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March 16, 2025

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

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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

Transfiguration SVdP Hosts Refreshments, Fellowship and a Canned Food Drive

Join us for refreshments at the vestibule in the church after each mass on the weekend of **March 29 and 30**. Come connect with fellow parishioners and St. Vincent de Paul volunteers. Please bring canned food items to our table or place them in the collection bins in the vestibule. We will also gladly accept cash donations.

Here is a list of items to donate to help nourish those in need in our community:

- **pasta with meat (ravioli, spaghetti, beefaroni, etc),**
- **meat (chicken, chili, spam, and tuna)**
- **beans, including pork-n-beans,**
- **green beans,**
- **corn, &**
- **fruit**

The food we collect will be provided to the Our Lady of Grace homeless camp ministry and other local charities that provide non-perishable food to those in need. Thanks in advance for supporting this event!

Warm Regards,
Laura Putnam-Ladley

SVdP Meeting Reminder

Our meeting is this Sunday, **March 16, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rectory Conference Room and via Zoom**. Please contact Mike Dresen (510-813-6854) if you would like to join or to learn more about this ministry.

Coffee and Donuts



Ralph & Sunita Fernandes will be hosting coffee and donuts this Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Stop by and enjoy the fellowship.

Please Note

During Lent, Mass will begin without the usual procession into the Church. We ask the community to be quiet and meditate in silence five minutes before Mass begins.

Thank You!!

Catholic Relief Services Collection

March 22-23, 2025

Funds from this collection help provide food for the hungry and support to displaced families around the world.

Stations of the Cross every Friday night at 7:30 pm in Church during Lent.

Stewardship Corner

The collection total for the weekends of

Mar. 8th thru Mar. 9th — \$6,043.00

Rice Bowl — \$928.89

Ash Wednesday — \$377.00

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

Thank you for continuing in your stewardship role of providing for the upkeep of our parish community.

March 16, 2025



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During this time of Lent, we are invited to grow in our relationship with God. This holy season presents an opportunity for us to set aside some quality time to be with the Lord, to talk with the Lord and listen to Him speak to us. Very simply, Lent invites us to spend time in prayer. And, please remember that when we pray, we enter into a conversation with God. Spending time in prayer, we strive to live out our deep desire to grow closer to God and to receive what God longs to give all of us: God's unconditional love.

Prayer, then, is the courage to listen to the gentle voice of love. Listening means allowing God space to speak to us: through the quiet of prayer, in our own deep desires, through the Scripture, or through the words of someone meaningful in our lives. As in any relationship, we are invited not only to speak, but also to listen with an open mind and heart.

To do this we need to spend a few moments quieting down and settling into a prayerful and comfortable position. Then, we need to find a space where we are free of distractions. Silence and solitude can help us focus on things like the reading of Scripture or looking back on moments from one's day/life. A quiet place helps us to listen more deeply to God's presence, as well as taking note of our response.

Even when we might not have time to quiet down, we can be assured that God meets us where we are. That means that God does speak to us in the noise and confusion of our day. Even if we only have time to stop for a moment, calling to mind God's presence, or speak a petition...that's prayer.

There are several different methods of prayer.

Here are a few classic methods of prayer that you might want to make a part of your own prayer life.

The Rosary: This popular devotional prayer invites us to meditate on the saving mysteries of Jesus' life and the faithful witness of Mary, our Mother in faith.

Lectio Divina: In this prayer of "divine reading," we listen to how God speaks to us through slowly reading and contemplating Scripture or other texts.

Centering Prayer: We focus silently on a sacred word that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence within us.

Contemplation: We use our imagination to place ourselves in a scene from Scripture using all our senses and take notice of how God may be speaking to us.

The Examen: An opportunity for us to prayerfully review our day in the presence of God.

Let each of us find a prayer method with which we are comfortable so that our relationship with God can grow. Throughout these 40 days of Lent, we are given an excellent opportunity for God to know our hearts and our needs and be drawn into a deeper communion with Him. At all times, pray!

Fr. Raphael

OLG's WEDNESDAY LENTEN MASS & SOUP MEAL

Beginning on March 12th, Our Lady of Grace invites you to join us for our Lenten Masses held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm, followed by a simple meal of soup and bread in Stack Center. It will be a time for fellowship and families coming together. We thank OLG's ministries for their hospitality for these meals. Financial donations will be accepted for CRS Rice Bowl.



Rice Bowl boxes are available at the vestibule of the Church. Please pick up your box on your way out after Mass. Thank You in sharing your gifts.

Fasting and Feasting

Lent should be more than a time of fasting.
It should also be a joyous season of feasting.
Lent is a time to fast from certain things
and to feast on others.

It is a season in which we should:
Fast from judging others feast on
the Christ dwelling within them.
Fast from emphasis on differences;
feast on the unity of all life,
Fast from thoughts of illness;
Feast on the healing power of God.
Fast from works that pollute;
feast on phrases that purify.

Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger; feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.

Fast from worry; feast on divine order.

Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.

Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives.

Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern;

feast on compassion for others.

Fast from discouragement; feast from hope.

Fast from suspicion; feast on truth.

Fast from thoughts that weaken;

feast on promises that inspire.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Psalm — 27

Second Reading — Philippians 3:17—4:1

Gospel — Luke 9:28b-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 (Mar. 15, 2025—Mar. 21, 2025)

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Anselmo Lucas
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Maria Vargas Teresa Silva
	9:00 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Nunzio Parisi
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Poor Claire Sisters of Immaculate Heart
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Rosa, Maria, Filomena Freitas and All Souls
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Dina Vignale
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Myrna Viray
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	Eric & Mila Madulid

Need Prayer?

Do you need prayer, or does someone you know need prayer? Whether it's for healing, thanksgiving or any other intention, our St Vincent de Paul members would love to pray for your personal intentions. Contact any of our members, or go to <https://transfigchurch.com/parish-ministries-groups/outreach/st-vincent-de-paul-society/> fill out the short form, and our members will gladly pray. Prayer is powerful!!

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, Mar. 20, 2025
9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.**

Speaker: Meg Bowerman & Dr. Allisom Tanner
Topic: Testimonies from Palestine and our Gospel Calling

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

RARYKEN39@gmail.com



Monday evening, Mar. 17, 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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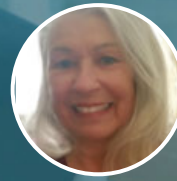
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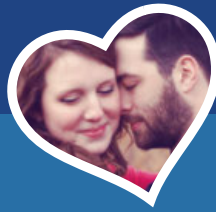
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