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October 12, 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

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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 :

Oct. 4th thru Oct. 5th — \$11,253.00

Catholic Voice — \$588.00

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.

SVdP Meeting Reminder

Our meeting is next Sunday, **October 19, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rectory Office 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. 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

Pancake Breakfast

Join us this Sunday, Oct. 12th after the 7:30 am and the 9:00 am Masses. Cheapest breakfast in town!

See you there!

Congratulations to the parents of:

**Ellena Canon
Bennett Canon**

**were baptized at Transfiguration
on October 5, 2025**

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!



October 12, 2025

My Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Both here at Our Lady of Grace Church as well as at Transfiguration Church we celebrated the Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi this past Friday, October 4th. Thanks to everyone who participated in the services and liturgical celebrations in honor of St. Francis.

With the Celebrations in honor of St. Francis of Assisi having taken place, here's a little information about the Conventual Friars.

The friars who minister here at Our Lady of Grace Church and at Transfiguration Church are members of the Conventual Franciscan Friars of the St. Joseph of Cupertino Province located here in California and Viet Nam. The Conventual Franciscan Friars are a worldwide fraternity of Roman Catholic men who follow the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the spirit of our founder, St. Francis of Assisi. The province was established in 1981 and the friars serve in the Dioceses of Monterey and Oakland, and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. We minister at parishes, hospitals, prisons, schools, in our Vietnam Mission, and more.

We invite you to learn more about us: our vision, our ministries, our Friends of Francis and all that we have to offer to the Church of the Pacific region. If you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, why not speak with one of the Friars.

St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us!

Fr. Raphael

OLG School News

As fall begins, the energy continues to flow at OLG. As I have mentioned before, we do what we do because of YOU, the parishioners at Transfiguration and Our Lady of Grace parishes, THE Catholic Community of Castro Valley.

September saw the start of a new school year with a lot of parent and student activity directed towards the Castro Valley Festival and our own parish and school Festival. I hope that you had a chance to enjoy!

I am also proud to report that our math and language scores continue to be in the top ten for all diocesan schools. The preparation that our students receive is second to none and it really does hurt to have to turn students away.

Unfortunately, our tuition is a deterrent to many families. That is where YOU come in. If you are able to "adopt a student," I am happy to facilitate that process.

We depend on the generosity of ALL parishioners, of course, but there are some out there whom God calls to "do more," and I am thrilled to be able to accept a student thanks to someone responding to this invitation. Just last month an OLG parish member "adopted" a student in kindergarten and the child is flourishing. I am grateful beyond words.

So, I'd like to invite YOU to do the same: Send a check to my attention to the school and I assure you that it will be put to good use. All persons who donate \$5,000 or more will be assigned to a student and will have an opportunity to meet them sometime after the December holy days.

I am so very grateful to all of you!

Gena McGowan, Principal



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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



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — 2 Kings 5:14-17

Psalm — 98

Second Reading — 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel — Luke 17:11-19

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 (Oct 11, 2025—Oct 17, 2025)

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Dolores Yap
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Michelle Le and Sierra Lamar
	9:00 a.m.	Eduina, Augusto, Manuel and Jose Silva and All Souls
	11:00 a.m.	For The People
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Silva Family
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Isabela Santos
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Anselmo Lucas
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	Herminio Dimaano
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Marilou Yap

**Thank you for advertising in our bulletin.
We appreciate your support!**

Welcome Back Parents, Guardians, and Students!

**Faith Formation classes for Grades 1st–8th
began last week.**

**If you are still interested in joining, please
contact Wendy Estrada to check for availability.
Confirmation Classes (Year One and Year
Two) will 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 or 510-537-1502**



Monday evening, Oct. 13, 2025 in the Marian room,
7:00-8:00 p.m. Please arrange Zoom connectivity
with Mike Dresen at biblestudy@transfigcv.org if at-
tending remotely. Free will offering.

October 12, 2025 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 17:11-19

Dorothy Day, the great Catholic activist, doubted God's existence. At least in her early adult years. But something changed when after giving birth to her daughter, she experienced an overwhelming gratitude. She later described how, as she held her daughter, the only appropriate response was a kind of unlimited gratitude. She had done nothing to deserve such a gift — this tiny, miraculous life — but there she was, flooded with gratitude, completely undone by the love of such a Giver.

Something similar occurs in Luke 17:19 when Jesus tells a healed leper, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." This man had already received physical healing through his faith. But the moment of an even deeper transformation came when he turned back, fell at Jesus' feet, and gave thanks. Like Dorothy, this man's gratitude led him to encounter the Giver.

Isn't that what we want, too? Gratitude to God has the power to break our chains of sadness, bitterness, and disenchantment. It empowers us to step out of the prison of self-pity and into the reality of God's abundant love. It shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have received, from what wounds us to what heals us.

Where do we learn this? The Mass. The priest prays: "It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks." Always. Everywhere. Not just when life is easy. Not just when prayers are answered as we expect. Gratitude is not a passive feeling; it is an act of faith. In the eucharist, we remember that Christ himself has given everything for us. And in this act of gratitude, we are healed.

— Father John Muir

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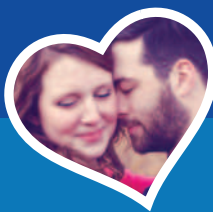
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