

Church of the Transfiguration

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November 9, 2025

Mission Statement: "Transfiguring Our Community Through Faith"



Rev. Raphael Zwolenkiewicz, OFM Conv, Pastor

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

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Mary Kay Kelder, (510) 582-7253

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Director: Alexander Katsman

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

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Coordinators: Elmer & Puri Serrano

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Coordinator: Barbara Mehan

Lector.Weekend@TransfigCV.org

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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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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

Pancake Breakfast!!!

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

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.

Free Will Donation

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 the weekends of:

Nov. 1st thru Nov. 2nd — \$13,550.00

All Souls/Saints — \$1,842.00

Building Fund — \$1,870.00

Bishop's Ministries Appeal: \$22,857.00 68.03%

(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.



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.

Dress-A-Girl Meeting Reminder

Next meeting will be this **Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 10:00am—12:00noon** at the Transfig Church Hall.

Please Note!

The Rectory Office will be close on Monday, Nov. 10, 2025 in observation of Veterans Day Holiday.

Thank you!



November 9, 2025

My brothers and sisters in the Lord,

We are encouraged to pray for our departed loved ones throughout the year and in a special way throughout the month of November. Especially throughout the month of November, we are encouraged to pray for all those journeying to heaven. Our prayers are focused on those in Purgatory. We pray that God will help them on their journey to Heaven.

The Catholic Church teaches that Purgatory is a place where souls are purified before entering Heaven. Some souls are not ready to enter Heaven right after death. Our prayers can help them. This is why our prayers for our departed loved ones are so important.

Praying for the dead is one of the spiritual works of mercy of mercy and what better way to give expression to our prayers than to attend Mass. Visiting the resting places of our departed loved ones is also an honorable practice. Pray for departed family members and friends. Pray for all the souls in Purgatory.

Our prayers especially this month focus on helping those who are still waiting to enter Heaven. As we pray for our departed loved ones, we are reminded of the hope that we have in eternal life. In all that we say and do, let us pray that we are walking in

Fr. Raphael

Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS)

Next weekend, we take up the collection for the AMS. The AMS relies solely on private donors in support of its mission, "serving those who serve." This collection will provide the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces wherever they serve and to veterans who are in VA medical centers.

SVdP Meeting Reminder

Our meeting is next 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.

Christmas Giving Tree

Once again Transfiguration will be sponsoring the Christmas Giving Tree for the Christmas Holiday Season. Ornaments with names available Saturday, Nov. 29 and due Sunday Dec. 14. Volunteers are needed, please contact Yolanda Arredondo 510 303-4023.

**FAITH
FORMATION**

**NO CLASSES
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 09, 2025
VETERANS DAY**

Confirmation YR 2 -Saint Project due 11/16/2025

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2025 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL



November 9, 2025
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
John 2:13-22

When I was 22, I entered St. Peter's Basilica for the first time. It floored me. I could hardly take it in, its grandeur, majestic arches, vibrant colors, and the light that danced through its high windows. Somehow, amidst such splendor, I felt an overwhelming sense of belonging, as if I had finally come home.

Jesus reorients how we Catholics see sacred buildings. In today's Gospel he says, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:13-22). His riddle implies, shockingly, that his own body is now the fundamental dwelling place of God and humanity. The temple in Jerusalem has been superseded.

In our churches today — whether they mirror the basilica's grandeur or embrace humble simplicity — we experience architectural symbols of Christ's risen body. It is no accident we call them "churches": they make visible in brick-and-mortar Christ's body which is made up of the living stones we call Christians. Each church building, like St. John Lateran in Rome, or St. Peter's, or any other, is meant to be a vibrant sign of Christ's resurrected body. We should cherish and protect our churches as places where heaven touches earth, where we, as a community, are raised to the fullness of life in Christ.

- Father John Muir

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

Psalm — 46

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17

Gospel — John 2:13-22

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 8, 2025—Nov 14, 2025)

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Donald Roy Collins
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Donald Lalonde
	9:00 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Camilo Mujica Alvarado
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Mike Mehan
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Stan, Alice and Steve
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Ed Bosch
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	Anselmo Lucas
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Silva Family



Monday evening, Nov. 10, 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.

Columbiettes

Come Celebrate with the St. Maximilian Kolbe Columbiettes on Wednesday November 19th at 6:30 p.m. at Stack Center at Our Lady of Grace Church as we receive our Charter.

Columbiette meetings are generally for members in good standing, but our November 19th meeting is open to everyone in the community. We will be receiving our Charter, inducting new members and serving refreshments. Friends and family are most welcome. Please will you join us?

Cheryl Royer,
 President
 ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE AUXILIARY 16770

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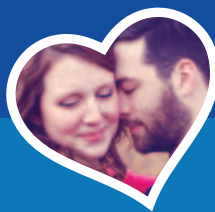
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