

# Church of the Transfiguration

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April 20, 2025

**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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### **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)

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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**

## **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, May 1, 2025**  
**9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.**

**Speaker: Michael Cunningham**  
**Topic: TBA**

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



Monday evening, Apr. 21, 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.



**FOLLOWING 9:AM MASS ON APRIL 20!!!**  
**SEE YOU THERE!**

### **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.

### **Cinco de Mayo Potluck Dance Party**

Everyone at Transfiguration and Our Lady of Grace is invited to a potluck dinner-dance at the Transfiguration Parish Hall on **Saturday May 3rd at 6:30 pm.**

This is a Holy Spirit potluck. Please bring either an appetizer, an entree or a dessert. We will provide drinks. Looking forward to a lovely evening with all of you.

Fr. Raphael



April 20, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is risen! He is truly risen! Alleluia! This Easter message echoes through the whole world proclaiming Christ's ultimate victory of light over darkness, grace over sin, and life over death. It is the message upon which we build our lives and to which we have our victory over death. Because Jesus has died and has risen, we have life everlasting. My friends, pray that we live our lives in and with and through the Risen Lord.

**In the name of our Parish Community here at The Church of the Transfiguration, the friars and staff wish you and your families a most holy and blessed Easter!**

The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, The Passion of the Lord on Good Friday and The Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday Night and the Mass of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday offer us the most moving experience of our faith. Having celebrated these most holy days, let us pray for one another. In prayer, each one of us is lifted up. Along with our personal prayers for one another, know that everyone is being prayed for at our Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Liturgies. We are being remembered at each of our Eucharistic Celebrations. Our Risen Lord is with us. He sustains us so that we might live our lives walking in His Light. Renouncing sin and professing our faith, we strive to do our best to be a faithful people, loving God and one another. My friends, the example we give and the prayers we offer are blessings. So please, offer prayers for the members of our Parish Community. Lift each other up in prayer. Ask the Risen Lord to be with every one of us all the days of our lives. I ask that for a few moments you consider the Easter event! On Holy Thursday, Jesus sat down with His friends and shared The Supper of the Lord. The Eucharist was instituted. On Good Friday, Jesus Christ suffered and died. He was placed in the tomb and the tomb did not hold Him. He rose from the dead. On Easter Morn, the glory of the Risen Lord is revealed. We, like those who came to tomb early Easter Morning, are in awe. Jesus is not in the tomb. Jesus Christ is risen and we shout: Alleluia, it is true. The Lord is Risen. It is true. As the Lord revealed Himself to His Disciples, He reveals Himself to us. My friends, today is The Celebration of The Resurrection of the Lord, Easter Sunday. Today is the culmination of the most holy days in the life of the Church. Thank you for your participation in the life of the Church, especially in these most holy days. As we celebrate The Lord's Resurrection and during the Easter season of 50-days, joyfully give thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed on you, individually, and upon us as a faith community.

May you have a most blessed and Happy and Holy Easter! Jesus Christ is Risen! It is true! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Fr. Raphael, the Friars and Staff of Transfiguration Church**

### **Walk for the Poor** **St. Vincent de Paul**

Our St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) members will be collecting donations for our Annual Walk for the Poor after all the masses on April 26 and 27. The Walk will take place in the Transfiguration parking lot from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on **Saturday, May 3**. Fathers Rapheal, Kevin, and Luke along with about a dozen SVdP members and spouses and friends will be walking. All interested parishioners, family and friends are encouraged to join us in the Walk. Dogs on a leash are welcome. Participants can walk as little or much as they wish. Donations will also be accepted on the day of the Walk. All of the proceeds will be used to help meet the increase in requests we are getting from those in need in our community. If you would like to participate in the Walk, contact Carl Bellone (carl.bellone@gmail.com) or sign up at the table after mass. Your support is greatly appreciated!

### **Searching high and Low for our Wonderful Graduates**

**Attention: CLASS of '25...**



Our Transfiguration community will be celebrating a Mass honoring our graduates on **Sunday, May 25 at 9:00 am** ... HOWEVER, in order to HONOR you,

we first must FIND You! Our computer records are a bit corrupted and out of date. So we need your help "Old School" style. We are looking for names and addresses of our Amazing Grads High School, College, Trade School, Grad School, GED, Military duty... Moving on up!

**We know you are out there! Please help us Locate YOU!** If you are, or know of, a 2025 Grad — PLEASE email: the Grad's Name, Mailing Address, and email address to ...Pat's OLD email: TransfigCCD@aol.com Or call and leave a Voice message at 510-582-4562 (this is a Land Line and will Not accept texts, sorry, I told you old school). We all have had so many changes in the past few years, but one thing NEVER changes, and that is God's Love for, and Pride in, YOU!! Let's celebrate this JOYFUL change together! Sorry, Pre-K through 11th Graders—you will have to wait a bit for your turn at grad Mass, but Congratulations on your advancement. We are proud of you too.

### **Stewardship Corner**

The collection total for the weekends of

**Apr. 12th thru Apr. 13th — \$8,883.00**  
**Easater Offering — \$745.00**  
**Flower Offering — \$904.00**

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

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43

**Psalm** — 118

**Second Reading** — Colossians 3:1-4

**Passion** — John 20:1-9

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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 (Apr. 19, 2025—Apr. 25, 2025)**

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	For The People
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	For The People
	9:00 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	For The People
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Sean Delargy
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Eduina, Augusto, Manuel & Jose Silva and All Souls
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Antonio & Ana Lucaas
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	Dina Vignale
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Lucas Santos

### **WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

#### **Question:**

How do I discern if a call to do something big is really from God?

#### **Answer:**

Each day we face plenty of decisions about following God: whether or not to pray, how to treat people, and how to prioritize our time. Sometimes there can be something much more significant we discern: a vocational call, a promotion at work that requires a move, or a new ministry position at church. In addition to a pro-con list or a cost-benefit analysis, here are a few things to prayerfully consider and to talk over with trusted individuals.

Does it conform to God's will revealed in the Church? God doesn't call us to do something that contradicts the moral law. Will it encourage spiritual growth? Sometimes we need to choose between multiple good options. Consider the personal impact on you and others you are responsible for, like family. Other times we might be invited to do good for others, but when we assess our other life commitments, we see that saying yes to this would actually impede our prior responsibilities in the long run. Does the call seem consistent? This isn't to say that God won't do something new. Even so, consider if the call is consistent with your gifts and abilities. Can you see a "through-line" so to speak, with how your experiences have led you to this point? Do others confirm it? Share your reflections with trusted, insightful confidantes. Have they seen the same things you have, or are they bringing up new points to consider? Humbly add their relevant points to your considerations. Don't forget your gut. After you've carefully considered everything in your mind, don't neglect your instincts. Does your heart say yes or no?

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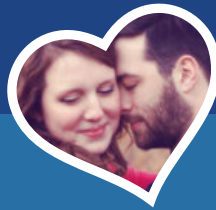
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