

# Church of the Transfiguration

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November 17, 2024

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



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### **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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Saturdays 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

### **BAPTISMS**

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### **FUNERALS**

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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*

## Christmas Holiday Boutique!

**Transfiguration's Christmas Holiday Boutique** is in two weeks, **November 23 and 24.** We are in need of cookies, cakes, treats, etc. that you can bake for our Bake Sale. Last year our Bake Sale and White Elephant Sale were a big success. Please bag your goodies ready to sell and drop them off at the church hall on Saturday, November 23 between 12 noon and 2:30 p.m. or on Sunday, November 24 between 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. All proceeds benefit Transfiguration Church. Please call Vivian Zaleski (510) 331-9920 if you have any questions.

*and*

The Christmas Holiday Boutique will be having their **White Elephant Sale** again. Last year's was a big success! Please bring your donatable knick-knacks, excess small kitchen ware items, and or personal items that are in good condition and can be sold at our boutique. All proceeds will go to Transfiguration Church! Please **NO clothes, appliances or extra-large items.** Drop off on Saturday, November 23 between 12 noon and 2:30 p.m. (NO sooner!) at the church hall for approval. Items that do not sell will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you so much for your help!

## Stewardship Corner

The collection total for the weekend of:

**Nov. 9th thru Nov. 10th — \$8,400.00**

**Bishop's Appeal — \$14,624.22 42.52% of Goal**  
(compared to \$12,000 average weekly stewardship goal) parish community.

**A Message  
from the  
Pastor**  
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November 17, 2024

My brothers and sisters in the Lord,

In 2017, Pope Francis suggested the Catholic Church set aside one day each year when communities can “reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel.” He designated this Sunday, November 17th, as the World Day of the Poor. It is the Eighth World Day of Prayer with the theme: “The prayer of the poor rises up to God. In his message for this World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis acknowledges yet again that the poor hold a privileged place in God’s heart and so Pope Francis invites us all to pray for the poor, and to pray together with the poor.

It is so important to have examples to follow in today’s world as we strive to offer service to the poor. Pope Francis offers Mother Teresa of Calcutta as that example. She spent her life working for the poor, describing herself as “only a poor sister who prays.” A question that we need to ask ourselves is..... how do we personally reach out the poor around us?

My friends, Pope Francis, in his message this year’s World Sunday for the Poor, shares with us that “we are called in every circumstance to be friends of the poor, following in the footsteps of Jesus who always began by showing solidarity when dealing with the least among us.” Today, and in truth every day, we are invited to offer friendship, solidarity and welcome to the poorest of our sisters and brothers. Reaching out with love and support, let us hold all members of our global family in our prayers.

Let us not forget to keep the little details alive.... giving a little attention, a smile, a word of comfort. None of these actions are automatic. A daily commitment is required. These efforts need to be strengthened by prayer. Pray for the greatest and the least among us. Pray for those most in need: the poor, the marginalized, the suffering and forgotten. Let us pray for each other because as Pope Francis shared in his message: No one is excluded from his (God’s) heart, for in His eyes, we are all poor in the Lord. Each and every day, may our prayers rise up to God.

Fr. Raphael

**“The prayer of the poor rises up to God: Sirach 21:5”**

## 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.



### **Transfiguration Crab Feed**

Our Crab Feed Planning Meeting is this Sunday November 17 at 10am at the Transfig Hall. Please join us if you would like to help with the planning. Thank you!

Sunita D'Costa

### **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!

### **Night of Remembrance**

We will be celebrating our loved ones that have passed this year 2024. If you would like to join us in this "Night of Remembrance" on Nov. 23rd at 7pm, please complete the form located at the tables at the back of the church.

### **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, Nov. 21, 2024**  
**9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.**

**Speaker: Sr. Pat Nagel IHM and**  
**Sr. Sharon Joyer SNDdeN**  
**Topic: "Reflection on Laudato Si"**

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

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Daniel 12:1-3

**Psalm** — 16

**Second Reading** — Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

**Gospel** — Mark 13:24-32

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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. 16, 2024—Nov. 22, 2024)**

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Rosa, Eduina, Belmira Freitas & All Saints
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Spcl Int Jim and Carol Siorakes
	9:00 a.m.	Serafim Vargas
	11:00 a.m.	For The People
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Connie Gananca
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Fred Weakley
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Trudy Akka
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	Isaias Rosales, Onorio Rosales, Maria C. Rosales
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	Giuseppa & Nunzio Vincenzo Latora Giovanna and Nunzia Lambusta

### **Solemnity Of Christ The King** **November 24, 2024**

The Eucharistic Procession begins with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Transfiguration at 2:00 PM followed by procession to Our Lady of Grace Church and Benediction.

### **SVdP Meeting Reminder**

Our meeting is this Sunday, **November 17, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rectory and via Zoom.** Please contact Mike Dresen (510-274-0830) if you would like to join or to learn more about this ministry.

### **Catholic Campaign** **for Human Development**

**This November 17, 2022** is the collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. Over 434 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. To learn more about CCHD locally, visit: [www.cchdeastbay.org](http://www.cchdeastbay.org).

### **Coffee and Donuts**



JV & Tess Bernas will be hosting coffee and donuts this Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Stop by and enjoy the fellowship.



Monday evening, Nov. 18, 2024 in the Marian room, **7:00-8:00 p.m.** Please arrange Zoom connectivity with Mike Dresen at [biblestudy@transfigcv.org](mailto:biblestudy@transfigcv.org) if attending remotely. Free will offering.

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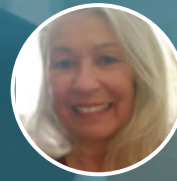
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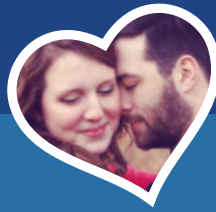
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