

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

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

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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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. 19, 2026
9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Speaker: Fr. Joe Nassal

Topic: Nurturing 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 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. 9, 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,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus gives us two powerful metaphors for our identity: we are the salt of the; and the light of the world; (Matthew 5:13-16). These aren't just suggestions for how to behave; they are declarations of who we already are in him. Because Christ is our light and in him, we see light, we are challenged not to keep our faith private, but to let it shine through good works—feeding the hungry, comforting the sorrowful, and bringing joy to our daily lives.

St. Francis of Assisi embodied the salt and light; by radically living the Gospel, transforming society through poverty, peace, and love. As salt of the earth, he preserved the faith through radical humility. By abandoning wealth to live as a beggar, Francis provided a salty critique to a materialistic world, restoring the flavor of the Gospel. He brought peace to warring factions, acting as a preservative against social corruption and hatred. By admonishing and teaching, Francis was unafraid to speak uncomfortable truths to power, such as his meeting with the Sultan, to bring the flavor of God's wisdom to others.

As light of the world, his life was a beacon of joy, offering hope to the marginalized in the darkness of despair. His sermon to the birds and taming of the Wolf of Gubbio demonstrated that his light extended to all of creation, illuminating God's love in unexpected ways. By living a life of voluntary poverty and service, he literally and figuratively shone light upon a broken and corrupt institution, repairing it through his example.

St. Francis' life demonstrates that being salt and light is not about self-glorification, but rather acting as an instrument of peace and love to illuminate God's glory. As we go forth, let us act as Christ's light, adding flavor and love to a world often in darkness.

Peace and All Good!

Fr. Luke

Parochial Administrator

Stewardship Corner

The collection total for the weekends of

Jan. 31st thru Feb. 1st — \$19,616.00

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.

Pancake Breakfast

Join us this 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 this **Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 10:00am—12:00noon** at the Transfig Church Hall.

Music Ministry

We at Transfiguration Music Ministry would like to invite you to join our choir! We are a friendly and supportive group who love to praise God in song! We rehearse on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and sing on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Mass. If you never tried or if you haven't sung in a choir in a while this would be a great time to join Transfiguration Adult Choir! Reading the music is not required. Please contact Alex Katsman, the Music Ministry Director, by email at music@transfigcv.org



**Ash Wednesday
February 18, 2026
Ash Distribution**

**08:00 am
12:00 noon
7:30 pm**

February 8, 2026 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 5:13-16

I recently learned why zebras have stripes. Scientists used to think it was for camouflage, but new research suggests something more interesting: the stripes help zebras blend in with one another. When a predator looks at a herd, the overlapping stripes make it hard to single out one animal. But if a researcher spray-paints a dot on just one zebra, predators lock on it and eventually attack. The lesson? In the wild, blending in is protection. Standing out can be dangerous.

Human beings are not so different. Most of us would rather blend in than stand out, especially when it comes to our faith. We know that giving bold witness to Jesus — through our words, values, or public choices — can make us targets for criticism, isolation, or judgment. That's why Jesus' words in today's Gospel are so challenging: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden" (Matthew 5:14).

A city on a hill draws attention. It also draws fire. But that's part of the cost of discipleship. Jesus doesn't call us to be tribal or boastful. He calls us to stand in the open with humble confidence, so that people might see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven. Today, let's ask for the courage not just to believe in Christ, but to be seen believing in him.

— Father John Muir
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah 58:7-10

Psalm — 112

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel — Matthew 5:13-16

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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 (Feb 7, 2026—Feb 13, 2026)

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Wayne Edwin Galpin
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Mike Mehan
	9:00 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Luis Capella
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Isabella Samson
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Frank Baca
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Ascencao Teixeira
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	Augusto & Eduina Silva and All Souls
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Dianne Saya

"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

Email: TransfigCrabFeed@gmail.com

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.

Remember Transfiguration Church in your
Will and Living Trust

Please Note: Monday, February 16th is **Presidents' Day**. The Rectory Office will be closed. Thank you.