

# Church of the Transfiguration

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February 16, 2025

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



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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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Saturdays 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

### **BAPTISMS**

Please call the Parish Office to register.

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

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## **(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR DINARY MOMENTS**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: Jesus was radical in his teaching that the “stuff” in life wasn’t all that important. It was radical for him to say that the worldly signs of success did not amount to a whole lot in the grand scheme of things and that suffering could sanctify us. Are we ready to be radical, too?

In the End, Does it Matter?

When I was a teenager, the priest I would go to for confession used to tell me, over and over: “In the end, we all get the same dirty hole in the ground.”

What he meant was, it doesn’t matter how rich or smart or well-liked we are. We’re all heading to the same place. This life comes to an end for every man. All the money he earns, all the stuff, all the worldly esteem, will at some point be of no further use. We all get the same dirty hole in the ground.

It was an important message for me to hear, because at the time, it all seemed so important: my after-school job and my FAFSA application and my grades. The admiration of my friends and teachers. I was so consumed with what I was going to become that I wasn’t spending a lot of time thinking about who I was going to become. But the who is the only thing that lasts until the next life.

And to be honest, it’s all still too important to me. Avoiding sadness and disappointment. Saving money and being liked. Focusing on “the five-year plan” when it comes to career, house plans, and a whole bunch of other things I can’t take to my dirty hole in the ground.

Jesus was radical in his teaching that the “stuff” in life wasn’t all that important. It was radical for him to say that the worldly signs of success — wealth, popularity, pleasure — did not amount to a whole lot in the grand scheme of things and that suffering could sanctify us. It was radical in the ancient world, and it’s radical today.

Are we ready to be radical, too?

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### **Stewardship Corner**

The collection total for the weekends of:

**Feb. 8th thru Feb. 9th — \$7,353.00**

**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 Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

A major concern is the safety of our migrants. In light of this concern, I’d like to share with you the communication that all the parishes received from the Diocese. It reads... In accordance with our Diocesan commitment to ensure as much as possible the safety of our migrant brothers and sisters, the Office of Respect Life and Social Justice is collaborating with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), local public safety authorities and active organizations. Our collaboration seeks to provide our Diocesan clergy and staff with as much clarity and resources as they are available. In an effort to be as prepared as we can to the possible presence of ICE agents in our Churches and Schools, we ask that you please refer and adhere to the guidelines provided from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. In essence, we have a right to ask for a warrant and federal agents have a right to arrest noncitizens who have a criminal record even if they don’t have a warrant.....

Under the pastoral leadership of Most Rev. Bishop Barber, ... we will continue to work diligently in advocacy, safety protocols and resource offerings. We welcome your ideas, questions, and resources in this common effort to protect the most vulnerable among us. Thank you for all your already present offerings of solidarity and collaboration.

Kiona Medina, Coordinator of Respect Life and Social Justice. Diocese of Oakland. [kmedina@oakdiocese.org](mailto:kmedina@oakdiocese.org)  
<https://www.oakdiocese.org/immigration>.

Frequently asked question are posted on the bulletin board at the main entrance to the Church.

In case you witness ICE in our community you can call Rapid Response to access a network of support including legal services in Alameda County: 510-241-4011.

Fr. Raphael

**Obstructing or otherwise interfering with immigration enforcement is a crime, and anyone involved in such activities may be subject to prosecution under federal law. However, the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution still applies to immigration enforcement actions on most private property, meaning DHS officers and agents attempting enforcement in a private home or area require: (1) consent from an individual with authority over a place; (2) a judicial warrant (a warrant signed by a judge); or (3) the presence of exigent circumstances (similar to those listed above). Importantly, 1-9 site inspections at places of employment generally do not require an administrative or judicial warrant when three days notice is provided. Enforcement, or the threat of enforcement, on property owned by religious institutions may raise concerns under the First Amendment & Religion Clauses and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.**



### MAP Meeting Reminder

Please be reminded of our forthcoming meeting this coming Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 7pm at Our Lady of Grace Stack Center. Should you have questions to ask please forward them to the Rectory Office. Thank you!

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### Coffee and Donuts



Mario & Lilia Fabian will be hosting coffee and donuts this Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Stop by and enjoy the fellowship.

### 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 ALLIGHMENT 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** — Jeremiah 17:5-8

**Psalm** — 1

**Second Reading** — 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

**Gospel** — Luke 6:17, 20-26

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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. 15, 2025—Feb. 21, 2025)

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Bart Jorellana
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	For The People
	9:00 a.m.	Nunzio Parisi
	11:00 a.m.	Mario Cirimele
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Manuel, Antonio, Belmora Freitas and All Souls
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Luis Yap, Jr.
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Manuel & Joe Silva and All Souls
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	Mario Cirimele
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	Roberta Rogers

### 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

### NO CCD/Confirmation Sunday, February 16, 2025



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.

**There will be NO Adult Bible Study from February 17, 2025 thru March 3, 2025. We will resume on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 7pm at the Marian Room. Thank you!**

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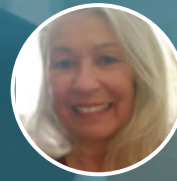
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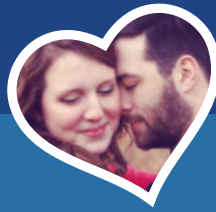
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