

Church of the Transfiguration

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November 16, 2025

Mission Statement: "Transfiguring Our Community Through Faith"



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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 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

SICK & HOMEBOUND MINISTRY:

Mary Kay Kelder, (510) 582-7253

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Director: Alexander Katsman

(510) 538-7941, Ext. 302 Music@TransfigCV.org

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Eucharistic Ministers

Coordinators: Elmer & Puri Serrano

eserrano76@gmail.com

Lectors for Weekend Masses

Coordinator: Barbara Mehan

Lector.Weekend@TransfigCV.org

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Altar Servers

Coordinator: Vivian Zaleski

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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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Elmer Serrano, Secretary - Rectory.Office@TransfigCV.org

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. 20, 2025
9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Speaker: Sr. Joan Burke SND
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 **Friday, December 12th at 7:00 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 2025. 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 November 9th will be reported on next week's bulletin.

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.



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.

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for items in the bulletin is Monday, 4:30pm.

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.



November 16, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Looking forward to celebrating Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 27th, let us keep in mind the good things that we have received throughout this past year and give thanks. It is a time for us to pray for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Remember that we are busy collecting food items and clothing to be distributed among the homeless. As we gather at our family tables, we must always keep in mind that which takes place in our Church every day at The Table of the Lord – The Celebration of the Eucharist. Remember that the Eucharist is at the heart of everything.

Here at our cluster, we would like to continue to give special attention to the Eucharist. To celebrate The Solemnity of Christ the King on November 23rd, there will be once again a Eucharistic Procession beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:30 PM at Our Lady of Grace Church, carrying the Blessed Sacrament in procession to Transfiguration Church where Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place. Everyone is encouraged to come and be a part of the procession because as the Eucharist is carried through our streets, we give a public witness to our faith, and we show to others along the way our devotion towards the sacrament. All that is asked of those who will be participating is that what is happening will be carried out with dignity and without loss of reverence to the sacrament. This procession can have a special importance and meaning for our cluster and Castro Valley itself. This is a primary prayer intention being made by our cluster. My friends, this procession is truly a sign of our common faith and adoration as we carry the Blessed Sacrament with reverence. Please consider joining in this procession as we celebrate The Solemnity of Christ the King. Then, at the conclusion of our Eucharistic Procession from Transfiguration Church to Our Lady of Grace Church, Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament will be given. With this Blessing with the Blessed Sacrament our Celebration will be completed.

Please be aware that arrangements need to be made to have transportation between our two churches.

My brothers and sisters in the Lord, join me in praying fervently that with this Eucharistic Procession we, bringing Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament into the streets of Castro Valley, will help others encounter anew Christ, our King and so many more will come to bear witness to Christ the King before others.

Fr. Raphael

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Needed!!!

Our Eucharistic Ministry is looking for volunteers to serve in our weekend Mass celebrations. If this is the opportunity you are looking for in your prayer life, please send email to Elmer Serrano at eserrano76@gmail.com. Thank you.



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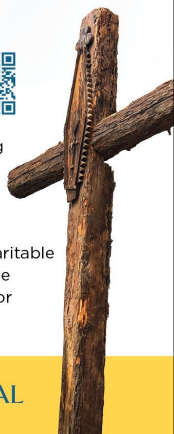


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ADDITIONAL GIFT OPTIONS:

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 16, 2025 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 21:5-19

When I was a kid growing up in New England, I'd occasionally go on a whale watch. Once we went out with calm waters and clear skies. But on the way back in, the sea got rough. I was just a kid, and I remember thinking we should turn left or right toward the shoreline I could see. But the pilot of the boat kept going straight — right into the waves — focused on a small, discouragingly distant lighthouse. Even when it flickered in and out of sight, he stayed the course. He knew where he was going.

That image comes to mind when I hear Jesus' words in today's Gospel regarding false messiahs: "Do not follow them" (Luke 21:8). In times of chaos or uncertainty, there are always voices offering easier routes, promising false safety, claiming to speak for God. But Jesus isn't found in the loudest voice or the nearest shoreline. He is steady, like a lighthouse in the storm.

The tribulation of which Jesus speaks — it's real. It happened to the Temple, it happened to him, it happens in the Church, and it will come to each of us. But the command is not to panic. It's to endure. To keep steering toward him. Faith isn't about having all the answers or dodging every wave. It's about knowing where the lighthouse is — and trusting it enough to keep going, especially when false safety beckons us to stop.

— Father John Muir

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SVdP Meeting Reminder

Our meeting is this Sunday, **November 16, 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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Malachi 3:19-20a

Psalm — 98

Second Reading — 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel — Luke 21:5-19

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 (Nov 15, 2025—Nov 21, 2025)

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Anselmo Lucas
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	For The People
	9:00 a.m.	Sylvia Blanco
	11:00 a.m.	Nunzio Parisi
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Trudy Akka
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Tony Silva and Family
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl In Conceicao Gananca
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	Lily Robeniol
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	Joe and Mary Santos



Monday evening, Nov. 17, 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.

FAITH FORMATION

Hello Faith Formation Families,
We're excited to announce that registration for the 2026 Transfiguration CYO Girls Basketball season is now open!

To register, please email Transfigurationcyo@backspin360.com.
We are also looking for coaches! If you're interested in volunteering, please contact us at Transfigurationcyogirls@gmail.com
Registration deadline: December 1st
Thank you for your continued support of our Faith Formation and CYO programs.
We look forward to another great season!

Congratulations to the parents of:

Liam Nicolas Angel

was baptized at Transfiguration on November 9, 2025