

# 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:Music@TransfigCV.org)

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

#### Eucharistic Ministers

Coordinators: Elmer & Puri Serrano  
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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)

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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, Mar. 5, 2026**  
**9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.**

**Speaker: Sr. Joan Burke SND**

**Topic: "Hope of a Hummingbird" Amos**

For further information or, if you would like to attend, please contact: Rose Anne Ryken  
RARYKEN39@gmail.com

## Our Lady of Grace Lenten Soup Meals

Stack Center, after the 6pm Wednesday Masses  
All Wednesday evenings except April 1st

February 25th

March 4th

March 11th

March 18th

March 25th

Lenten Fish Fry

February 27th (5:30-7:30pm)

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Cost is \$10 per person and includes fish, fries, coleslaw, coffee, tea, punch and dessert.

Pay at the door.



Rice Bowl boxes are available at the vestibule of the Church. Please pick up your box on your way out after Mass. Thank You in sharing your gifts.

## Coffee and Donuts



Nhat & Kathleen Nguyen will be hosting coffee and donuts this Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Stop by and enjoy the fellowship.



Monday evening, Feb. 23, 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.

## A Message

from the



Pastor

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

As we enter this holy season of Lent, we are called to accompany Jesus into the desert for 40 days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In this Sunday's Gospel of Matthew, we reflect on Christ's victory over temptation, inviting us to renew our baptismal promises, repent from sin, and strengthen our dependence on God, rather than worldly comforts.

This season of Lent is often described by St. Francis of Assisi as a time to do penance, performing worthy fruits of penance. For Francis, this was not simply about giving up luxuries, but about a profound interior conversion—a returning to the heart of the Gospel and a renewal of our love for the Poor Crucified One. Often, we view temptation and the desert as negative experiences. However, St. Francis teaches us to see the wilderness as a place of grace. It is a place of stripping away the unnecessary, allowing us to see more clearly our dependence on God. Francis himself would withdraw to hermitages during Lent to step apart from his daily duties to know the will of the Lord better.

The ashes received this past Wednesday mark our mortality and our desire to turn back to God. Like Jesus, we must take this time to withdraw from the noise of daily life and enter into a deeper, more intentional relationship with our Creator. Our efforts should focus on:

- Prayer:** I encourage you to increase your prayer life, perhaps by attending daily Mass or spending time in Eucharistic Adoration and Confession.
- Fasting:** Let our fasting from food and other distractions remind us that we rely on God above all.
- Almsgiving:** Let us reach out to those in need, offering our time and resources as an act of charity.

Let us not be afraid of the temptations that arise, nor discouraged by our failures. As Jesus showed us, victory is found in resisting temptation by relying on the Word of God. May this Lent be a true springtime for our souls. Let us follow the invitation of St. Francis to live with hearts filled with gratitude, embracing the cross so that we may fully celebrate the joy of the Resurrection.

Fr. Luke

## **Please Note.....**

Collections for last week will be reported on the March 1st bulletin. Thank you!

### **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](mailto:music@transfigcv.org)

### **Fasting and Feasting**

Lent should be more than a time of fasting. It should also be a joyous season of feasting.

Lent is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others.

It is a season in which we should:

Fast from judging others feast on the Christ dwelling within them.

Fast from emphasis on differences;

feast on the unity of all life,

Fast from thoughts of illness;

Feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from works that pollute;

feast on phrases that purify.

Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger; feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.

Fast from worry; feast on divine order.

Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.

Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives.

Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern;

feast on compassion for others.

Fast from discouragement; feast from hope.

Fast from suspicion; feast on truth.

Fast from thoughts that weaken;

feast on promises that inspire.

### **Please Note**

During Lent, Mass will begin without the usual procession into the Church. We ask the community to be quiet and meditate in silence five minutes before Mass.

As we have done in the past, our Lent is also an invitation to our children to share their pennies with the poor. We ask our children to come up and drop their donation in the "Pennies for the Poor" jar when the ushers are taking up the collection for the community at large.

You are also invited to join the parish community in praying the Stations of the Cross and Benediction on all the Fridays of Lent at 7:30 p.m.

**Your Prayers Are Requested for the  
Repose of:**

**Richard Puppione**

(Memorial Service: Sat Feb. 28 11am)

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

**Psalm** — 51

**Second Reading** — Romans 5:12-19

**Gospel** — Matthew 4:1-11

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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 21, 2026—Feb 27, 2026)**

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Logan Madej
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Bart Jovellana
	9:00 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Roberta Rogers
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Joe Manuel Silva and All Souls
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Emily Franklin
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	For The People
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	Helen Lalonde
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

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

Corkage: \$15

Email: [TransfigCrabFeed@gmail.com](mailto:TransfigCrabFeed@gmail.com)

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Will and Living Trust

A big thank you to the **Dress-A-Girl** organization that meets in our Hall, especially to Sharleen Lozano and Yolanda Arredondo for helping to mend some of our Altar Server albs (vestments), that were ripped and needed repair. Our albs are very old and needed some tender loving care.

**Thank you so much!**

Also if you are interested in your child becoming an Altar Server please contact Vivian Zaleski. This is a wonderful service that our church is in dire need of and will bring many blessings to your child. Your son or daughter must be at least 10 years old and have received first Holy Communion. Please contact Vivian at [Altar.Server@TransfigCV.org](mailto:Altar.Server@TransfigCV.org).