

# Church of the Transfiguration

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April 13, 2025

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



## **Rev. Raphael Zwolenkiewicz, OFM Conv, Pastor**

**Fr. Kevin Schindler-McGraw, OFM Conv, Parochial Vicar; Fr. Luke Vu, OFM Conv, Parochial Vicar;  
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](http://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**

Director of Religious Education: Wendy Estrada

(510) 537-1502 ReligiousEd@TransfigCV.org

### **SICK & HOMEBOUND MINISTRY:**

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### **LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

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Director: Alexander Katsman

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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](mailto:Rectory.Office@TransfigCV.org)

Bookkeeper, Phyllis Moore - [Rectory.Office@TransfigCV.org](mailto:Rectory.Office@TransfigCV.org)

**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, Apr. 17, 2025  
9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.**

**Speaker: Sister Anne Carrabino, SSS, MPA  
Topic: How Our Faith Calls To Respond**

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



Monday evening, Apr. 14, 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.

## **Pancake Breakfast!!!**

Join us this Sunday, April 13th after the 7:30am and 9:00am Masses. Cheapest breakfast in town!



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

## **SVdP Meeting Reminder**

Our meeting is this Sunday, **April 13, 2024 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.

## **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

## **A Message**



April 13, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today begins Holy Week. This Sunday, we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord when Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem and all the events that follow. It leads us through the Last Supper and the crucifixion of the Lord and brings us to The Great Celebration on Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord.

**My friends, the Lord's love for us is experienced in each significant step toward the cross and the Lord's Resurrection.**

Throughout the Celebration of the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday), beginning today with Palm Sunday and ending with Easter Sunday, we focus on the culmination of Jesus' coming to earth. On Holy Thursday, Jesus broke bread with His disciples at the Lord's Supper, The Last Supper. On Good Friday, Jesus carried His Cross. He suffered and died upon the Cross and His body was placed in the tomb. On Holy Saturday, with the Evening Celebration, Jesus rose from the dead and The Resurrection of the Lord is celebrated. On Palm Sunday, Jesus rode into Jerusalem; palm branches were strewn in Jesus' path, as He rode into the city. Then the emotions of the people changed calling for Jesus to be put to death. Please call to mind that every step toward the cross was intentional, every lesson filled with His personal love for all of us.

On Holy Thursday, Jesus and His disciples shared the Last Supper. Jesus washed the feet of His disciples. At this meal, the Lord took the bread and wine, blessed these simple gifts and shared them with his disciples. The Eucharist was instituted. The Lord's love for us is reflected in every significant step toward the cross and the Lord's Resurrection.

On Good Friday, the last day of Jesus' life on earth before His resurrection is celebrated. He was arrested and condemned to death. He carried His own cross to the place where He was crucified and died. There, Jesus cried out "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit," and died. The Lord's love for us is reflected in every significant step toward the cross and the Lord's Resurrection. Holy Saturday offers us time to be present to the Lord. It is quiet time when we are able to come before the Lord just to be with Him. The Lord's love for us is reflected in every significant step toward the cross and the Lord's Resurrection. Beginning at nightfall on Holy Saturday, the Easter Vigil – or the "Great Vigil" is celebrated. It is the high point of the Easter Triduum and of the entire liturgical year. It is when the Church keeps vigil at the tomb and rejoices with the arrival of Easter and Christ's Resurrection. **The Lord's love for us is reflected in every significant step toward the cross and the Lord's Resurrection.**

The Celebrations of the Sacred Triduum are rich with symbolism and flow from one to another in a seamless way. While it may appear as if these liturgies are separate and distinct, they are actually intended to be one continuous celebration that commemorates the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. Plan to attend the entire Triduum.

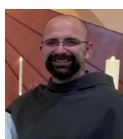
Fr. Raphael

## **Flower Collection**

There will be a collection for flowers to decorate our Church for Easter. Special envelopes are available in the pews. You may make a donation in memory of a loved one.

## **VIVA FRANCIS FOUNDATION**

The Viva Francis Foundation is devoted to the growth and development of the Franciscan mission by assisting the Conventual Franciscan friars in their ministries. Through the years, generous gifts from those who have witnessed and worked with the friars have made it possible to support the students in formation and the older friars that now need more living assistance. Two of the student friars that have benefitted from the Foundation are seen below. Older friars, such as Fr. Alan Ramirez, Fr. Stephen Gross, Fr. Alphonse van Guilder, Fr. Thomas Hamilton and others are now in need of additional care and support in their retirement and the Foundation is here to assist financially. This is all accomplished through your generosity.



Friar Wayne Mulei (in second year of theological studies, Silver Springs MD)



Friar Joseph Vu (recently completed theological studies, Franciscan Institute of Thu Duc)

### **How you can support the work of the Viva Francis Foundation:**

#### **Today:**

You can donate securely online at [VivaFrancis.org](http://VivaFrancis.org) or by mailing a check to:

Viva Francis Foundation  
P.O. Box 518  
Arroyo Grande, CA 93421-0518.

#### **Tomorrow:**

- Consider making one-time gifts from an IRA via Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs).
- Consider including the Viva Francis Foundation in your estate plan through bequests or beneficiary designations.

On behalf of the Friars and the Viva Francis Foundation, we are eternally grateful for any financial or prayerful support you can provide to help support the Community and their efforts.

**Should you have additional questions,  
please email: [info@vivafrancis.org](mailto:info@vivafrancis.org)**

## **Stewardship Corner**

The collection total for the weekends of

**Apr. 5th thru Apr. 6th — \$7,151.00**

(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.

## **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Isaiah 50:4-7

**Psalm** — 22

**Second Reading** — Philippians 2:6-11

**Passion** — Luke 22:14 — 23:56

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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. 12, 2025—Apr. 18, 2025)**

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Maria Vargas and Teresa Silva
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Carol Siorakes
	9:00 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	James Kearney, Jr.
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Jose and Joe Silva and All Souls
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Anselmo Lucas
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Eduina, Augusto, Manuel & Joe Silva & All Souls
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	For The People
	7:30 p.m.	For The People
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	For The People
	12:00 noon	For The People
	7:30 p.m.	For The People

## **Do You Know .....**

You can view our Sunday Bulletin via [ParishesOnline.com](http://ParishesOnline.com). Fill in the requested information then hit enter. You can also subscribe to have it delivered to your mailbox electronically.

## **Music Ministry News**

Our wonderful Adult Choir will be back after the summer break in the end of August and we are looking for new choir members! We are a friendly and supportive group and would love you to join us in inspiring and uplifting experience of praising God in song! We rehearse on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and sing on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Mass. If you never tried or if you haven't sung in a choir in a while this would be a great time to join Transfiguration Adult Choir! Reading the music is not required. Please contact Alex Katsman, the Music Ministry Director, by email at [music@transfigcv.org](mailto:music@transfigcv.org)

You can also leave a message at (510) 538-7941, ext.302 or see our musicians at the church on a weekend. We are looking forward to meeting you!

If you are a high school/college person who likes to sing we want to hear from you too!

If you play an instrument and would like to be a part of the Music Ministry at Transfiguration we would like to invite you also! Please contact Alex for further details.