

Church of the Transfiguration

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Mission Statement: "Transfiguring Our Community Through Faith"

Rev. Luke Vu, OFM Conv, Parochial Administrator

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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

SICK & HOMEBOUND MINISTRY:

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
eserrano76@gmail.com

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Coordinator: Barbara Mehan
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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, 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 this 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

Jan. 10th thru Jan. 11th — \$8,394.00
Seminary Collection — \$862.00

Bishop's Ministries Appeal: \$31,821.00 94.71%

(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.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

With the close of the Christmas season and the feast of the Baptism of the Lord last Sunday, we now transition into the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time. Despite the name "ordinary," this is not a "less important" time, but rather a period for counting the weeks (the ordinal numbers) of Christ's life and ministry, a season of growth and maturation. The liturgical green symbolizes this life and growth, as we seek to deepen our understanding of Jesus' teachings (his parables) and apply them to our everyday lives.

Most of you are aware, Fr. Raphael wrote his farewell letter to us last Sunday. And at the 11:00 AM livestream Mass at our Church of the Transfiguration, we said goodbye to him. Today January 13, 2026, Fr. Raphael is flying back to Connecticut where he will be entering the nursing facility of the Felician Sisters. I am truly grateful for his willingness to come out from his eastern province to help our cluster community even in a short period of time. I always enjoyed living and working with Fr. Raphael. His joyful heart and faithful service to the cluster will be remembered. In many ways he has given us an example of servant leadership so beautifully, and I look forward to continuing to build upon the vibrant community that he fostered. While we say goodbye with heavy hearts, we also look forward with hope, confident that God has great things in store for Our Lady of Grace – Transfiguration Parish Cluster here in Castro Valley. Let us continue to pray for Fr. Raphael as he makes a transition to his next chapter. We pray God's richest blessings upon him and his caregivers so that he may have full recovery and strength.

Now I direct your attention to the announcement this weekend "Vietnam/Philippines Typhoon Disaster relief." Our Vietnamese and Filipino brother priests of our diocese have written to our Bishop Barber out of deep concern for the suffering in their home dioceses in Vietnam and the Philippines. Both have suffered much damage to life and property. Given the pain and suffering to our brothers and sisters, and with the unanimous consent of the Presbyteral Council, Bishop Barber has authorized pastors to take up a voluntary second collection between now and February 1st to aid typhoon disaster relief in Vietnam and the Philippines. Please consider helping our brothers and sisters. This is not just about disaster relief; it's about living out our faith in a real, tangible way, reflecting God's commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves. Thank you for your generosity.

May God richly bless you for your compassionate hearts and generous spirits.

Fr. Luke
Parochial Administrator

Please Note

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

Thank you.

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

Sunita D'Costa will be hosting coffee and donuts this Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Stop by and enjoy the fellowship.

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

Christmas Giving Tree Update

A heartfelt thank you to all the parishioners that participate in the Christmas Giving Tree Program. The families that were selected were from Colonial Acres School in Hayward and new this year were clients/families from our Saint Vincent De Paul Ministry. A total of 81 families participated with 122 children receiving gifts. Cash donations totaling \$1,800.00 was received and distributed to the families. The children shyly yet happily received the gifts and the parents were very thankful. Thank you to the volunteers that helped make the program a success! Your time, effort and commitment is greatly appreciated.

Blessings to our Transfigurations Community that make this program possible and successful!
Sincerely, Yolanda Arredondo

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Psalm — 40

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel — John 1:29-34

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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 17, 2026—Jan 23, 2026)

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Twylla Johnson
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Fr. Vincent Capodanno
	9:00 a.m.	Mary Alice Bennett
	11:00 a.m.	For The People
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Luis Capella
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	For The People
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	For The People
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	For The People
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	For The People

We will have a 2nd collection this weekend to aid typhoon victims in Vietnam and Philippines. Make your check payable to Transfig.

"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 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.

Please Note:

No Adult Bible Study this coming Monday due to MLK Holiday. Thank you!

Next week, on January 25, National Catholic Schools Week begins. As the Catholic Community of Castro Valley, the Church of the Transfiguration and Our Lady of Grace parish SHARE Our Lady of Grace Catholic School, located at 19920 Anita Avenue.