

# Church of the Transfiguration

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November 2, 2025

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



## Rev. Raphael Zwolenkiewicz, OFM Conv, Pastor

Fr. Kevin Schindler-McGraw, OFM Conv, Parochial Vicar; Fr. Luke Vu, OFM Conv, Parochial Vicar;  
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](http://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](mailto:ReligiousEd@TransfigCV.org)

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Director: Alexander Katsman

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### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

#### Eucharistic Ministers

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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)

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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**

## **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, Nov. 6, 2025**  
**9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.**

**Speaker: Kathy Coffey**  
**Topic: TBA**

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

## **Transfiguration Christmas Concert**

The Music Ministry of the Church of the Transfiguration and Director Alexander Katsman would like to invite you to our annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, **December 12th at 3:00 pm.** Please hear our Choir and Soloists singing carols and contemporary Christmas music. Reception to follow.

## **Night of Remembrance**

We will be celebrating our loved ones that have passed this year 2024. If you would like to join us in this "Night of Remembrance" on Nov. 22nd at 7pm, please complete the form located at the tables at the back of the church.

## **Stewardship Corner**

The collection total for the weekends of:

**Oct. 25th thru Oct. 26th — \$6,031.00**

**All Souls — \$125.00**

**Bishop's Ministries Appeal: \$21,229.00 63.18%**

(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.

**Please Note:** Friday, November 7th is 1st Friday. Mass schedule is at 9:30 am. Thank you.

## **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.

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

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

## **November Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to you, May God Bless you.

Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday,

May God Bless You!



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After celebrating the Solemnity of All Saints, we celebrate the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, praying for all those who have passed from this life. We pray for the faithful departed because there are few people who achieve perfection in this life. And so, we pray for those who have died because some period of purification seems necessary before the faithful departed will come face-to-face with God. Our prayers can indeed speed along this time of purification so that they will rejoice in the gift of heaven, seeing God face-to-face. Today, November 2nd, is our time to pray for all the faithful departed so that the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Our prayers for the faithful departed are not simply to be offered on one day alone. Traditionally, the Church remembers the faithful departed throughout the entire month of November. Here in our Church, we pray for certain individuals who have passed from this life into eternity. We pray for all those whose funeral services have taken place in our church. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. We also pray in a special way for members of our families and from those among our friends whether they have passed away recently or many years ago. Those dear to us are always in our thoughts and prayers. Each year throughout the month of November, we are invited to bring pictures of our loved ones to be displayed in our altar area throughout the month. Today and throughout the month, we have the opportunity to bring pictures here to church if we would like. Our Church's particular commemoration of our departed loved ones takes place at our Parish later in the month. Everyone is invited to gather together to pray for our departed loved ones that evening. Remember these words of Jesus "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me .... if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be."

**Our Masses of Remembrance are as follows:**

**Our Lady of Grace: November 12 th at 7:00pm**

**Transfiguration: November 22 nd at 7:00pm**

Fr. Raphael

## **A Heartfelt Thank You** **from St. Vincent de Paul Society**

**It was a huge success!** Our bingo dinner fundraiser last weekend was an incredibly enjoyable evening for all. Every guest left with a smile, especially the children. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our many individual and business supporters, we successfully raised the necessary funds to sustain our mission—allowing us to continue supporting and helping those in need right here in our community, especially as the upcoming holiday season approaches.

**Matthew 25:40** Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.





Diocese of Oakland

## MINISTRIES of HOPE

### WAYS to GIVE

**MAIL:** Send check or money order to:

**Bishop's Ministries Appeal**

Diocese of Oakland, 2121 Harrison Street,  
Suite 100, Oakland, CA 94612

**ONLINE:** Scan the QR code or visit  
oakdiocese.org/bishops-ministries-appeal  
to make a gift by credit card.



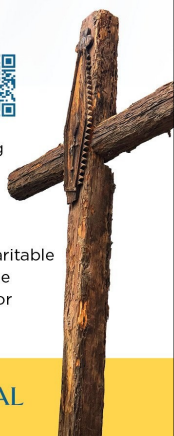
**EMAIL:** BishopsMinistriesAppeal@oakdiocese.org

**CALL:** 510-267-8358

### 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**



## November 2, 2025 The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed John 6:37-40

I lost my wallet this year. It was such an annoyance to replace everything in it. A friend, moved by sympathy, gave me a beautiful new one. One month later I lost that one, too, with all my newly replaced cards. No matter what I did, I couldn't find what I had lost. I resigned myself to never seeing either of my wallets again.

Fortunately, the Lord Jesus is not like me in this regard. In today's Gospel (John 6:37-40), he says, "This is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me." Jesus, unlike me, is ever vigilant with what the Father has given him. He searches for every lost soul — as the shepherd leaves the ninety-nine to pursue the one lost sheep, or the woman rejoices upon recovering a lost coin — and even descends to the depths of loss on the cross and into the realm of the dead to recover that which seems forever lost.

On All Souls' Day, as we remember our faithful departed, these words kindle a hope beyond hope in our hearts. Even the dead are not lost to Jesus, though they may seem so to us. Nothing entrusted to him by the Father is ever truly lost. So, we may hope that every soul, no matter how wandering or forgotten in life, is secure in his loving care and destined to be raised on the last day. Of what the Father gives him, he loses nothing.

— Father John Muir

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Wisdom 3:1-9

**Psalm** — 25

**Second Reading** — Romans 8:14-23

**Gospel** — Luke 7:11-17

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the Lectionary for Mass  
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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 (Nov 1, 2025—Nov 7, 2025)

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	For The People
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Edward Bosch
	9:00 a.m.	Edward Bosch
	11:00 a.m.	Mireille Chabre
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Jean Lucille Wilgus
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Silva Family
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Virgilio Mazon
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Paula Lucas and Family
Fri.	9:30 a.m.	Luis Capela



Monday evening, Nov. 3, 2025 in the Marian room, **7:00-8:00 p.m.** Please arrange Zoom connectivity with Mike Dresen at [bibles-tudy@transfigcv.org](mailto:bibles-tudy@transfigcv.org) if attending remotely. Free will offering.



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## FAITH FORMATION

**We're excited to welcome back our returning Confirmation families, and a warm welcome to those joining us for the first time!**

**Confirmation classes began October 19th, but there's still time to join. If you're interested in enrolling your teen in our Confirmation program, please contact Wendy Estrada at [ReligiousEd@transfigcv.org](mailto:ReligiousEd@transfigcv.org) / 510-537-1502.**

**A Special Thank You! The Hom Family and Maria Ruggeri for all their support with the classroom setup.**

**And a special thank you as well to Nicole and Tristan Hair for the donation of the portable TV. Our Faith Formation team appreciates your continued support!**