

# Church of the Transfiguration

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

## Rev. Luke Vu, OFM Conv, Parochial Administrator

Fr. Kevin Schindler-McGraw, OFM Conv, Parochial Vicar; Fr. Angel Garcia, OFM Conv, Parochial Vicar;  
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

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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. 19, 2026**  
**9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.**

**Speaker: TBA**  
**Topic: TBA**

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

## **Pancake Breakfast**

Join us this Sunday, Mar. 8th after the 7:30 am and the 9:00 am Masses. Cheapest breakfast in town!  
**See you there!**

## **AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES**

**Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!**

Scott Sheppard from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church the week of [Date]. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



**LPi** Scott Sheppard  
253-270-1804

## **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.*



Monday evening, March 9, 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 enter the third week of our Lenten journey, this Sunday's Gospel (John 4:5-42) brings us to Jacob's well, where Jesus breaks social and religious barriers to meet a Samaritan woman. She came to draw physical water, but she was thirsting for something much deeper—acceptance, truth, and purpose. Jesus says to her, and to us: "Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life".

Lent is our invitation to stop relying solely on wells that run dry—material wealth, approval, or distraction—and to drink from the source of living water. The Samaritan woman's journey from curiosity to evangelist shows us that, despite our past, an encounter with Christ can transform our lives. Jesus always awaits us, offering "living water" to quench the deepest thirsts of our souls. Let us allow Jesus to reveal his love, to break down the walls of our own prejudices, and to fill us with the grace to become, like the woman, witnesses to the good news in our community.

This Sunday, I ask you to pray specifically for our Elect, those preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil, as we celebrate the First Scrutiny. Their journey is an inspiration for us all to renew our own commitment to conversion. Let us join them in praying the Psalmist's prayer: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Ps 95).

May God continue to bless our Lenten journey!

Fr. Luke

## **Stewardship Corner**

The collection total for the weekends of:

**Feb. 14th thru Feb. 15th — \$7,172.00**  
**Rice Bowl — \$825.00**

**Feb. 21st thru Feb. 22nd — \$5,212.00**  
**Building Fund — \$1,335.00**

**Feb. 28th thru Mar. 1st — \$10,058.00**  
**Crab Feed - \$5,525.00**

(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.

**March 8, 2026**  
**3rd Sunday of Lent**  
**John 4:5-42**

Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, “Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way.” That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: “One sows and another reaps” (John 4:37). He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit.

This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

Lenten challenge: Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.

— Father John Muir  
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**Set Clocks Ahead**



**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** — Exodus 17:3-7

**Psalm** — 95

**Second Reading** — Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

**Gospel** — John 4:5-42

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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 7, 2026—Mar 13, 2026)**

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Antonio Enriquez
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	For The People
	9:00 a.m.	Clementine Vaccariello
	11:00 a.m.	Luis Capella
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Augusto & Eduina Silva and all souls
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Spcl Int Dianne Saya
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Maria Teixeira
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	For The People
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	For The People

**Congratulations to the parents of:**

**Alana Mae Nguyen**

**was baptized at Transfiguration on March 1, 2026**

**Thank you for advertising in our bulletin. We appreciate your support!**

**Dress-A-Girl Meeting Reminder**

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

**THANK YOU!!!**

The Crab Feed Planning Committee would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every volunteer who helped make this year’s Crab Feed a tremendous success. We are especially grateful to the two Boy Scouts, six members of the Sunshine America Youth Club, and one CCV High School student who generously gave their time, even though they are not part of our parish community. Your willingness to serve truly means so much to us.

“Many hands make light work” could not be more true! A very special thank you to our amazing Confirmation group, who served as the event’s servers and played a major role in its success.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you all for your talent, time, energy, and dedication.