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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)

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CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

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Please call the Parish Office to register.

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Six months advance notice required. Please call the parish office.

FUNERALS

Please contact the funeral home of your choice and then the parish office.

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PARISH OFFICE

Hours: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Wednesday (until further notice)

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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. 19, 2026
9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Speaker: Father Kwane
Topic: "HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT"

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

A Message
from the
Pastor
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we celebrate Laetare Sunday, the mood of our Lenten journey shifts slightly toward the joy of the approaching Resurrection. This Sunday serves as a beacon of hope amidst our penance, reminding us that the cross is not the end of the story.

Our Gospel (John 9:1-14) tells us the profound story of Jesus curing the man born blind. It invites us to consider: What are we blind to in our own lives? Often, like the Pharisees, we might think we see, yet we are blind to our own prejudices, sins, or lack of charity. Jesus reveals himself as the Light of the World, shining into the dark corners of our hearts to show us a new way. The blind man's journey—from darkness to sight, and then to faith—is a model for us as we enter the final stretch of Lent.

St. Francis of Assisi knew that perfect joy lies in humble service and finding God in all creation, even when facing hardship. In the final years of his life, Francis suffered from severe eye disease, leading to nearly total blindness. Yet, in his physical darkness, his spiritual sight became clearer. Despite his pain, he found profound joy, composing the Canticle of the Creatures and, on October 3, 1226, singing "Welcome, my Sister Death!"

Francis teaches us that when our worldly, physical vision fades, the light of Christ can shine through our vulnerabilities. Like the blind man in the Gospel, and like St. Francis, we are called to move past our blindness—our fears, attachments, and selfishness—and allow Christ to shine upon us. Let us use these remaining days of Lent to surrender our to Jesus, the Light of the World, trusting that in our weakness, His strength is made perfect.

Happy Laetare Sunday!

Fr. Luke

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Monday evening, March 16, 2026 in the Marian room, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Please arrange Zoom connectivity with Mike Dresen at bibles-tudy@transfigev.org if attending remotely. Free will offering.

Stewardship Corner

The collection total for the weekends of:

Feb. 7th thru Feb. 8th — \$10,359.00
Rice Bowl — \$96.58

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Thank you for continuing in your stewardship role of providing for the upkeep of our parish community.

March 15, 2026
4th Sunday of Lent
John 9:1-41

If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?" (John 9:2) They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: "I am the light of the world" (John 9:5). He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light.

Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you not see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark.

Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze re-frame how we see ourselves and one another.

Lenten challenge: Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy.

— Father John Muir

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Coffee and Donuts



Jon Meyers will be hosting coffee and donuts this Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Stop by and enjoy the fellowship.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Needed!!!

Our Eucharistic Ministry is looking for volunteers to serve in our weekend Mass celebrations. If this is the opportunity you are looking for in your prayer life, please send email to Elmer Serrano at eserrano76@gmail.com. Thank you.

Dress A Girl Ministry



Come join us to cut, iron, accessorize or sew simple sundresses. No experience required. Supplies provided. For further information contact Yolanda Arredondo at 510 303-4023. Hope you can join.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Psalm — 23

Second Reading — Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel — John 9:1-41

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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 (Mar 14, 2026—Mar 20, 2026)

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	For The People
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Mike Meha
	9:00 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Nunzio Parisi
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	For The People
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Judie Bellini
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Manuel Jose Silva and
		All Souls
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	Mary Tavares
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Isabella Samson

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Dress-A-Girl Meeting Reminder

Next meeting will be this **Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 10:00am—12:00noon** at the Transfig Church Hall.

**St Vincent de Paul
 Fifth Sunday Collection**

Transfiguration's St Vincent de Paul volunteers continue to provide support to those in need in our local area. Recently we assisted a grandmother who takes care of her daughter and three grandchildren by paying her overdue PG&E bill. The number of people in our parish area who call us for assistance continues to grow, while our income has not. Please help us help others with your donations, and **THANK YOU** for your ongoing support.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

This weekend, March 15, 2026—Funds from this collection help provide food for the hungry and support to displaced refugees.

SVdP Meeting Reminder

Our meeting is this Sunday, **March 15, 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.

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