

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 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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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, Apr. 2, 2026
9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Speaker: Carol Kinsler
Topic: "Living out, Ladauto Si"

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



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we enter the fifth Sunday of Lent, the final week before Holy Week, our focus shifts from personal penance to Jesus as "the resurrection and the life". The Gospel of John (11:1-45) presents us with a powerful scene: Jesus at the tomb of Lazarus. He raises his friend Lazarus from the dead after four days in a tomb in Bethany. This is not just a miracle of the past; it is a promise for us today. Jesus calls us to step out of our own "tombs" – our chains of addiction, fear, resentment, or spiritual apathy – and trust in Christ's power over death. We are invited to let go of the burial cloths of our past sins and embrace the freedom of a life lived in the Spirit.

This Gospel passage serves as a prelude to Easter, showing that Jesus's love brings new life even when we feel dead inside. It reminds us that no matter how long we have been in the grave of sin, Jesus can call us forth. As we move into Passiontide, you may notice the statues and crucifixes in our church are covered in purple, signaling a time of mourning and intense preparation for the Lord's Passion. This week, let us:

- Embrace Hope:** Trust that God can revive any area of our lives that feels hopeless.
- Seek Reconciliation:** Take time for confession, allowing the Lord to remove the burial cloths of sin.
- Prepare for Holy Week:** Come and pray the Station of the Cross with us on Friday at 7:30 PM.

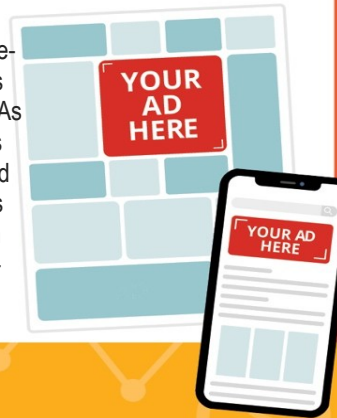
May we hear Jesus calling us by name to come out and experience his new life. Let us use this final stretch to intensify our prayer and charity, fully preparing our hearts for the joy of Easter. Please see the bulletin for our upcoming Holy Week schedule and make a conscious effort to attend these sacred liturgies as a community.

Fr. Luke

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Thank you for your help and look forward to a successful campaign for advertisers

Remember Transfiguration Church in your Will and Living Trust



Monday evening, March 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.

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.

Stewardship Corner

The collection total for the weekends of:

Mar. 14th thru Mar. 15th — \$7,088.00
Catholic Relief Services — \$1,325.00

(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 22, 2026
5th Sunday of Lent
John 11:1-45

A friend of mine wrote an imaginative reflection on the raising of Lazarus that caught me off guard. She proposed that when Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, the man was not joyful but angry and annoyed. After so much suffering, maybe death felt like a release. He had finally escaped the pain. And then, suddenly, Jesus' voice cuts through the silence: "Lazarus, come out!" (John 11:43) The light stings his eyes. The pain returns. And now he is dragged back into a world that had broken him.

It startled me at first, but the more I sat with it, the more it made sense. Sometimes, people do not want to be raised. Not at first. Think of those in the grip of addiction, despair, or numbness. The tomb can feel safer than the risk of living again. Yet Jesus, moved by the grief and faith of others (Martha, Mary, the community) calls the dead man out. Lazarus obeys. But he is still bound, head to foot. Jesus says to the bystanders, "Untie him and let him go" (John 11:44).

That is often how healing happens: slowly, reluctantly. Not just by a personal decision, but through the love and persistence of others. Resurrection is not always euphoric. It may begin in protest and confusion and only later turn to gratitude and freedom. But Christ's voice breaks through, anyway.

Lenten challenge: Who in your life needs to be called back to life? Pray for them. If that person is you, listen for the voice. It is calling even now.

— Father John Muir

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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 Drensen: Weekday@TransfigCV.org or Barb Mehan: Weekend@TransfigCV.org.

Thank you.

Bishop's Ministries Appeal Prayer

Loving and merciful God, we are your family, brothers and sisters entrusted with the mission of your Church in the Diocese of Oakland. Thank you for the precious gift of Your Most Holy Eucharist. Thank you for transforming us by it, and for filling us with your Divine Love so we can help bring Your Presence to our families, friends, neighborhoods, and the world. May our Blessed Mother, Queen of the World and patroness of our Diocese, lead us to You and walk with us in our challenges and struggles. May our work, through the Bishop's Ministries Appeal, bring You joy and bring Your gentle mercy and care to all we serve.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalm — 130

Second Reading — Romans 8:8-11

Gospel — John 11:1-45

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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 21, 2026—Mar 27, 2026)

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Jennifer White
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Spcl Int George & Mary Jane Thompson, Donald and Helen Lalonde
	9:00 a.m.	Renato Magno
	11:00 a.m.	Juliana Monteiro
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	For The People
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	For The People
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	Wilson Rodrigues
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	For The People
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	For The People

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**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.

Coffee and Donuts



Sunita D'Costa will be hosting coffee and donuts this Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Stop by and enjoy the fellowship.

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.