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September 14, 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)

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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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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)

Sharon Sangco, Business & Facilities Manager

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

Stewardship Corner

The collection total for the weekends of

August 30th thru August 31st — \$9,000.00

St. Vincent de Paul — \$5,285.00

Sept. 6th thru Sept. 7th — \$9,272.00

Parish Retirement — \$965.00

Bishop's Ministries Appeal: \$12,234.00 36.41%

(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.

September 14, 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross John 3:13-17

One of my favorite movies is the 1991 comedy What About Bob? Bill Murray plays a troubled, paranoid hypochondriac named Bob Wiley who innocently but annoyingly hounds Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is paralyzed by his fear of, well, everything, and is convinced the psychologist can heal him. But Dr. Marvin's failed attempts to heal Bob end up driving the doctor to attempt to murder Bob. He fails. The surprise is that, having faced death head on, Bob is suddenly healed. He attributes his healing to Dr. Marvin for break-through "death therapy." In facing the cause of his deepest illness and dysfunction, Bob is healed.

Underneath this light-hearted comedy is a dead-serious resonance with this week's feast: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses' snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness – rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don't run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We see our physician mercifully healing us. In this sense, we are all like Bob Wiley. The "death therapy" of the cross is our only hope for healing.

This week I invite you to "exalt the cross." If you don't have one in your house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals us.

— Father John Muir
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Dress A Girl Ministry

Come join us to cut, iron, accessorize or sew simple sundresses. No experience required. Supplies provided. For further information contact Yolanda Arredondo at 510 303-4023. Hope you can join.



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.



September 14, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the one symbol most often identified with Jesus and his Church is the cross.

This Sunday, September 14th, we celebrate **The Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**. For many, the cross is seen as a sign of suffering, but by Christ's love shown in the Paschal Mystery, the cross has become for us a sign of triumph and victory, the sign of God, who is love itself.

We often make the Sign of the Cross over ourselves. We make it before prayer to help fix our minds and hearts on God. We make it after prayer, hoping to stay close to God. At Baptism, the celebrant, parents, and godparents make the sign on the forehead of the baptized as a visible sign that they have been claimed by Christ. So, please look to the cross often. Make the Sign of the Cross reverently.

As you make the sign of the cross keep in mind that we bring our whole selves to God—our minds, souls, bodies, wills, thoughts, hearts—everything we are and will become. Entrust yourself to the Lord who suffered and died upon the cross for us and our salvation. And finally, looking at the cross, let us respond to the invitation "Come, let us worship." Looking to the cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ let us hear the echoing of these words... "Bless us who find salvation in the cross of Christ. May we always recognize His glory. We ask this through Christ, crucified and exalted, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen."

Fr. Raphael

Save the Date for SVdP's Annual Fall BINGO Fundraiser!

Join the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul for our annual BINGO Fundraiser on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at 5:00 pm. Enjoy a catered Italian dinner and a fun night of BINGO at Transfiguration's Parish Hall. Dinner tickets are \$45 each including one bingo card. 50/50 raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. Winners need not be present. All proceeds go directly to helping people in need in our local community.



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2025 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

Pancake Breakfast

Join us this Sunday, Sept. 14th after the 7:30 am and the 9:00 am Masses. Cheapest breakfast in town!
See you there!

Assistive Listening System Availability

Transfiguration offers assistive listening devices for use during Mass. If you would like to use an assistive listening device with our sound system, please arrive 10 minutes prior to the start of Mass and see the musicians. We have over the ear headphones available for your use, or a t-coil lanyard for parishioners with t-coil equipped hearing aids. You are also welcome to bring your own headphones for use with the assistive listening receiver.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Needed!!!

Our Eucharistic Ministry is looking for volunteers to serve in our weekend Mass celebrations. If this is the opportunity you are looking for in your prayer life, please send email to Elmer Serrano at eserrano76@gmail.com. Thank you.

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for items in the bulletin is Monday, 4:30pm.
Thank you for your support!

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Numbers 21:4b-9

Psalm — 78

Second Reading — Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel — John 3:13-17

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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 (Sept 13, 2025—Sept 19, 2025)

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Ann C. Kuta
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	George Thompson
	9:00 a.m.	Jean Schroeder Marlais
	11:00 a.m.	For The People
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Anselmo Lucas
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Frank & Anita Peixoto
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Ben Lucero
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Manuel & Maria
		Costa and Family
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	Francisco Madulid, Sr.

Weekday Lectors Needed!!!

Can you help with the scripture readings at the weekday 8:00 AM masses? We have only seven lectors to cover all the weekday masses each month. Training will be provided as needed. Even one or two days per month would really help.

Please contact Mike Dresen at lectors.weekday@transfigcv.org or 510.813.6854 if you can assist.

Thank you for prayerfully considering assisting with this ministry.

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Come Celebrate with the Columbiettes on September 17. The Columbiettes are the sister organization to the Knights of Columbus. It's open to all Catholic women over the age of 18.

Columbiette meetings are generally for members in good standing, but our September 17 meeting is open to everyone in the community. We will be inducting new members and serving refreshments. Current members will be on hand to answer your questions and help you decide if the Columbiettes is right for you.

Please RSVP to Cheryl Royer, President of the Maximilian Kolbe Columbiettes at cherylrecovery7@gmail.com by Tuesday, September 16.

**Columbiette New Member induction
and Community Open House
Our Lady of Grace Stack Center
Wednesday, September 17 at 6:30pm**

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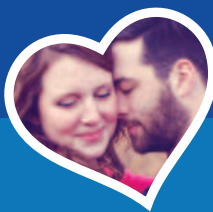
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