

# Church of the Transfiguration

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October 19, 2025

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



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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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Saturdays 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

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Six months advance notice required. Please call the parish office.

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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. 11th thru Oct. 12th — \$7,094.00**

**St. Vincent de Paul — \$829.00**

**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.

## **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

## **St. Masimilian Kolbe Columbiettes New Member Initiation**

Wednesday, November 19, 2025, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Grace Church Stack Center  
Main Auditorium  
3433 Somerset  
Castro Valley, CA 94546

## **Congratulations to the parents of:**

**Priscilla Jean Bribiesca**

**were baptized at Transfiguration  
on October 12, 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!

## **Advent 2025**

For Christians, Advent is not meant to be a time of passive waiting, but rather of hopeful preparation for the coming of the Lord. This Advent, the Women's Bible Study will be using Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire Advent Gospel Reflections. This devotional booklet features the full Gospel reading for each day of Advent, a daily reflection from Bishop Barron, space for journaling and answering reflection questions, and more!

We will meet on Tuesdays at 7PM in Stack Center to discuss the week's reflections and to watch a video that will help us enter more deeply into the prayerful nature of the season. We will begin on Tuesday November 25 and go through December 16. Cost is \$3. Please sign up with Jay in the OLG Office at 510-537-0806 by Monday November 3rd.

## **Your Prayers Are Requested for the Repose of:**

**Robert Julio Ferraris, Sr.**  
(Funeral Mass: Friday Oct. 24 10am)

## **Your Prayers Are Requested for the Repose of:**

**Shirley Wensler**

## **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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**MAIL:** Send check or money order to:  
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Diocese of Oakland, 2121 Harrison Street,  
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**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**



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Exodus 17:8-13

**Psalm** — 121

**Second Reading** — 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2

**Gospel** — Luke 18:1-8

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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 18, 2025—Oct 24, 2025)

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Chester & Ann Kuta
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Spcl Int George and Mary Jane Thoinpson
	9:00 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Nunzio Parisi
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Rui Pita and Family
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Anselmo Lucas
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Silva Family
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	Liz Lison
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Lucas Santos



BIBLE STUDY

Monday evening, Oct. 20, 2025 in the Marian room, **7:00-8:00 p.m.** Please arrange Zoom connectivity with Mike Dresen at biblestudy@transfigcv.org if attending remotely. Free will offering.

### Welcome Back Parents, Guardians, and Students!

**Faith Formation classes for Grades 1st–8th have started.**

**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: religioused@transfigcv.org or 510-537-1502**

A special thank you to the Hom Family and Maria Ruggeri for all their support with the classroom setup—we truly appreciate your help!

### October 19, 2025

### Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 18:1-8

A woman in my parish has an adult son who has rejected his faith. She prays for him every day. She lights candles, says rosaries, and asks God again and again to bring him back. But nothing changes. Is God listening? Is He delaying? She told me once that she feels like the widow in Jesus' strange parable — crying out for justice, but hearing only silence. And yet, she said, she is at peace. I asked why. She responded, "God is already answering. I just can't see it yet."

She embodies something of the mystery in Jesus' parable this week in Luke 18. A powerless widow demands justice from a corrupt judge. This isn't about wearing God down until He gives in. It's about faith in the justice that is already coming. The widow isn't just persistent; she believes that justice is inevitable. And when Jesus points to the judge's words — his fear of being "struck" — He hints at something deeper: God's justice does not creep in gradually. It strikes. It comes like lightning.

Blessed Mary is, of course, the ultimate widow demanding justice. At the foot of the cross she stands before what looks like the ultimate injustice — the brutal execution of her son. But she did not despair. She did not beg for a last-minute rescue. She knew that justice was not delayed. In fact, it was happening. The power of the cross was already unleashing justice upon the world — suddenly, decisively, like a blow that would topple every corrupt power, making even the most corrupt fear her strike.

This parable asks us: will the Son of Man find faith on earth? Or will we mistake God's silence for absence? The cross proves that justice is not slow. It is only hidden. The lightning has already struck. In the cross, justice is speedily being done.

— Father John Muir

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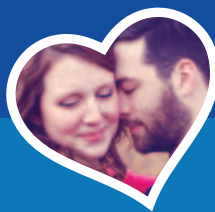
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