

# Church of the Transfiguration

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January 4, 2026

**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](http://www.Transfigchurch.com) and Facebook

## CONFESIONS

**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  
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## SICK & HOMEBOUND MINISTRY:

Mary Kay Kelder, (510) 582-7253

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Director: Alexander Katsman  
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## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### Eucharistic Ministers

Coordinators: Elmer & Puri Serrano  
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Coordinator: Barbara Mehan  
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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  
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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, Jan. 8, 2026**  
**9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.**

**Speaker: Fr. Dave Matz**

**Topic: Belovedness Gift: Received and Given**

For further information or, if you would like to attend, please contact: Rose Anne Ryken

RARYKEN39@gmail.com

## **January 4, 2026** **The Epiphany of the Lord**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

When I was 22, I went on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year of 2000. I was traveling light with just a backpack, one blue shirt and black pants, little money, and no Italian. I had a few close friends and one goal: to reach the Eternal City. Despite the challenges and deprivations, I felt alive in a way I had never known before.

When do you feel most alive? I'd wager it's not when you're most comfortable or surrounded by stuff. Rather, it's when your life is aimed at something great; when you're on a meaningful and challenging journey with good friends.

That's the image the Magi give us in today's Gospel. They set out from the East not with certainty, but with hope. They study the signs, discipline their attention, and journey together, offering the best they have when they find the newborn King.

The Church gives us their story at the start of the year to reawaken something in us. We are not meant to drift. We're meant to journey as pilgrims. The Jubilee Year of 2025 may have ended, but our pilgrimage has not. Like the magi, the closer we get to Christ, the more alive we become.

— Father John Muir

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord, a powerful reminder that Jesus manifests himself not just to a chosen few, but to all humanity. Like the Magi, we are called to seek Christ, guided by the light of faith. When we encounter him, in our worship and in our daily lives, we are challenged to offer our best. Let us, therefore, respond with grateful hearts, giving our time, talent, and treasure as a testament to our faith, and let us be a light to those around us who wander in darkness.

As you know on Jan. 6, 2026, the solemnity of the Epiphany, Pope Leo XIV is scheduled to close the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica before celebrating the Mass that will mark the concluding act of the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope. We stand at a pivotal moment, not of farewell, but of transformation. For these months, we have journeyed together, seeking divine mercy, renewing our faith, and igniting the flame of hope within our hearts, inspired by Pope Francis' call to be "Pilgrims of Hope". May we continue to be pilgrims, carrying the light of Christ into the world, unafraid and full of hope.

Also, it is with great joy and gratitude to God that I announce and welcome our new Franciscan priest, Father Angel Garcia, OFM Conv., to our cluster community of Our Lady of Grace Church and Transfiguration Church! Fr. Angel was ordained on March 25, 2023, by Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv., Bishop of the Diocese of Lexington, KY. The ordination was held at St. Paul Parish in San Pablo, CA. Fr. Angel will reside at St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe Friary (Casa) in Castro Valley and serve as parochial vicar of the cluster community. We are truly blessed to receive him as "the Magi's generous gift-giving" and look forward to the journey of faith we will share with him.

Peace and all good!

Fr. Luke  
Parochial Vicar

## **Stewardship Corner**

The collection total for the weekends of

**Dec. 20th thru Dec. 21st — \$7,993.00**

**Building Fund — \$3,000.00**

**Christmas Offering — \$24,650.89**

**Dec. 27th thru Dec. 28th — \$12,115.00**

**Bishop's Ministries Appeal: \$28,346.00 84.36%**  
(compared to \$12,000 average weekly stewardship goal)

## **Parish Spaghetti Social**

Transfiguration Hall

**January 17, 2025**

Doors Open 5:00pm

Dinner 5:30pm

Pasta Dinner prepared by Buon Tempo Club

Tickets: \$20—on sale after all masses

January 3rd thru Sunday January 11th.

# AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Donna Touros from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be working securing new ads for our church over the next several weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



Donna Touros



Cell: 916 - 284-4438



## Coffee and Donuts

Jon Meyers will be hosting coffee and donuts this Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Stop by and enjoy the fellowship.

## Pancake Breakfast

Join us next Sunday, Jan. 11th after the 7:30 am and the 9:00 am Masses. Cheapest breakfast in town! See you there!

## Dress A Girl Ministry

Come join us to cut, iron, accessorize or sew simple sundresses. No experience required. Supplies provided. For further information contact Yolanda Arredondo at 510 303-4023. Hope you can join.

## Dress-A-Girl Meeting Reminder

Next meeting will be next **Wednesday, January 14, 2025, 10:00am—12:00noon** at the Transfig Church Hall.

## January Birthdays

Happy Birthday to you, May God Bless you.  
Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday,  
May God Bless You!

## TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm — 72

Second Reading — Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel — Matthew 2:1-12

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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 (Jan 3, 2026—Jan 9, 2026)

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Jean Lucille Wilgus
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	For The People
	9:00 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Dolphy Pinto
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	For The People
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Elaine Westergard
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Concucao Gamanca
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	Augusto & Eduina Silva and All Souls
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	For The People

## "Let's Get Crackin'!"

## Crab Feed: Feb 28th, 2026

Ticket Price: \$90  
DJed by: Dynamic DJ Entertainment  
No Host Bar

Apps, Bread, Butter, Salad, Pasta, Crab, Ice-Cream

Corkage: \$15



## NO CLASSES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Monday evening, Jan. 5, 2026 in the Marian room, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Please arrange Zoom connectivity with Mike Dresen at [biblestudy@transfigcv.org](mailto:biblestudy@transfigcv.org) if attending remotely. Free will offering.

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