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September 28, 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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CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

BAPTISMS

Please call the Parish Office to register.

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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

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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

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Stewardship Corner

The collection total for the weekends of :

Sept. 20th thru Sept. 21st — \$5,774.00
GAZA Relief Fund — \$3,586.00

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.

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: Don't Underestimate the Spiritual Dimension of these Times

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

Coffee and Donuts



Sunita D'Costa 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, October 8, 2025, 10:00am—12:00noon** at the Transfig Church Hall.

Bingo and Dinner Fundraiser **Tickets are on Sale Now**

- | 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 are sold on a "First come, first served" basis.
- | 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!

A Message



September 28, 2025

My Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Preparing for the Solemnity of St. Francis, I would like to share with you a few of the special life experiences that took place in Francis' life. The first is when Francis came in contact with a leper. Francis approached the leper, embraced him and kissed him. Francis then came to realize that he had actually embraced none other than the Lord, Jesus Christ. Sometime later, Francis was praying alone in front of the crucifix in the abandoned chapel of San Damiano. While praying, Francis heard these words: "Francis, repair my house, which is falling into ruin." As Francis was repairing the chapel, Francis was brought before the Bishop by his father. As Francis gave back to his father all that he had taken including his clothes. Francis' heart overflowed with joy because His heavenly Father had set him free of all attachment to earthly things. While Francis was praying two years before his passing, a seraph appeared. Francis rejoiced because of the gracious way Christ looked upon him under the appearance of a seraph. When the vision disappeared, imprints on Francis' body were markings that were no less marvelous than those of the Lord. These markings were the stigmata—the five wounds of Christ. Finally, when Francis' days on earth were growing short, the saint instructed his brothers, "When I am dying, lay me naked on the ground . . . Francis' brothers honored his request. Then, as Francis fell asleep in the Lord, one of his brothers saw his soul under the appearance of a radiant star being carried aloft on a direct path into heaven. These are just a few moments for us to look into St. Francis' life and prepare us for our celebration of The Solemnity of St. Francis, October 4th, here at Our Lady of Grace Church and Transfiguration Church. The Transitus (The Wake Service for St. Francis) will take place on October 3rd at Transfiguration Church at 7:00 PM. Then The Blessing of Animals will take place on October 4th at 11:00AM at Our Lady of Grace Church and at Transfiguration Church on Sunday, October 5th at 2:00PM. The Celebration of the Eucharist in honor of St. Francis of Assisi at Our Lady of Grace Church at the 8:15AM Mass and the 5:00 PM Mass. At Transfiguration Church at 4:00 PM. Please join us in the Celebration of this Great Saint's Feast!

-Fr. Raphael

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.



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2025 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

September 28, 2025 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 16:19-31

I am embarrassed to admit that I frequently find myself dining and socializing with people who have millions and sometimes billions of dollars. I've eaten more caviar, lobster and wagyu steak than most people on the planet. I justify it by saying it's part of my job. But I have seven pairs of nice jeans and expensive shoes.

So it is rather uncomfortable to hear Our Lord say: "My child, remember that you received what was good in your lifetime, while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented" (Luke 16:25). Fellow rich people (and if you're American, you're rich), do we not vehemently though quietly object to this parable's karma-esque reward system? Why bless the rich man just to curse him later? And curse Lazarus just to bless him later? So Americans go to hell, while Burundians and Afghans go to heaven? What is going on?

One clue is that the condemned rich man doesn't complain of injustice. Rather, he simply begs to help his brothers to repent. Of what? We don't know exactly. Perhaps another clue is that the rich man now seems more like the down-trodden Lazarus. He knows what it is to be hungry and thirsty, to be wounded in the gutter; that he deserved that, not fancy meals and clothes. Maybe the rich man finally understands how to receive true blessings, but it is too late for him. But not for me. Not for us.

— Father John Muir
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalm — 146

Second Reading — Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel — Luke 16:19-31

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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 27, 2025—Oct 3, 2025)

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Greta Simeons
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Spcl Int Donald and Helen Lalonde
	9:00 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Mario Cirimele
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Augusto & Eduina Silva, Manuel, Joe & All Saints
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Mary and Manuel Carvalho
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Manuel and Maria Costa and Family
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Cristina De Jesus and Family
Fri.	9:30 a.m.	Jean Lucille Wilgus

Welcome Back Parents, Guardians, and Students!

We're excited to begin another year of faith formation with you!

CCD Classes begin on Sunday, October 5th

Confirmation Classes (Year One and Year Two) begin on Sunday, October 19th

We look forward to growing in faith together this year.

If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Estrada at:

Religioused@transfigcv.org or 510-537-1502



Please Note: Friday, October 3rd is 1st Friday. Mass schedule is at 9:30 am. Thank you.

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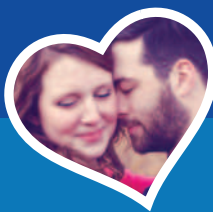
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