

Church of the Transfiguration

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Mission Statement: "Transfiguring Our Community Through Faith"

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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

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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Coordinators: Elmer & Puri Serrano
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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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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, Feb. 5, 2026
9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Speaker: Fr. Kevin Schindler-McGraw
Topic: "Be Still and Know That I Am God"
(Ps 46:10)

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 Bible Study/Faith Share will begin its Lenten study at 7PM February 17 in Stack Center Room 7 at Our Lady of Grace Parish. We will be using Lent: Coming to Christ from the Augustine Institute. It is a mini-journal designed to help us prepare for Lent and to encounter the Lord anew in the desert. It will guide us through two Lenten series on Formed.org, How to Lent and Foretold: Finding Hope in God's Providence, and will include guided prayer, journaling, topics for reflection and group discussion. There is no cost to attend this study. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Denzler-Halsey at 510-881-7850 or heidimdh106@gmail.com.

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.

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.



Monday evening, Feb. 2, 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.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



This Sunday, we go up on the mountainside with Jesus to hear one of the most transformative messages in the Gospel of Matthew: The Beatitudes. In a world that constantly tells us to chase power, wealth, and status to find happiness, Jesus turns everything upside down. He declares the poor in spirit, the meek, the mourners, and the merciful as "blessed."

Blessed are the poor in spirit: Those who know they need God above all else.

Blessed are the meek: Those who live with humility and gentleness, rather than aggression.

Blessed are the peacemakers: Those who actively seek harmony in a divided world. These teachings are not just abstract ideals; they are a direct challenge to the modern, get ahead, mentality. Jesus invites us to find our identity not in what we possess, but in who we are. The Beatitudes reveal the very heart of God, who draws close to the humble and afflicted.

St. Francis of Assisi is considered a prime example of someone who lived the Beatitudes by embodying radical poverty, humility, and peace during the 13th-century in Italy. He embraced; Lady Poverty; to mirror Christ, acting as a peacemaker during the Crusades and demonstrating profound mercy by serving the marginalized, such as lepers.

To honor the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis and promote peace and spiritual renewal, Pope Leo XIV proclaimed a special Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi, taking place from January 10, 2026, through January 10, 2027. This Jubilee Year invites us to follow the example of St. Francis and reflect on where we are seeking happiness. Are we trying to fill our lives with possessions, or are we letting ourselves be filled by the love of God? As we live, move, and have our being, may we carry these blessings, acting as God's instruments to bring peace and mercy to those overlooked by society.

Peace and All Good!

Fr. Luke
Parochial Administrator

Stewardship Corner

The collection total for the weekends of

Jan. 24th thru Jan. 25th — \$7,987.00

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.



Coffee and Donuts

Ralph & Sunita Fernandes 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, Feb. 8th after the 7:30 am and the 9:00 am Masses. Cheapest breakfast in town!
See you there!

Dress-A-Girl Meeting Reminder

Next meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 10:00am—12:00noon** at the Transfig Church Hall.

Dress-A-Girl Ministry

91 Dresses sent to Kenyan School!!

Proud to announce that 91 dresses were urgently sent to a school in Kenya. Dress-A-Girl ministry continues to be active creating sundresses for young girls. Since 2022, 2,100 dresses were made and this year along with Livermore Dress-A-Girl 8,086 were made and sent to: 436 - Mission Trips (Guatemala, Kenya, Costa Rica, Ghana, and Argentina)

2728 - Operation Christmas Child

4922 - Box of Joy

An exhibition of the dresses and pictures will be held in March. Donations are very much appreciated.

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 5:1-12a

A priest I know was once falsely accused of a terrible crime. The claim was wild and easily disproved, but for a while, it didn't matter. In the atmosphere shaped by the abuse crisis of the early 2000s, the public assumption was guilty until proven innocent. His name was dragged through the mud, and his ministry placed on hold. I had the privilege — and the burden — of walking closely with him during that time.

He was angry. He was confused. He felt abandoned and deeply disoriented. The last thing on his mind was the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: "Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me ... Rejoice and be glad" (Matthew 5:11-12). Rejoice? He felt anything but.

And yet... something holy slowly grew in him. Not overnight, and not without pain. But as the truth came to light and his name was cleared, I watched him become more Christlike — more patient, more compassionate, more detached from human approval.

Maybe you haven't faced something so dramatic. But where do you feel judged? Misrepresented? Overlooked? Maybe someone else got the credit or the promotion. Maybe someone you love isn't getting their due. In those moments, the Cross of Jesus is near. When we feel accused, that's when we ask him for the grace not just to endure, but somehow, mysteriously, to rejoice and be glad.

— Father John Muir
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Psalm — 146

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel — Matthew 5:1-12a

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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 31, 2026—Feb 6, 2026)

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Colette Naranja
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Jack & Doris Olivieri
	9:00 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Andrea Patrao
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Larry Maynard
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Jean Lucille Wilgus
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Dianne Saya
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	For The People
Fri.	9:30 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

All you can eat: Appetizers, Bread, Butter, Salad, Pasta, Crab, Ice-Cream

Corkage: \$15

Altar Servers Needed!!!

We are in need of boys or girls as Altar Servers in all of the Masses. Your child must be at least 10 yrs old and have received first Holy Communion. They must also be mature enough to pay attention and follow along in the Mass. If you are interested in having your child participate in this wonderful service, please contact Vivian Zaleski at Altar.Server@TransfigCV.org.

February Birthdays

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

Please Note!!

This Friday, February 6th is 1st Friday.
Mass schedule is at 9:30am. Thank you.