

Church of the Transfiguration

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January 11, 2026

Mission Statement: "Transfiguring Our Community Through Faith"

Rev. Raphael Zwolenkiewicz, OFM Conv, Pastor

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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

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
(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
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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

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. 22, 2026

9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Speaker: Deacon Tim Roberto

Topic: HOPE IN A CHAOTIC WORLD

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

RARYKEN39@gmail.com

OLG's Women's Faith Share

The Women's Faith share and bible study will begin on Tuesday January 13th and continue through February 3rd. We will be learning about our Blessed Mother and some of her appearances to believers of all ages and walks of life.

January 13 – The Miraculous Apparitions of the Virgin Mary

January 20 – Our Lady of Guadalupe: The miracles and the message

January 27 - Our Lady and the Visionaries of Knock

February 3 - How does the Church acknowledge miracles? The focus of this evening will be on the miracles and investigations associated with Our Lady of Lourdes.

No registration is necessary. We will be watching films/documentaries and discussing what we have seen. No homework! If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Denzler-Halsey at 510-881-7850 or heidimdh106@gmail.com.

SVdP Meeting Reminder

Our meeting is next Sunday, **January 18, 2026 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.

Stewardship Corner

The collection total for the weekends of

Dec. 31st thru Jan. 1st — \$5,580.00
Jan. 3rd thru Jan. 4th — \$8,108.00

Bishop's Ministries Appeal: \$28,346.00 84.36%

(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.

January 11, 2026 **The Baptism of the Lord**

Matthew 3:13-17

Apple ran a commercial not long ago called “Behind the Mac – Greatness.” It shows artists and creators, such as Kendrick Lamar, Billie Eilish, and Lady Gaga, working behind their MacBooks. The narration says, “There’s a certain kind of person who doesn’t wait for greatness. They make it.” It’s a compelling message. There’s beauty in using our gifts with passion and purpose. But there lies a hidden weight in that idea: If you are what you make, what happens when you can’t anymore? When the project fails, the passion fades, or the spotlight moves on, where is greatness then?

Today’s Gospel offers a differing vision of greatness. Jesus steps into the Jordan River. He hasn’t preached, healed, or performed a single miracle. Then the heavens open, and the Father speaks: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” It’s not a reward for success. It’s not earned. Before he does anything “great,” Jesus receives the greatness of his identity from the Father.

And so do you. At your baptism, God said the same thing over you: “You are my beloved.” That is your true identity, not constructed or earned but received. When we see ourselves and others this way, everything changes for the better. We discover a greatness that can never be taken away.

This week, reflect on your baptism: look up the date, thank God for it, pray for those baptized with you, or visit the church where it happened. Let your identity be rooted there.

— Father John Muir

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Please Note

Next Monday, January 19th is Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The Rectory Office will be closed.

Thank you.

Parish Spaghetti Social

Transfiguration Hall

January 17, 2026

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



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.

Pancake Breakfast

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

See you there!

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School: Saturday, January 31, Open House from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Stack Center. There will be dedicated sessions introducing our Dual Language Immersion program for grades Jr. K-2nd, as well as our STEM and Language-enriched grades 5-8 at both 10:45 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Come and meet next year's co-principals, teachers, and staff as we continue to grow this unique opportunity for a Catholic Education in the midst of Castro Valley. Pre-register at www@olgschool.org

Dress-A-Girl Meeting Reminder

Next meeting will be next **Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 10:00am—12:00noon** at the Transfig Church Hall.

Thank you!!!

Many thanks to everyone who donated to our recent St Vincent de Paul Socks and Underwear Drive with the confirmation candidates. We get many requests for these items, and have begun distributing them to local neighbors in need, who greatly appreciate receiving them.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Psalm — 29

Second Reading — Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

Gospel — Matthew 3:13-17

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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 10, 2026—Jan 16, 2026)

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Pierette Hill
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Mike Mehan
	9:00 a.m.	Roberta Rogers
	11:00 a.m.	Nunzio Parisi
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	For The People
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Joe Manuel Silva and All Souls
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	For The People
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	For The People
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

Next Sunday, January 18, 2026

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Please keep our 2nd year Confirmation students in your prayers as they participate in their three day Confirmation retreat during this weekend.



Monday evening, Jan. 12, 2026 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.

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