

Church of the Transfiguration

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Mission Statement: "Transfiguring Our Community Through Faith"



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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

www.Transfigchurch.com and Facebook

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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MUSIC MINISTRY

Director: Alexander Katsman

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PARISH OFFICE

Hours: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Wednesday (until further notice)

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

Secretary, Elmer Serrano - Rectory.Office@TransfigCV.org

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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!

Girls CYO Basketball

The Girls Winter CYO Basketball Season is coming! Registration began 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 for more details.

Stewardship Corner

The collections total from last weekend
will be reported in the next bulletin

A Message
from the
Pastor
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December 1, 2024

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today, Sunday December 1st, we begin the Season of Advent. It is also the beginning of a New Liturgical Year. The liturgical year is one of the ways the church remembers and celebrates the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Season of Advent sets us upon that path. The prayers and Scripture readings of Advent help us to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming is celebrated and also for Christ's final coming at the end of time.

One outward sign of the Season of Advent is the Advent Wreath, a wreath with four candles symbolizing the four weeks of the Season of Advent. It represents our anticipation of the arrival of Jesus. Leading us up to the birth of Jesus, it commemorates newness. It celebrates eternal life, and also the death and resurrection of the promised Messiah.

The experience of the Advent Wreath is a beautiful way to give us the opportunity to pause and think about the birth of Jesus. Think about preparing an Advent Wreath in your own personal home. It is one way of making your anticipation of the Lord's Coming at Christmas a deeper spiritual experience for you and for everyone in your family.

With the rush of the season, it is important to find some time to slow down. Bringing your family together around an Advent wreath in your home can be a source of peace, grace, and blessings. It will give you the ability to give added attention to the upcoming Celebration of the Birth of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

If you want to get the most out of the Christmas Season and fill up your soul with love for Christ, the best way to do that is to let every heart prepare Him; —and celebrating Advent is the Church's way to do it!

The Jesse Tree provides a great catechesis. It goes through the ancestry of Jesus and how all of his ancestors played a role in salvation history. The tree created can then be used as a holiday decoration.

A popular way to celebrate the Advent season is the Advent calendar. Counting down the days to Christmas helps to focus on waiting for the baby Jesus to be born. You can purchase one or make one as a fun craft time for kids.

And finally, small sacrifices for the Christ Child during Advent helps us prepare for Christmas. Just as the Magi labored through a long journey to worship and gave precious gifts to the Christ Child, so we can do the same; we can give the Baby Jesus our sacrifices during the Advent season.

During this Season of Advent pray: Maranatha Lord Jesus.... Come Lord Jesus Come!

Fr. Raphael

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

December Birthdays

Happy Birthday to you, May God Bless you.
Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday,
May God Bless You!

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!



Dress-a-Girl Ministry

Volunteers needed to sew simple sundresses. Supplies provided. Bring scissors, pinking shears and wear a mask. For further information contact: **Yolanda Arredondo** at **510-303-4023** or email at **yarredondo747@gmail.com** Hope you can join us.

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 — Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm — 25

Second Reading — 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

Gospel — Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

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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. 30, 2024—Dec. 6, 2024)

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Evangelina Barrera, Antonio Barrera & Ester Zavalla
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Serafim Vargas
	9:00 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Sherrilyn Burkey
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Francis Fresquez
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Jean Lucille Wilgus
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Martin Agegian
Thur.	11:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Lucas & Nicolas Santos
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	Mickey Williams

Putting My Catholic Faith into Action through the St Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Society

Frederic Ozanam put his faith into action to accomplish by love what justice cannot do by founding SVdP in 1833. My parents were great examples of this concept, always finding ways to give, even with seven children. They were honored as "Senior Volunteers" by the City of Newark, and recognized by the East Bay Times for their charitable work.

Inspired by their example, I joined SVdP in 2002 because it was connected to our church. In addition to working with Transfiguration's SVdP chapter, I also assisted at the All Saints SVdP pantry and made sandwiches. My greatest joy came when I started volunteering at the SVdP dining room in Oakland, where I met great people and experienced a sense of fulfillment. During and after COVID, many volunteers did not return to serve at the dining room, so I began serving four days a week, where I continue to find great gratification. My goal is to help accomplish Frederic Ozanam's mission by putting my Catholic faith into action to accomplish by love what justice cannot do.

Adele Jenkins



Coffee and Donuts

Clarence & Sheila Decanno will be hosting coffee and donuts this Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.



Monday evening, Dec. 2, 2024 in the Marian room, **7:00-8:00 p.m.** Please arrange Zoom connectivity with Mike Dresen at bibles-tudy@transfigcv.org if attending remotely. Free will offering.