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February 9, 2025

Mission Statement: "Transfiguring Our Community Through Faith"



*Be my
Valentine*

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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

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.

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: What does it mean to lower your net? It means to listen to God, even when you don't understand Him. It means to keep trying the hard thing that you know is the right thing. It means to keep loving the person who is making life hard on you.

The Catch

I love today's Gospel passage, and not just because I love a good fish fry.

I love it because I am Peter. Over and over again, I am Peter, standing here exhausted because I relied on my own abilities, and it got me nowhere. I'm ready to call it quits. I'm ready to say it's too hard. And here comes Jesus, asking me to lower my net. To keep trying.

And I try to talk sense into him. "It's not going to work, God," I insist. "I've been trying."

"You've been trying," Jesus agrees. "But you haven't asked for my help yet."

What does it mean to lower your net? It sounds so simple and so easy, but it takes a great deal of humility and trust. I think I'm the expert on my own life, the captain of my own ship. Peter probably thought so, too — he was the fisherman, after all. Why would a fisherman listen to a carpenter on matters of fishing?

Lowering your net means giving God control and letting yourself be changed by what He chooses to show you.

It means to listen to God's instructions, even when you don't understand them, even when you find them frustrating. It means to keep trying the hard thing that you know is the right thing, even when it hasn't born much fruit. It means to keep loving the person who is making life hard on you, even when all you want to do is give into feelings of bitterness and distrust.

If we would only lower our nets, the catch would astound us.

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Stewardship Corner

The collection total for the weekends of:

Feb. 1st thru Feb. 2nd — \$8,484.00

Bishop's Appeal (Final)

\$27,725.42 82.52% of Goal

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

A Message



**from the
Pastor**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

This Sunday and, in fact, this entire week is dedicated to Marriage. This Sunday, February 9, is World Marriage Sunday and from February 7 through February 14, we have the observance of National Marriage Week. Recognizing these special events, National Marriage Week and World Marriage Sunday, we have an opportunity to focus our attention on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme is **Marriage: Source of Hope, Spring of Renewal. Pursue a Lasting Love!**

As the Church participates in National Marriage Week and the Jubilee of Hope, the importance of being humble in the covenant of marriage is noteworthy. Consider on how of all the virtues that compliment marital love, humility is of special importance because it strengthens the marriage bond at its core. Humility encourages generosity between spouses without counting the cost. It makes a couple's marital love more resilient. When spouses humbly offer love to each other, the daily familial bumps and bruises that happen heal more quickly. With each gesture of humility, whether in word or action, the pursuit of lasting love becomes more than just a fanciful idea; it finds a home where it is lived and felt. When spouses are humble in relationship with each other, love grows.

For all Christians, for all the baptized seeking to live humbly, The Celebration of the Mass, The Eucharist, is an immense source of strength for marital life. Each Celebration of the Mass is a Celebration of Christ's Sacrificial Love. At each Mass we are to acknowledge our weaknesses to experience forgiveness so that then we are fed at the Table of the Lord. Strengthen and nourished we are blessed to live as Christ's humble servants.

At each celebration of Christ's sacrificial love, we begin by acknowledging our sins and brokenness in the penitential rite and then are fed at the table of the Word of God and in the sacrament of his body and blood. Strengthened and nourished, we are blessed and sent forth as renewed disciples as his humble servants. Seeking forgiveness in our relationships and in a special way in Marriage as we celebrate World Marriage Sunday and National Marriage Week is essential that love continues to grow. In Marriage, may couples celebrate their love for each with great frequency. In life may we all celebrate love for Jesus and one another. To live a virtuous life is the call. May we all strive to imitate Jesus' selfless love, and in humility think of others before ourselves, showing each other and the world around us how to discover lasting love.

Fr. Raphael

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 and click on the "Donate" tab. Please call the office for further assistance if needed.

Assistive Listening System Availability

Transfiguration offers assistive listening devices for use during Mass. If you would like to use an assistive listening device with our sound system, please arrive 10 minutes prior to the start of Mass and see the musicians. We have over the ear headphones available for your use, or a t-coil lanyard for parishioners with t-coil equipped hearing aids. You are also welcome to bring your own headphones for use with the assistive listening receiver.

Dress-A-Girl Meeting Reminder

Next meeting will be this **Wed, February 12, 2025, 10:00am—12:00noon** at the Transfig Church Hall.

Congratulations to the parents of:

**Alexander James Zapata
Olivia Macy Quebral Trinidad**

**were baptized at Transfiguration
on February 2, 2025**

SVdP Meeting Reminder

Our meeting is this Sunday, **February 16, 2025 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.

MISSION ALLIGNMENT PROCESS (MAP)

Bishop Michael C. Barber's presented Three Parish Priorities: The attention given to the Celebration of the Mass. Sunday Mass should be a personal and communal encounter with Jesus Christ. This encounter should have us saying "It is good for us to be here!" The need to emphasize Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. We need to become Missionary Disciples. It is not enough just to practice our faith on our own.

The MAP committee would like to invite the parishioners from Transfiguration and Our Lady of Grace Parishes to a "**Catholic Community of Castro Valley**" Town Hall meeting on **Tuesday February 18th at 7PM** at the **Stack Center at Our Lady of Grace**. The committee will be sharing their proposed recommendation based on the guidelines given to them by the bishop. This meeting will be a chance for everyone to voice questions and concerns over the proposed recommendation. Though this committee has been tasked with making a recommendation, the final decision will be up to the bishop.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Psalm — 138

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel — Luke 5:1-11

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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 (Feb. 8, 2025—Feb. 14, 2025)

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Luis Capela
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Mary Jane Thompson
	9:00 a.m.	Magdalena Padilla
	11:00 a.m.	Antoinette Ilacqua
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Guia Lopez
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Linda Schwartz
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Manuel & Joe Silva and All Souls
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	Manuel, Antonio, Belmira Freitas and All Souls
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	Anselmo Lucas

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. 20, 2025
9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.**

**Speaker: Father Mark Wiesner
Topic: Cultivating Peace in a Chaotic World**

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

RARYKEN39@gmail.com

Pancake Breakfast!!!

Join us this Sunday, Feb. 9th after the 7:30am and 9:00am Masses. Cheapest breakfast in town!



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, Feb. 10, 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.

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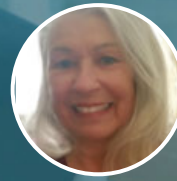
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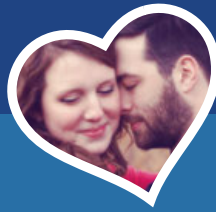
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