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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.

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PARISH OFFICE

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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. 28, 2025 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.

Our Lady of Grace School News

FESTIVAL T-SHIRT CONTEST: Our theme for this year's school and parish festival has to do with the 1950's theme since it is the 70th anniversary of the Our Lady of Grace school (established in 1955). Something along the lines of "rockin' OLG Fall Festival" is a place to start. The contest is open to all OLG and Transfiguration parish and school-aged children and entries are due back to the school or either parish office by May 5.

Coffee and Donuts



Laura & Ron Putnam will be hosting coffee and donuts this Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Stop by and enjoy the fellowship.

Your Prayers Are Requested for the Repose of:

Edward Bosch
(Husband of Cynthia Bosch)

Your Prayers Are Requested for the Repose of:

Michael McQuade

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 27, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Today, the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday. It was five days after the Canonization of St. Faustina, May 5, 2000, that the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter, this Sunday, be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

Repeatedly, The Lord requested of St. Faustina that a Feast of Mercy, Divine Mercy Sunday, be observed. On 14 occasions the Lord requested of St. Faustina: My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.

Celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, this afternoon at 3:00 PM at Our Lady of Grace Church, a Holy Hour for Divine Mercy will be taking place. Everyone is invited to attend.



HOLY HOUR FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Our Lady of Grace Church
Sunday, April 27, 2025
3:00 PM

Remembering Pope Francis, who passed from this life into the joy of the Kingdom this past Monday, April 21st, I would like to share with you some words of Pope Francis from Misericordia et Misera, November 20, 2016, which Pope Francis wrote showing how Pope Francis was consistent with the teaching of Divine Mercy and how Pope Francis made mercy a key theme of his Pontificate.....

"Mercy cannot become a mere parenthesis in the life of the Church; it constitutes her very existence, through which the profound truths of the Gospel are made manifest and tangible. Everything is revealed in mercy; everything is resolved in the merciful love of the Father."

—Pope Francis

Once again, everyone is invited to share in **A HOLY HOUR FOR DIVINE MERCY** being offered at 3:00 pm at Our Lady of Grace Church.

Fr. Raphael

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.

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Stewardship Corner

The collections total from last weekend
will be reported in the May 4th bulletin

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Acts 5:12-16

Psalm — 118

Second Reading — Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Passion — John 20:19-31

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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. 26, 2025—May 2, 2025)

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	The Silva Family
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	For The People
	9:00 a.m.	John & Maureen Brosnan
	11:00 a.m.	Mario Cirimele
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Rodolfo Recio
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Felipe Teixeira & Family
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Eduina, Augusto, Manuel Joe Silva & All Souls
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	Virgilio Mazon
Fri.	9:30 a.m.	Lilia Sousa

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thanks so much for making our first St Vincent de Paul canned food drive a success! We collected almost **400 canned food items and received \$380 in donations**. All the food was provided to Our Lady of Grace for distribution in local homeless camps and to stock their pantry that provides food to local people in need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

NOTE: May 2, 2025 is 1st Friday.
Mass schedule is at 9:30am. Thank you.

In Memoriam: Our Holy Father Pope Francis

Together with the whole Church we in the Diocese of Oakland mourn the passing of our Holy Father Pope Francis. He was unique among popes: One of a kind. He will be forever



known as "The Pope of Mercy." He called for a "Holy Year of Mercy" in 2016 which inspired an outpouring of charitable works and led to the reconciliation of thousands of Catholics with the Lord. May Pope Francis rest in peace. And may the angels lead him into paradise

- Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ

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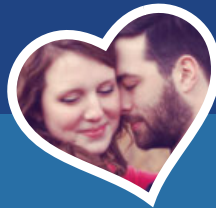


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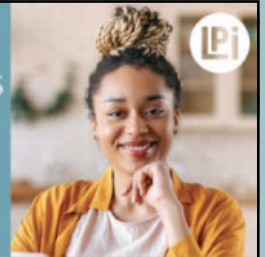
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