

# Church of the Transfiguration

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August 24, 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)

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Saturdays 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

### BAPTISMS

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Monday evening, August 25, 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 23rd thru August 24th — \$9,688.89**

**Assumption of Mary — \$1,357.00**

**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 24, 2025 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 13:22-30**

I've been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous forty-five minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away, and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: "Keep going! The peak is right there. It's not as far as it looks. You can do it!" It usually works. After another five minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun.

When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate" (Luke 13:24). How many? Strive! Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census taking have to do with you or me? How would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down, "How many people are going to make it to the top?" A normal response would be something like: "How is that a relevant question? Carry on!"

Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: perseverance (cf. Matt 24:13; hypomone in Greek). Strive! Endure! Keep going! The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to climb is often our own weakness, failures, and sins. Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God's grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep going!

— Father John Muir

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### **Please Note!**

The Rectory Office will be close on Monday, Sept. 1, 2025 in observation of Labor Day Holiday.

Thank you!



We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners. Please pick up a registration form at the vestibule of the church and return it to the Parish Office. This helps us to serve you better.

### **A Message**

from the  
**Pastor**  
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August 24, 2025

My brothers and sisters in the Lord,

It's always good to reflect upon the Blessed Virgin Mary and the many Liturgical Celebrations in her honor. Today, I would like to bring to everyone's attention The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This special title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary was recognized this past Friday, August 22nd.

The Queenship of Mary has deep roots in our Catholic Faith and Tradition. It is celebrated in relation to the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as we all know, is celebrated as a Holy Day of Obligation on August 15th. Having just celebrated the Assumption followed by The Queenship of Mary, the Church emphasizes the special place that Mary has in heaven as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Since Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords seated on His throne at the right hand of the Father in Heaven, and since his mother was assumed into Heaven, body and soul, The Queenship of Mary follows naturally. It celebrates the fact that, in Heaven, Jesus' mother is seated on a throne next to Her Son. The Queenship of Mary was first celebrated on May 31st, which naturally followed the celebration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It was only in 1969 that this celebration was moved to August 22nd, eight days after the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary so that an octave (8 days) would be created and there would be a natural progression from the Assumption to the Queenship of Mary. As Queen and Mother, Mary intercedes for us to her Son. As intercessor, from her throne in heaven nothing pleases her more than to pour out upon us every good thing so that one day we can all be together in heaven.

My friends, we not only have a Mother in heaven, but we have a Queen Mother. With Mary as the Queen Mother of God and our mother, let's turn to her with childlike faith and simplicity. Let us approach Mary, our Mother. Let us recognize Mary as our protectress, our refuge, and our hope. Let's thank God for the gift of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother today and always.

The Church, having celebrated The Queenship of Mary, invites us we personally recognize Mary's role in the Church and in our personal lives. With great frequency we are invited to turn to Mary, to seek her prayers, to rely upon her intercession, and to honor her as Mother and Queen. She is Our Queen Mother. Why not offer this prayer at your convenience....

**Prayer:** *Mother and Queen of Heaven, this day I run to you as a child with confidence and trust. You are the glorious Queen Mother, reigning over all of your children with love and mercy. Please pray for me and bestow upon me all that I need. I open my heart to the grace of your Son, which you are entrusted to dispense. Make me holy and free from sin, so you can present me, spotless and pure, to your beloved Son, the King of the Universe. Queen of Heaven, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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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**2025 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL**

## Coffee and Donuts



Mario & Lilia Fabian will be hosting coffee and donuts this Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Stop by and enjoy the fellowship.

## "Bites & Bingo" Fundraiser

Join the Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) of Castro Valley Branch #343 for "Bites & Bingo" on Saturday, September 21, from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace.

Enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and five bingo games for \$30 per person (\$15 for children under 12). Win cash, gifts, and raffle prizes!

Proceeds support seminarians, fund Thalassaemia research, and provide scholarships. Pick up a flyer at the back of the church or contact Ed/Allison McGuirk at 925-285-0976 or [mcguirk4@aol.com](mailto:mcguirk4@aol.com) for details.

## Mission Appeal

This 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** — Isaiah 66:18-21

**Psalm** — 117

**Second Reading** — Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

**Gospel** — Luke 13:21-30

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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 23, 2025—Aug 29, 2025)

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Bashir Khanbhai
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Spcl Int Donald Lalonde
	9:00 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Maria Luisa Enriquez
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Connie Lucas
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Lucas Santos
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Marguerite Bachand
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Lucas Santos
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	Manuel, Francesca, Joe Costa and All Souls

## 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](http://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](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.

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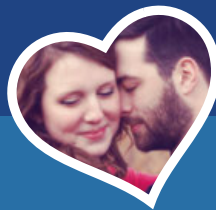
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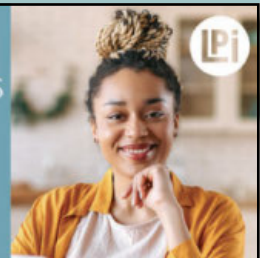
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