

Church of the Transfiguration

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September 21, 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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Coordinators: Elmer & Puri Serrano

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Coordinator: Barbara Mehan

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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 :

Sept. 13th thru Sept. 14th — \$7,921.00
Bishop Appeal — \$292.00

Bishop's Ministries Appeal: \$16,584.00 49.36%

(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.

SVdP Meeting Reminder

Our meeting is this Sunday, **September 21, 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.

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit™)

WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages Spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, Catechesis, life sharing and community.

Our meeting will be at the Transfiguration Church Hall.

Next Meeting: Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025
9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Speaker: Jean Molesky-Poz
Topic: TBA

For further information or, if you would like to attend, please contact: Rose Anne Ryken
RARYKEN39@gmail.com



Coffee and Donuts

JV & Tess Bernas will be hosting coffee and donuts this Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Stop by and enjoy the fellowship.



There will be collection **this weekend** for our parish Building Fund. These funds will be used to help with maintenance expenses of the parish. Thank you for your continued financial support.



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 21, 2025

My brother and sisters in the Lord,

As members of the Church, we are invited to celebrate The Season of Creation. This Season spans five weeks between the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (September 1) and the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4). This time, when we are asked to focus on the gift of creation, offers us an opportunity to reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the transgressions committed against the world in which we live.

Prayer, determination and concrete actions are all necessary so that the gifts of God are always visible in the world. Now is the time to follow up our words with deeds. Let us pray together that Almighty God will send us an abundance of His Spirit so that our prayers, our determination and concrete actions bring about peace and hope and the richness of God's Blessing.

May we continue to be inspired to respect and nurture the handiwork of God's Creation. Let this Season of Creation extend beyond these five weeks so that throughout our lives we are stewards of creation.

"There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions." - Laudato Si',

Fr. Raphael

SVdP's Annual BINGO Fundraiser Tickets to go on sale next weekend!

Come and enjoy a fun evening with a catered Italian dinner and a few games of BINGO!

- || Date: October 25, 2025 @ 5:00 pm at Transfiguration's Parish Hall.
- || Dinner tickets are \$45.00 each and include one bingo card.
- || 50/50 raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. Winners need not be present.
- || Tickets will be available for sale starting next weekend.
- || Please make checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul.

100% of the proceeds will go directly to helping people in need in our local community.

Please join us and support this worthy event!
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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

September 21, 2025 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 16:10-13

Before I was a priest, I was a lazy worker for a retail Apple store. Hearing a rumor that my boss was going to fire me, I secretly sold iPhones for half-price, gave away dozens of free iPads, and donated several brand-new laptops to managers in other stores in the mall. After a week, my boss called me into his office. He knew what I was up to. He said I had cost the store thousands of dollars. "Really great work, John," he said. "I am going to recommend you to be my assistant manager and double your pay." I was amazed.

And so are you. Which is understandable because it never happened. How could it? My tall tale is a retelling of Jesus' brow-furrowing parable we hear this week. A lazy, dishonest steward defrauds his boss and then the "master commended the dishonest servant for acting prudently" (Luke 16:8). What is the Lord saying to us?

Most of us treat our spiritual lives like a lazy teenager at an Apple store. We really don't care. We go through the motions. Then, if we are lucky, something happens that shakes us to spiritual action; to employ whatever time, money, and resources we have to build around us a strong network of love. Every saint did that. Our Lord is so good he wants us to use his stuff to forgive debts and to bless others. He wants us to ensure our future. So do it!

— Father John Muir

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Amos 8:4-7

Psalm — 113

Second Reading — Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel — Luke 16:1-13

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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 20, 2025—Sept 26, 2025)

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Greta Simeons
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Fr. Vincent Capodanno/ Servant of God
	9:00 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Nunzio Parisi
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Manuel & Maria Costa and Family
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Jose Teixeira and Family
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int John Saia and Family
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Lucas Santos
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	Francis Conanan

CCD News

Registrations for Confirmation Year One and Year Two are still open.

All high school students interested in joining our two-year Confirmation preparation program.

For more information or to register, please contact **Wendy Estrada at ReligiousEd@transfigcv.org or 510-537-1502**

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.

Lectors Needed

We need lectors for weekday and weekend masses. No experience necessary and training will be provided. If you feel the Lord is calling you to this ministry, please contact Mike Dresen: Weekday@TransfigCV.org or Barb Mehan Weekend@TransfigCV.org.

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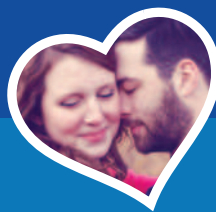
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