

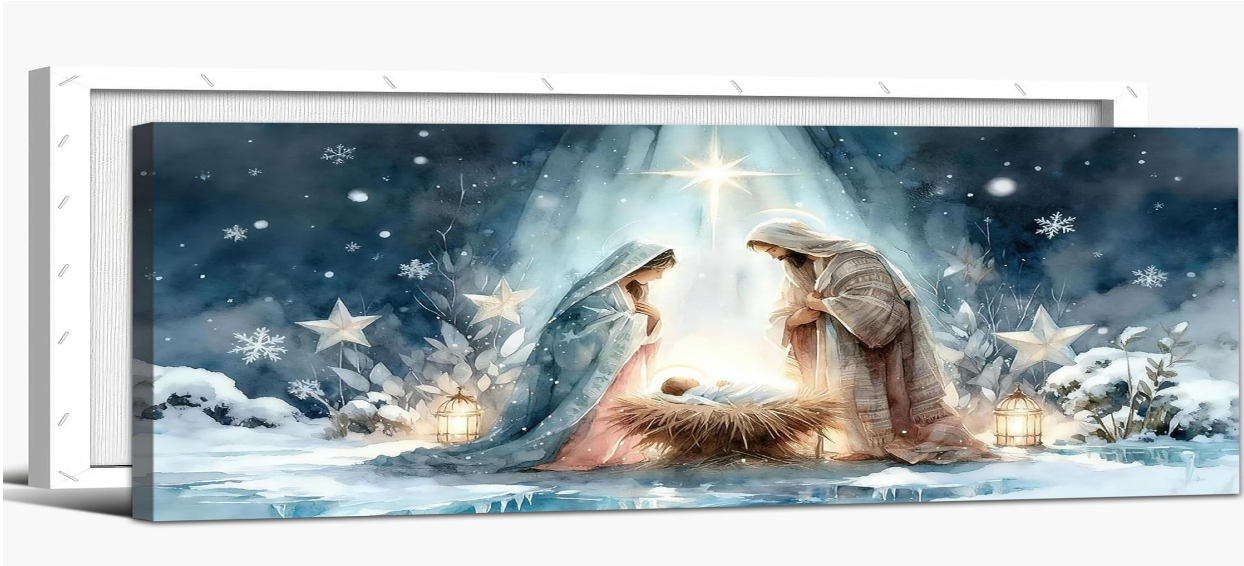
Church of the Transfiguration

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December 21, 2025

Mission Statement: "Transfiguring Our Community Through Faith"



Merry Christmas !!!

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

Director: Alexander Katsman

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Eucharistic Ministers

Coordinators: Elmer & Puri Serrano

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Coordinator: Barbara Mehan

Lector.Weekend@TransfigCV.org

Lectors for Weekday Masses

Coordinator: Mike Dresen

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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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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

Credit, Debit and Electronic Check Offerings

If you would like to make your Sunday offering by credit or debit card or, electronic check, please go to our website: transfigchurch.com and click on the “Donate” tab. Please call the office for further assistance if needed.

Congratulations to the parents of:

Emmet Edward Tinloy Zaleski
was baptized at Transfiguration
on November 13, 2025

Zira Alicia Rodriguez Barreda
was baptized at Transfiguration
on November 14, 2025

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.

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.

Need Prayer?

If so, our St. Vincent de Paul members would love to pray for your intentions. Go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society page on the parish website under “Parish Ministries.” Fill out the short form at the bottom of the page, submit your request, and our 20 members will pray for your intentions. If you would like to join us, please contact Mike Dresen (SVDP@TramnsfigCV.org). Prayer is Powerful!

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

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

Emily Franklin
(Funeral Mass: Tuesday Jan. 6 10am)

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: Advent is drawing quickly to a close, and Christmas is coming soon. The change is upon us. Do we rise to accept it, or do we fall on our faces in fear?

The First Transfiguration

I imagine Joseph waking up the morning after the dream, blinking in the dim half-light of the dawn.

One day, decades from now, the baby his wife carries will stand on a mountaintop. His face will shine like the sun, and those who look upon him will fall down upon their own faces in fear.

We call this the transfiguration, and Joseph won't be there to see it. But that doesn't matter. What those men will learn on the mountaintop, Joseph already knows. He learned it last night.

Today, he shrugs off the remnants of slumber and stands up.

“Rise, and do not be afraid.” This is what the baby — a baby no longer, but a man now, one in the last days of his life — will say to his companions on the mountain a few decades from now. They will look up to see him standing there the same as he always was, and they will realize that he did not change at all. They did.

“Do not be afraid.” This is what the angel said last night as he revealed to Joseph the will of God: that Joseph take Mary and the Child as his own, despite having so many reasons not to do so. And today Joseph wakes up and the world is the same as it always was: Mary is pregnant, and the Child does not belong to him.

No, the world has not changed. Joseph has.

He rises, and goes to Mary.

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Stewardship Corner

The collection total for the weekends of

Dec. 6th thru Dec. 7th — \$8,934.00

Bishop's Ministries Appeal: \$24,102.00 71.73%

(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 this Sunday, **December 21, 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.

GIVING TUESDAY

Transfiguration Parish

MINISTRIES of HOPE

2025 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL



December 2, 2025

This #GivingTuesday, extend Christ's love to those who need it most. Your gift to the Bishop's Ministries Appeal supports over 70 programs bringing hope, comfort, and guidance to communities across our diocese.



[Give Today](#)

CHRISTMAS DECORATING SCHEDULE

The Cursillo Group will be heading the church Christmas decoration on December 21st at 2:30pm. If interested please come and join the fun!

2025 Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve (Vigil) December 24, 2025

4:00 p.m.

(Christmas Carols @ 11:30pm)

12:00 a.m.

Christmas Day December 25, 2025

7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

December 31st Nativity of the Lord

8:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

10:00 a.m.

Please Note:

The Rectory Office will be closed on Wednesday, December 24, 2025. Merry Christmas!!!

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalm — 24

Second Reading — Romans 1:1-7

Gospel — Matthew 1:18-24

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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 (Dec 20, 2025—Dec 26, 2025)

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Bony Simeons
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	For The People
	9:00 a.m.	John Brosnan
	11:00 a.m.	Mario Cirimele
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Jean Lucille Wilgus
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Maria & Manuel Costa & Family
Wed.	4:00 p.m.	For The People
	12:00 a.m.	For The People
Thur.	7:30 a.m.	For The People
	9:00 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	For The People
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	Dulcidia O. Chocha

Please Note

Our Monday Bible Class will be on holiday off for the month of December. Our class will resume in January 2026.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!!!

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.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please support the retired priests of the Diocese of Oakland by giving to the Priests Retirement Benefits Trust. Your gift, joined with thousands of donations throughout the diocese, helps us ensure that the men who have faithfully served the Church will have the resources to live in tranquility and security. They have done so much for us; now it is our turn to care for them. Please give generously.