

# Church of the Transfiguration

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October 5, 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)

### LIVE STREAM MASS ON

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### 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

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### PARISH OFFICE

Hours: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Wednesday (until further notice)

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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. 27th thru Sept. 28th — \$7,806.51**

**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. 16, 2025  
9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.**

**Speaker: Sr. Rocheen Glennon CSJ  
Topic: TBA**

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

## **Please Note**

Pancake Breakfast next week, Oct. 12 after the 7:30 am & 9:00am Masses.

## **Coffee and Donuts**



Clarence & Sheila Decanno 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!

## **(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman**

Mini reflection: "Increase my faith." I've said it to God plenty of times, imagining a prayer life that is effortless and a sacramental life that is uncomplicated. Easy faith — that's what I'm asking for, and lots of it, please. But easy faith isn't faith at all.

The Father Who Knows What You Want

It's easy to give your kid what he's asking for. It's hard to give him what he wants.

If a kid asks to eat an ice cream cone, there's nothing wrong with giving him one. But if he's grumpily demanding an ice cream cone at 7:45 in the morning, what he wants — whether he realizes it or not — is some protein and whole grains and a little encouragement to get him going on his day.

So you give him eggs and toast, and you watch him struggle to accept it. Sometimes he does and sometimes he doesn't, but either way, you'll be here. You'll forgive him for whatever names he calls you and you'll put the healthy breakfast in the fridge, waiting for him when he's ready to eat it.

"Increase my faith." I've said it to God plenty of times, imagining a prayer life that is effortless and a sacramental life that is uncomplicated, an acceptance of truth that is unshakeable. Easy faith — that's what I'm asking for, and lots of it, please.

But easy faith isn't faith at all, and faith that you aren't strong enough to hold will break your arms. And what God will never do is say, "Sure, kiddo, here you go," and pass off a false gift as the real thing, just to make us both feel good. He won't hand me something I'm not strong enough to hold.

That would be a classic lazy-father move. That would be an ice-cream-cone-at-7:45 a.m. move.

Instead, He watches carefully while I navigate the bumpy terrain of the spiritual life, ready to whisper directions in my ear. He holds his breath while the challenges of this world create deep grooves in my soul — and then He irrigates those grooves with the life-giving waters of grace, transforming them into valleys of consolation and respite.

Sometimes I call Him names. Sometimes I refuse what He's offering. It's not what I asked for, after all.

But it's what I want. Luckily, He knows that better than me.

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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.





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**2025 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL**



## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

**Psalm** — 95

**Second Reading** — 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

**Gospel** — Luke 17:5-10

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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 (Oct 4, 2025—Oct 10, 2025)

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Inacinha Fernandes
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	For The People
	9:00 a.m.	Tony Ilacqua
	11:00 a.m.	Jean and Conrad Wilgus
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Maria da Luz Teixeira and Family
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Bob Molinari
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Luis Capela
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Manuel & Maria Costa & Family
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	Luis & Francisco Yap

## 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:**

**[Religious@transfigcv.org](mailto:Religious@transfigcv.org) or 510-537-1502**



## October Birthdays

Happy Birthday to you, May God Bless you.  
Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday,  
May God Bless You!

## October 5, 2025 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 17:5-10

A priest friend of mine received a call from a family whose elderly mother was dying. Within thirty minutes, he was at her bedside, offering the consolation of the sacraments, anointing her with the oil of the sick, and commending her soul to God. She passed not long after, and for months, her family spoke of their deep gratitude for his presence. When I phoned him to commend his faithful ministry, he simply said, "I was just doing my job."

His words brought to mind Jesus' teaching this week in Luke 17:10: "So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'" In a world that often seeks recognition and applause, the Lord invites us into a different mindset — one of humble service. The priest did not see his response as extraordinary; he saw it as a grace to fulfill his vocation.

How tempting it is to seek affirmation for doing what I ought to do! Yet Jesus reminds us that true discipleship is not about grandstanding but about quiet faithfulness. It is enough to have served. It is enough to have loved. It is enough to be grateful that we were given the chance to do our duty in the first place. Whether in priesthood, parenthood, or any vocation, what peace-soaked freedom there is in simply doing what is asked of us. No more, no less. Jesus, that is how you quietly love us.

— Father John Muir  
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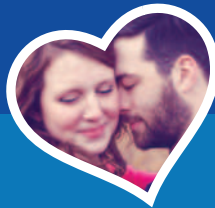


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