

Church of the Transfiguration

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August 17, 2025

Mission Statement: "Transfiguring Our Community Through Faith"



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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 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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Mary Kay Kelder, (510) 582-7253

MUSIC MINISTRY

Director: Alexander Katsman

(510) 538-7941, Ext. 302 Music@TransfigCV.org

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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Coordinators: Elmer & Puri Serrano

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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)

Sharon Sangco, Bus. Mgr./Facilities Coordinator

Sharon@TransfigCV.org

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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



Monday evening, August 18, 2025 in the Marian room, **7:00-8:00 p.m.** Please arrange Zoom connectivity with Mike Dresen at biblestudy@transfigcv.org if attending remotely. Free will offering.

Stewardship Corner

The collection total for the weekends of

August 9th thru August 10th — \$5,611.00

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 out parish community.

School News

There is a renewed energy flowing through the hallways and billowing over the playground at Our Lady of Grace Catholic School! Enrollment is up, the dual-language classrooms are filled to capacity and the upper grade students are standing tall as they prepare to spend the next 180 days learning and growing into young men and women of deep faith and integrity. God is good.

We do what we do in part because of YOU, the parishioners of Transfiguration and Our Lady of Grace parishes. I am writing to thank the first donor to our new "Adopt a Student" fund. Thanks to your gift of \$6,000, a new family was able to make the tuition for two new students fit into their already tight budget, and we are very happy to welcome them. We have 20 more just like them waiting for help with their school bills and so anything helps.

Send a check to my attention to the school and I assure you that it will be put to good use. All persons who donate \$5,000 or more will be assigned to a student and will have an opportunity to meet them sometime after the December holy days.

I am so very grateful to all of you!

Gena McGowan, Principal

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CASTRO VALLEY PICNIC AT LAKE CHABOT

With a crowd of close to 300, the Cove at Lake Chabot was The Place to be this past Sunday, August 10th. The sun was shining, a slight breeze off the marina, and room for the masses. With hamburgers and hot dogs cooking, salads and sweets being brought in, the tables set and everyone was focused on one specific table, the Table of The Lord, which was celebrated at 11:00 AM sharp (more or less). **The time together was wonderful experience!** Thanks for so many who were involved in the preparations. There were a lot of things happening before the scene not to mention the day of. IT WAS GREAT!!! Thanks to everyone who rolled up their sleeves to make the day happen and to everyone came together to celebrate as The Catholic Community of Castro Valley, Transfiguration and Our Lady of Grace Churches.



August 17, 2025

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Do you know someone who is interested in becoming a full participating member in the Catholic Church?

INTERESTED IN

RECEIVING BAPTISM, EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? INVITE THEM TO JOIN THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA).

Consider experiencing the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. Sessions will begin late in September, and the Sacraments of Initiation conferred at the Easter Vigil. The heart of the OCIA is conversion—conversion to Jesus Christ. Those seeking initiation in the Catholic Church have the opportunity to get to know Jesus Christ. The program leads everyone involved to embrace a conversion which nurtures a life-long journey of faith. The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) provides a vision of the community walking with one another and with God. With a desire for a faith relationship, minds and hearts are opened to the workings of the Holy Spirit. Those involving themselves in the program are drawn into the mystery of God's love. In this way those in the process are invited to lead a life worthy of a disciple of Christ. The OCIA is a time of evangelization. Hearing the good news, those involved are able to look at their lives through the basic Christian message found in Sacred Scripture. It is a time of formation. This is an apprenticeship in the Catholic way of life. As the initiation process continues, those involved in the program have their relationship with the Lord strengthened preparing them to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Then, following the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation, those who have entered into full membership in the Catholic Church are given the opportunity to integrate what they have learned about our faith in their daily lives. be incorporated into life as a fully initiated Catholic. Let's all walk in the footsteps of our Lord, Jesus Christ, Call The Parish Office to enroll.

Fr. Raphael

Save the Date

Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) of Castro Valley Branch #343 will be hosting a **'Bites & Bingo'** fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 13, from 11:30-2:30 at Our Lady of Grace.



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ADDITIONAL GIFT OPTIONS:

Gifts of stock, IRA distributions, bequests, and charitable gift annuities can be coordinated by contacting the Office for Mission Advancement at 510-267-8358 or BishopsMinistriesAppeal@oakdiocese.org.



2025 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

St Vincent de Paul Collection **August 30 and 31**

Last month we served 132 people, about half of whom are homeless, with food assistance, rent, PGE, water, and miscellaneous items including a bed and bedsheets, socks and underwear, a vacuum, a camp shower, and gasoline. Thank you for your support so that we can continue to provide this assistance to people in our parish area.

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Coffee and Donuts

Nhat & Kathleen Nguyen will be hosting coffee and donuts this Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Stop by and enjoy the fellowship.

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

Next weekend **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 — Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Psalm — 40

Second Reading — Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel — Luke 12:49-53

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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 16, 2025—Aug 22, 2025)

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Anselmo Lucas
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Cindy Guidotti
	9:00 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Nunzio Parisi
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Milton Mansouria
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Manuel & Francisca and Joe Costa & All Souls
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Carol Orazetti
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	Louise Molinari
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	Anselmo Lucas

Credit, Debit and Electronic **Check Offerings**

If you would like to make your Sunday offering by credit or debit card or, electronic check, please go to our website: transfigchurch.com and click on the "Donate" tab. Please call the office for further assistance if needed.

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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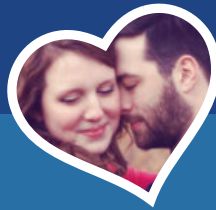


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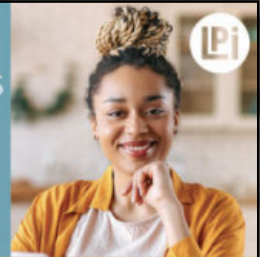
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