

# Church of the Transfiguration

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August 10, 2025

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



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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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Monday evening, August 11, 2025 in the Marian room, **7:00-8:00 p.m.** Please arrange Zoom connectivity with Mike Dresen at [biblestudy@transfigcv.org](mailto:biblestudy@transfigcv.org) if attending remotely. Free will offering.

### **Stewardship Corner**

The collection total for the weekends of

**August 2nd thru August 3rd — \$8,755.00**

**Bishop's Ministries Appeal: \$11,709.00 34.85%**  
(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.

**August 10, 2025**

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Luke 12:32-48

There was a young mother in my parish community who was depressed due to financial strain. She prayed for help. One morning before Mass, she placed on the counter a zip-lock bag filled with jewelry and old coins. Smiling, she explained she had been fixing an old cabinet and found the items hidden deep within the walls of her home. One particular coin could be worth as much as \$900,000. The contents of the bag—previously unknown to them—were now their prized possession. Their plans changed that week. They had to learn how much it was worth.

This week, the Lord tells us, “For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be” (Luke 12:34). Our lives revolve around what we treasure. When we discover the treasure the Father gives us—the kingdom of God—everything changes. We might not know its precise value, but we rearrange our lives around it. The joy of this discovery should never be far from our minds.

Sometimes we go through times when we can't find this treasure. It seems hidden. Or it appears like dirty old coins and worthless jewelry in a Ziploc bag. But how crazy would my parishioners be if they tossed it away without knowing the cash value? How much crazier are we if we center our hearts on any treasure except that of Jesus and his kingdom? Remember, the Father is pleased to give it to us. That's why we put our hearts there, even when it is hidden.

— Father John Muir

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**A Message**

**from the  
Pastor**



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August 10, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

August 14th is the Feast Day of St. Maximilian Kolbe. Because of his great love of Mary, The Immaculate, St. Maximilian established The Militia of the Immaculate, a world-wide evangelization movement. Through it, St. Maximilian Kolbe encouraged consecration to Mary as a means of spiritual renewal. The Militia, begun in 1917, continues today. As the Church celebrates The Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe this Thursday and the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin this Friday, consider your own loving relationship with the Blessed Virgin Mary. Why not consider enrolling in the Militia of the Immaculate. A Meeting of The Militia takes place at Our Lady of Grace Church on the First Saturday of the Month. If you would like to find out more about the Militia, contact the OLG Parish Office and you can be put in contact with one of the members of our local group.

**St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us.  
Mary, The Immaculate Virgin, Our Lady of Grace,  
intercede for us.**

Looking to the solemnity of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary, in our prayers we have a wonderful opportunity to hear God speaking to us as He did by the message of The Angel to Mary. Let's be open to the will of God in our lives and our willingness to carry out God's will. Being conceived immaculately, Mary would be the worthy tabernacle for the Lord to be born. The words spoken by Mary at the Annunciation “Let it be done to me according to thy Word” express her willingness to carry out God's will. My friends, Let us pray that we have a worthy dwelling place for the Lord in our hearts. Throughout the entirety of Mary's life, Mary pondered in her heart everything that took place in Jesus' life. In our prayer, let us reflect upon the events of Jesus' life as well. Then, as Mary fell asleep in the Lord, Mary was assumed into heaven. Pray that one day we follow the Lord and His Mother into the Kingdom.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated this week Friday, August 15th. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. On Holy Days of Obligation, we are required to attend Mass. Masses for the Solemnity of the Assumption at Transfiguration Church, August 15, are at 8:00 AM and 7:30PM. At Our Lady of Grace Church, there will be a Vigil Mass for the Solemnity on Thursday, August 14, at 7:00PM Followed by Mass on the Solemnity itself, August 15, at 8:15AM.

The 2025-2026 School Year at OLG School begins this Monday, August 11. Say a prayer for this upcoming school year. This Friday, August 15, The Solemnity of the Assumption will be the Opening Mass for the School. Looking forward to seeing you on this special day in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and every Sunday!

Fr. Raphael



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**2025 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL**

## **Congratulations to the parents of:**

**Louis Robert Barnecut**

**was baptized at Transfiguration  
on August 3, 2025**

## **Dress-A-Girl Meeting Reminder**

Next meeting will be this **Wednesday, August 13, 2025, 10:00am—12:00noon** at the Transfig Church Hall.

## **Please Note**

Due to this Sunday's picnic.... Pancake breakfast is cancelled. Thank you!

## **Holiday of Obligation**

August 15 is the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This is a holiday of obligation. Mass schedules are 8:00am and 7:30pm.

## **SVdP Meeting Reminder**

Our meeting is this Sunday, **August 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Marian Room and via Zoom**. Please contact Mike Dresen (510-274-0830) if you would like to join or to learn more about this ministry.

## **Mission Appeal**

The weekend of **August 23 & 24** is designated Mission Appeal for Transfiguration Church. Fr. Mansuetus Setonga from the Diocese of Same in Tanzania will be speaking in all Masses on this weekend. Thank You!!!

## **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Wisdom 18:6-9

**Psalm** — 33

**Second Reading** — Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

**Gospel** — Luke 12:32-48

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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 (Aug 9, 2025—Aug 15, 2025)**

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Spcl Int David Pita
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Joe Santos
	9:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Helena Teixeira and Family
	11:00 a.m.	For The People
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Augusto, Eduina, Manuel, Jose Silva and All Saints
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Ascencao & Conceicao Teixeira
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Barbara McNair
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	Gave and Luci Saia
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	For The People
	7:30 p.m.	For The People

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## **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

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.

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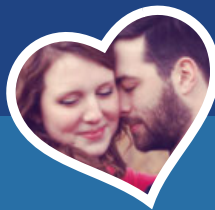


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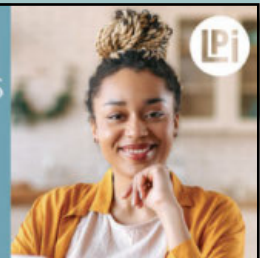
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