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June 29, 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

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

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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 Bookkeeper, Phyllis Moore - 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

Coffee and Donuts



Sunita D'Costa will be hosting coffee and donuts this Sunday after the 9:00 a.m Mass. Stop by and enjoy the fellowship.



Monday evening, June 30, 2025 in the Marian room, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Please arrange Zoom connectivity with Mike Dresen at biblestudy@transfigev.org if attending remotely. BIBLESTUDY Free will offering.

Psalms: The School of Prayer

At the heart of the Bible are the Psalms, prayers from God that help us learn to pray. The Holy Spirit inspired them. Israel sang them. Christ himself prayed them, as did our Blessed Mother. These sacred hymns become our heartfelt response to God's loving and wondrous deeds for us. Their words captivate the imagination and draw us into a deeply personal encounter with God.

Our Lady of Grace Women's Faith Share will meet for an eleven-week Bible study Psalms: The School of Prayer starting Tuesday September 2, 2025 at 7PM in Stack Center and continuing through November 11, 2025. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of group discussion and fellowship. Cost is \$30. For more information or to register, contact Jay at 510-537-0806. Last day to register and pay will be Thursday August 14, 2025.

CCD NEWS

Faith Formation Registration 2025–2026

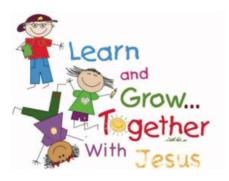
We are excited to announce that registration is now open for all children in Grades 1–12! This includes:

- Returning Students
- First Communion Preparation
- Confirmation Preparation

Registration forms are available in the Religious Education Building.

For more information, please contact Wendy Estrada at: ReligiousEd@transfigev.org or by phone at 510-537-1502

We look forward to another year of growing in faith together!





June 29, 2025

My Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

As a Parish Community, we are all asked to participate in the Diocesan Yearly Appeal. This year's appeal has been given the theme "Ministries of Hope" which blends very nicely with the theme of this Jubilee Year "Ministers of Hope." As we center our attention on this year's appeal, we are encouraged by the words of St. Paul and the promise he made to the Romans, "Hope does not disappoint." Through our support of this year's appeal, we all become bearers of hope across the East Bay community. It is our generosity which brings renewed hope to thousands in the East Bay community by transforming the lives of so many through acts of love and service. Our financial support empowers more than 70 vital ministries of the Diocese to have the essentials necessary to give witness to the Gospel Message. Your generosity strengthens our evangelization efforts. It enables everyone who is actively involved in Church ministries to appropriately share the Gospel and deepening the faith of many locally and throughout the Diocese, preparing seminarians to guide the faith community throughout the Diocese with an effective ministry, and makes available counseling to those seeking healing and renewal. Through the support of our Church Community and Church Communities throughout the Diocese, youth are inspired to grow deeper in their relationship with Christ.

Last year, our parish family contributed 82% of our goal to this sacred work. This year, we're hoping to reach 100% of our goal - \$33,600.00 - and more. When we exceed this goal, every additional dollar returns to our parish to serve our local needs. Your gift transforms lives and shares God's love. Thank you to those who have already contributed to this year's appeal. Thank you for being God's instruments of hope. Please make a genuine effort to contribute to the appeal. Thanks to everyone for what is being done in support of Transfiguration Church and the Diocese. May God bless us abundantly.

WILL ANY OF THESE FUNDS BE USED FOR AN-YTHING OTHER THAN THE DEFINED CASE EL-**EMENTS?** No. Funds raised through the Bishop's Ministries Appeal will be used exclusively for the ministries and services noted.

WHAT TYPES OF GIFTS WILL BE ACCEPTED?

Gifts are gratefully accepted via check, credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express), or direct debit of a checking account. Parishioners can give online by visiting the Bishop's Ministries Appeal website at www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-ministries-appeal.

SUPPORT THE MINISTRIES OF HOPE APPEAL!

Fr. Raphael



Our Lady of Grace School

Fall Festival (September 26-28): OLG and Transfiguration School parents and families are reminded that our fall festival is coming up the weekend of September 26-28. This year we celebrate 70 years of our school, the **ON-LY** Catholic school in Castro Valley!

All families can fulfill part or all of their mandatory service hours by signing up to work one or more shifts. Watch for sign-up genius in the school newsletter or sign up "live" after mass in the upcoming weeks. Mark your calendars NOW!

St Vincent de Paul Collection

The second collection this weekend is to support St Vincent de Paul's service to those in need in our parish. In addition to food gift cards, socks and underwear, in the last few months we have provided a microwave oven, a bed frame and bedding, rent and utility support, and made hospital visits to families and individuals in need in our parish area. Thank you for supporting our efforts to assist local neighbors. As it says in Matthew Chapter 25, helping people in need is helping Jesus.

Stewardship Corner

The collection total for the weekends of

<u>June 21st thru June 22nd</u> — \$6,401.00 Peter's Pence — \$877.00

Bishop's Ministries Appeal: \$6,940.00 20.65%

(compared to \$12,000 average weekly stewardship goal) Thank you for continuing in your stewardship role of providing for the upkeep of out parish community.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11 Psalm — 34

Second Reading — 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 Gospel — Matthew 16:13-19

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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 (June 28, 2025—July 4, 2025)		
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Chester A. Kuta
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Spcl Int George
		Thompson
	9:00 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Rosy Simeons
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Joe, Eduina & Augusto
		Silva & All Souls
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Tommy Connolly
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	K.C. John
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	Jean Lucille Wilgus
Fri.	9:30 a.m.	Isabel Morales

Please Note: Friday, **July 4th is 1st Friday**. Mass schedule is at **9:30 am**. Thank you.

Many Thanks!

A heartfelt Thank You to all who contributed to the recent St Vincent de Paul socks and underwear drive. We collected 8 large bags of new socks and underwear, and \$350 in donations. We are already distributing them to the people who request our help, and will use the funds to purchase more as needed. We greatly appreciate your assistance in **Helping Us Help Others!**

St. Vincent de Paul Backpack Drive: July 12 & 13

The school year starts in mid-August and our parish SVdP conference is collecting 45-50 new backpacks filled with school supplies for needy students in our parish boundaries. Conference members will be in the church vestibule and outside the church at all Masses on the weekend of July 12th and 13th to collect the backpacks and supplies. The supplies needed are: pens, regular and colored pencils, pencil cases and sharpeners, erasers, highlighters, washable markers, whiteboard markers, wide ruled paper in spiral notebooks, drawing paper, rulers, scissors, glue sticks, folders with pockets, individual packs of tissues, and earbuds. The need is greater for elementary and high school students but with a few preschool students. Any support you can give is appreciated: filled or empty backpacks (no see-through) or supplies with no backpack. Cash donations to fill out the supplies are always accepted. Questions? Contact Chris Towles at (510) 229-0023, christowles2002@yahoo.com or Dea-Leach Marty at (510)825-2286, mleach29@gmail.com.

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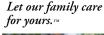




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