

# Church of the Transfiguration

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**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)

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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**

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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)

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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**

### **Music Ministry News**

Our wonderful Adult Choir will be back after the summer break in the end of August and we are looking for new choir members! We are a friendly and supportive group and would love you to join us in inspiring and uplifting experience of praising God in song! We rehearse on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and sing on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Mass. If you never tried or if you haven't sung in a choir in a while this would be a great time to join Transfiguration Adult Choir! Reading the music is not required. Please contact Alex Katsman, the Music Ministry Director, by email at [music@transfigcv.org](mailto:music@transfigcv.org)

You can also leave a message at (510) 538-7941, ext.302 or see our musicians at the church on a weekend. We are looking forward to meeting you!

If you are a high school/college person who likes to sing we want to hear from you too!

If you play an instrument and would like to be a part of the Music Ministry at Transfiguration we would like to invite you also! Please contact Alex for further details.

### **Our Lady of Grace News**

Our Lady of Grace invites you to the 9:00 am Mass followed by a celebration of Catholic Education for grades TK-8 at 10:00am this January 26th at the school building. Tour the school, and meet students and parents and greet the teachers as we celebrate learning in all its forms.

Our Lady of Grace Open House on Saturday, February 1 at 10:30 a.m. in Stack Center. Tour the school, meet our principal, Dr. Gena McGowan, our teachers and school parents. Learn about our dual-language early childhood program and our language-immersed curriculum. Also, meet representatives from our after-school programs, CYO Board, PTG Board, Tech Coordinator, and Kid Karé Director.

Applications for grades TK-8 will be available for the 2025-2026 school year. For more information, please call the OLG School Office at 510-581-3155 between 8:30am -3:00pm. Visit the school's website at: <https://www.olgschool.org/>

### **Credit, Debit and Electronic Check Offerings**

If you would like to make your Sunday offering by credit or debit card or, electronic check, please go to our website: [transfigchurch.com](http://transfigchurch.com) and click on the "Donate" tab. Please call the office for further assistance if needed.

### **Stewardship Corner**

The collection total for the weekends of:

**Jan. 18th thru Jan. 19th — \$6,502.00**

**Bishop's Appeal — \$25,605.42 76.21% of Goal**  
(compared to \$12,000 average weekly stewardship goal) parish community.

### **A Message**



**from the  
Pastor**

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January 26, 2025

My Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

2025 is A Jubilee Holy Year, the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord, an "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church." The concept of "Jubilee" has its origins in the Book of Leviticus (chapter 25) as a special year of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and coming home. Pope Francis has designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope."



Since the solemn opening of the 2025 Jubilee Year which took place on Christmas Eve, already over 500,000 pilgrims from all over the world have passed through the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. Hundreds of groups have already made their pilgrimage with the Jubilee cross leading them as they move prayerfully along Via della Conciliazione, to reach the Basilica. This is a very significant beginning to the Jubilee Year. The tremendous amount of people making the journey gives an important witness and we here in the Diocese of Oakland are encouraged to do the same.

For this year's Jubilee, Our Holy Father decreed that the only "Holy Doors" will be in Rome. That being said, the Cathedral of Christ the Light is still designated as a special place of pilgrimage to gain the Holy Year Indulgence. The Opening Celebration for the Jubilee Year took place this past Sunday, January 19, at the 11:00 AM Mass celebrated at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland. Instead of a Holy Door, the emphasis here in the Diocese of Oakland will focus on a Holy Cross. The cross comes from the Old Mission San Jose. It is the foundation cross used by the Franciscan friars in 1797 to establish the Mission. The Cross was carried in procession on Sunday and has been placed in a prominent place for veneration in the Cathedral for the duration of the Year. Making this Spiritual Journey and fulfilling the obligations, a Plenary Indulgence – remission of temporal punishment due to sin – can be received.

Many have already entered into the spirit of the Jubilee by taking part in the opening celebrations of the Holy Year such as were held this past Sunday, January 19, at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland and in dioceses throughout the world. Celebrations will be taking place in our Diocese and in our Churches throughout this Jubilee Year

Fr. Raphael



**January 26, 2025**  
**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21**

A young couple in my parish told me they were expecting their second child, a baby boy. I knew that their five-year old only child Emma had been desperately wanting to be a big sister for years, so I said, "Emma must have been so happy when you told her the news." "Actually," they said, "she burst into tears. She wanted a baby sister!" How often in life God wonderfully fulfills our desires and we are sad because we don't approve of the way he does it. We want to control the gift and the delivery method.

The same thing occurs in the Gospel this week when Jesus announces in his hometown that the promise of an Anointed One bringing glad tidings to the poor is "fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21). After a moment of elation, his fellow townsfolk realize this man is the way God is fulfilling his promises, and they erupt into a violent outburst. So Jesus departs. How sad for them.

Every single Sunday at Mass, including this one, some version of this happens to many of us. God's word announces the fulfillment of God's promises in Christ, and we easily overlook or disdain it. His way is almost never according to our narrow expectations. What's required of us is to set these aside, and to embrace a new openness to God's gifts, no matter how he wishes to give them. God is fulfilling his promises the way He likes — why be sad?

— Father John Muir

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**Transfiguration Crab Feed Update**

**Thank you for your patronage (entry tickets as well as 50/50 tickets), your volunteerism, your donations, your prayers. The crab feed was wonderful.**

**Thank you to :**

- 1) Transfiguration Confirmation Group - Servers
- 2) Alan Pricco and Marcelina Enrile - Wine donation
- 3) Giuseppe Scoppetta - Gift Certificate for "Cafe Tiramisu" in San Francisco
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- 6) Barbara Mehan - Gift Basket
- 7) Lucy Cronin - Gift Basket
- 8) All the other donors - too many to mention
- 9) All the volunteers - who gave their time and energy

It takes a community to host a successful event and we are very grateful and appreciative of everyone who helped to make it a success.

Until the next event!

**Crab Feed Planning Committee**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

**Psalm** — 19

**Second Reading** — 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

**Gospel** — Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

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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 (Jan. 25, 2025—Jan. 31, 2025)**

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Ann C. Kuta
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	For The People
	9:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Nils & Chelsea Langstrom
	11:00 a.m.	Clarence Vaz
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Linda De Benedittis
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Antonio & Rufino Nartia, Sr.
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Augusto & Eduina, Manuel & Joe Silva and All Souls
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	Douglas Soares
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Luis Rodriguez and Family

**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, Feb. 6, 2025**  
**9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.**

**Speaker: Dr. Doreen Jones**

**Topic: "Tools for cultivating peace in a Chaotic World"**

For further information or, if you would like to attend, please contact: Rose Anne Ryken

[RARYKEN39@gmail.com](mailto:RARYKEN39@gmail.com)

**Coffee and Donuts**



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



We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners. Please pick up a registration form at the vestibule of the church and return it to the Parish Office. This helps us to serve you better.



Monday evening, Jan. 27, 2024 in the Marian room, **7:00-8:00 p.m.** Please arrange Zoom connectivity with Mike Dresen at [bibles-tudy@transfigcv.org](mailto:bibles-tudy@transfigcv.org) if attending remotely. Free will offering.

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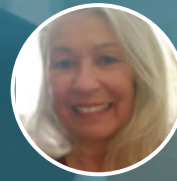
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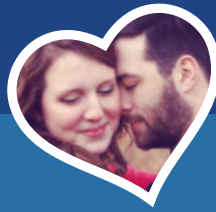
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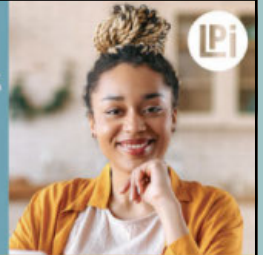
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