastic dancing 'moves', and especially your simple, joy-filled presence and energy as a community of care and generosity. To ALL in our 2 parish communities, I am so blessed and grateful for all of us together, side-by-side, joined in this shared journey in God's embrace ... with prayer, Fr. Kevin

## Stewardship Corner

The collection total for the weekend of:

**Nov. 16th thru Nov. 17th — \$9,382.00**

**Human Development — \$678.00**

**Bishop's Appeal — \$17,448.66 51.93% of Goal**

(compared to \$12,000 average weekly stewardship goal)  
parish community.

## A Message

from the  
Pastor



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November 24, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Here at our cluster, we would like to give special attention to the Eucharist beginning today. To celebrate The Solemnity of Christ the King, there will be a Eucharistic Procession beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:00 PM at Transfiguration Church, carrying the Blessed Sacrament in procession (it will take more than an hour) to Our Lady of Grace Church where Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place. Everyone is invited to participate. Please be aware that arrangements need to be made to have transportation between our two churches.

It is our prayer that as we venerate the Blessed Sacrament on the Solemnity of Christ the King, this Sunday, it prepares us to more appropriately celebrate Thanksgiving in our homes and here in our Church.

There are many images that express the intense mystery that is the Eucharist, but the Eucharist as thanksgiving is the most appropriate for November. In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we read that Eucharist means first of all **"thanksgiving"**. A simple connection that we can make is that every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we share a Thanksgiving meal. As we celebrate the Eucharist, we are united as one body, one family sharing in the one bread and one cup of Christ.

Many people assume that here in the United States we have celebrating Thanksgiving Day since the time of the pilgrims as a sign of thanksgiving for the harvest season. It was Abraham Lincoln who instituted the holiday in 1863 during the Civil War. He wanted Americans to celebrate the holiday as a sign of unity and thanksgiving to God. As time progressed, the idea of the harvest became part of the experience of Thanksgiving. Our celebration of Thanksgiving then resembles the meaning of the Sacrament of the

Eucharist. My friends, may our Thanksgiving Celebration bring our family and friends together. May our Thanksgiving Celebration be a time of thanksgiving to God who has given us an abundance of gifts for our personal lives and the lives we live as part of a family, our family, and the Church. We celebrate Thanksgiving as a sign of unity and thanksgiving to God who has given us great gifts.

Celebrate Christ The King! Join in Our Eucharistic Procession! Enjoy Thanksgiving Day here in our Church and with your family!

Fr. Raphael

## Your Prayers Are Requested for the Repose of:

**Anselmo Lucas**

(Husband of Connie Lucas)

## Girls CYO Basketball

The Girls Winter CYO Basketball Season is coming! Registration begin on November 15th for faith formation families and November 22nd for the Parish Boundary, ending on December 20th.

Please see our section on the Parish Website for more details and registration information.

Interested in helping? Our program is looking for board members and coaches, please email [transfigcyogirls@gmail.com](mailto:transfigcyogirls@gmail.com) for more details.



## Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary!!!

Michael and Barbara Meehan

November 28, 2024

### **Christmas Giving Tree**

Once again Transfiguration will be sponsoring the Christmas Giving Tree for the Christmas Holiday Season. Volunteers are needed, please contact Yolanda Arredondo, 510-303-4023.

Other Info: Tree Setup: Friday, November 29, 2024  
Ornaments with names available on tree  
beginning Saturday, November 30, 2024  
thru Sunday December 15, 2024.

Gifts due date: Sunday, December 15, 2024

Distribution date: Saturday, December 21 10am-12pm at  
the Marian Room

Please contact Yolanda for questions and or any conflicts.

Yolanda Arredondo  
510-303-4023

### **OLG School News**

Snowflake Soirée (Dec 6th): Ticket sales are now open! Please join us for an unforgettable evening of food, dancing and giving at our holiday gala & auction which will be held on Friday, Dec 6th at Redwood Canyons Golf Course. Child care is available. Click here to purchase tickets!

### **Please Note**

**No CCD / No Confirmation**  
**November 24 & December 1**  
*Happy Thanksgiving!*

Thank You, Mike Dressen, for stopping by this past Sunday and informing our Confirmation students about our St. Vincent de Paul Society. They are looking forward to next month's sock drive!

### **WINGS (Women in God's Spirit)**

WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages Spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, Catechesis, life sharing and community.

Our meeting will be at the Transfiguration Church Hall.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024**  
**9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.**

**Speaker: Kathleen O'Brien, Maryknoll**  
**Topic: "Faith in Action: Using Catholic Social Teachings as a Guide to Living our Faith"**

For further information or, if you would like to attend, please contact: Rose Anne Ryken  
RARYKEN39@gmail.com

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Daniel 7:13-14

**Psalm** — 93

**Second Reading** — Revelation 1:5-8

**Gospel** — John 18:33b-37

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**May your words, O Lord, be in my thoughts, on my lips, and in my heart. May they guide my life and keep me near to you.**

### **Mass Intentions (Nov. 23, 2024—Nov. 29, 2024)**

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Jeanie Peixoto
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Donald Lalonde
	9:00 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	C.V. Joseph
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Toni Proietti
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Joe & Mary Santos
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Larry Johnson
Thur.	11:00 a.m.	For The People
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	Anna Elola

### **Hope and Encouragement Is Found in St Vincent de Paul Activities**

The Grace and Truth of Jesus are the hope and encouragement that carries we Christians through this broken, and often discouraging world. However, it helps a lot to see and feel some of the tangible things that His people are doing to serve.

I'm the newest member of the St. Vincent de Paul ministry, and that is exactly what I've experienced. My spirit has been lifted by being aware of the group's activities, and most importantly the people behind it. More hope and encouragement comes from knowing faces and names of folks meeting with needy community members, providing help, encouragement, prayer. . . love. More hope and encouragement comes from knowing about diligent and responsible tracking of resources and encounters, and the communication and cooperation with nearby SVdP conferences.

Although I am just getting started, I get the sense that simply adding a new face has added a little bit of hope and encouragement to the existing group. Consider boosting the hope and encouragement of a church ministry by joining. It will help carry you and others through this broken and often discouraging world.

Chris Towles



### **Coffee and Donuts**

Ralph & Sunita Fernandes will be hosting coffee and donuts this Sunday after the 9:00 a.m Mass.



Monday evening, Nov. 25, 2024 in the Marian room, **7:00-8:00 p.m.** Please arrange Zoom connectivity with Mike Dresen at [bibles-tudy@transfigev.org](mailto:bibles-tudy@transfigev.org) if attending remotely. Free will offering.