

# Church of the Transfiguration

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**Mission Statement: "Transfiguring Our Community Through Faith"**

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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)

### 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

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### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

#### Eucharistic Ministers

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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

### **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.

### **Lectors Needed**

We need lectors for weekday and weekend masses. No experience necessary and training will be provided. If you feel the Lord is calling you to this ministry, please contact Mike Dresen: [Weekday@TransfigCV.org](mailto:Weekday@TransfigCV.org) or Barb Mehan [Weekend@TransfigCV.org](mailto:Weekend@TransfigCV.org).

**Thank you.**

### **Coffee and Donuts**



Mario & Lilia Fabian will be hosting coffee and donuts this Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Stop by and enjoy the fellowship.



Monday evening, March 2, 2026 in the Marian room, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Please arrange Zoom connectivity with Mike Dresen at [biblestudy@transfigcv.org](mailto:biblestudy@transfigcv.org) if attending remotely. Free will offering.



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

As we continue our 40-day Lenten journey, this Sunday brings us to the high mountain with Peter, James, and John to witness the Transfiguration of Jesus. After the temptation in the desert, this moment offers a glimpse of divine glory, strengthening us to face the cross, both in Christ's life and in our own, with hope.

The Father's voice from the cloud, "Listen to him", calling us to move beyond fear and actively listen to Jesus' teachings. Just as Abraham was called to step out in faith into an unknown land (Genesis 12:1-4), we are called to move beyond our comfort zones.

Lent is not about staying on the mountain top, but about bringing that light down into our daily lives. Let us keep our eyes fixed on the Lord. Let us listen to Jesus, allowing his word to transform our hearts, that we may emerge from this season renewed.

Happy Lent!

Fr. Luke

### **Need Prayer?**

Do you need prayer, or does someone you know need prayer? Whether it's for healing, thanksgiving or any other intention, our St Vincent de Paul members would love to pray for your personal intentions. Contact any of our members, or go to <https://transfigchurch.com/parish-ministries-groups/outreach/st-vincent-de-paul-society/> fill out the short form, and our members will gladly pray. Prayer is powerful!!

### **March Birthdays**

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



We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners. Please pick up a registration form at the vestibule of the church and return it to the Parish Office. This helps us to serve you better.

### **Please Note:**

Collections for the last 2 weeks will be reported on next week's bulletin. Thank you!

**March 1, 2026**  
**2nd Sunday of Lent**  
**Matthew 17:1-9**

When I sit down to answer emails or write a Gospel reflection or return a phone call, I sometimes wonder: Does any of this humdrum work matter? Maybe you ask the same thing about your daily labor. Today's Gospel, the Transfiguration, offers a surprising answer.

Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, "his face shone like the sun face and his clothes become white as light" (Matthew 17:2). That detail regarding his clothes is worth considering.

We know Jesus' body is inseparably united to the divine nature. But his clothing? That's something made by human hands. It's an artifact. And yet it shines with the same uncreated light. What does this detail mean? The early Church noted that Adam and Eve's first act after the Fall was to make clothing. This clothing symbolizes all human labor that supports our dignity. In Jesus' glorified garments, we see not just the redemption of our body, but of human effort to protect and uplift human dignity.

Parents, your family is your work. Baristas, plumbers, nurses, accountants — your labor, your emails, your phone calls, your spreadsheets — can all become radiant when offered to God in love. The question isn't just do I believe in Jesus' glory, but do I believe he can share it with the work of my hands?

Lenten Challenge: Identify the "artifact" you are making to uplift the dignity of others: your job, your home, your relationships. Consciously bring it to the Lord this Sunday at Mass. Offer it to share in His glory. It will begin to shine.

— Father John Muir  
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**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.

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**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](mailto:eserrano76@gmail.com). Thank you.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Genesis 12:1-4a

**Psalm** — 33

**Second Reading** — 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

**Gospel** — Matthew 17:1-9

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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 28, 2026—Mar 6, 2026)**

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Richard Puppione
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Spel Int Lorenzo Fresquez
	9:00 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Benny Patrao
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Roberta Rogers
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Jean Lucille Wilgus
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Kate McGinty
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	Yoli Alonte
Fri.	9:30 a.m.	Emir Castillo

**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.

**Dress-A-Girl Meeting Reminder**

Next meeting will be next **Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 10:00am—12:00noon** at the Transfig Church

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**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](http://transfigchurch.com) and click on the "Donate" tab. Please call the office for further assistance if needed.

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