

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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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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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 our, Laudato 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,

Today we begin Holy Week, the most sacred time of our liturgical year. As we gather with palms in hand, we re-enact Jesus' humble entrance into Jerusalem. Yet, the liturgy quickly shifts, inviting us into the sorrowful reading of the Passion according to Matthew. We see the dramatic contrast between the crowd's shallow, fleeting praise and the unwavering love of Christ, who goes to the cross to conquer sin and death. Palm Sunday is not just a historical commemoration; it is an invitation to examine our own wavering hearts. Do we only follow Jesus when the path is easy and popular, or do we walk with him through the difficult time?

Let us enter this week, not just to re-enact a story, but to re-live it. It is a time to walk with Christ in humility, acknowledging our need for redemption while praising him as our King. Let the palm branches we carry home be a symbol of our commitment to follow Jesus, not just in the triumphs, but in the suffering.

- Keep the palms:** Display them in your homes as a reminder of Jesus' victory and your commitment to following him.
- Enter the silence:** Take time this week for prayer and reflection, accompanying our Lord in his final days.
- Participate in the Sacred Triduum:** Make the Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday), the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday), and the Easter Vigil/Sunday a priority.

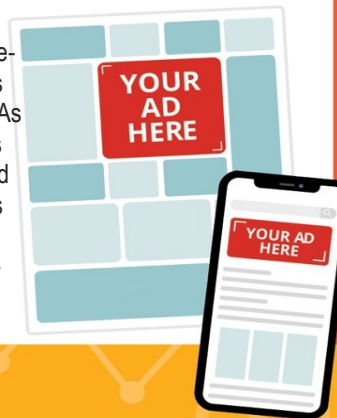
May this Holy Week be a time of deep conversion and grace for our entire parish community.

Fr. Luke

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

Bulletin Help!!!

You may or not know that our Sunday Bulletin is supported by our advertisers. In this regard, we seek your assistance in referring business owners to advertise in our weekly bulletin. Just provide the Rectory the name of the business and the phone number. Our publisher, LPI, will do the follow up and hopefully the agreement to advise in our bulletin.

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

Stewardship Corner

Donation report for last week will be reported on the next bulletin issue. Thank you.



Monday evening, March 30, 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.

Easter Flower Collection



There will be a collection for flowers to decorate our Church for Easter. Special envelopes are available at the back table.

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

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.

**March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Matthew 26:14-27:66**

Just prior to this week's Passion narrative in St. Matthew's Gospel, there is a small, striking story describing a woman's scandalous action toward Jesus: "A woman came up to him with an alabaster jar of costly perfumed oil, and poured it on his head" (Matthew 26:7). The ointment was pure nard, worth more than 300 denarii. A year's wages. Maybe a dowry, maybe a family inheritance. In any case, she breaks it. She does not measure or ration. She pours it all out, irreversibly, over Jesus. Why does this image begin Holy Week?

Because what she does with the jar, Jesus will soon do with his life. The jar must be broken so the fragrance can be released. Jesus' body will be broken so his priceless divine and human love can be poured out. She gives everything, just as he is about to give everything. And He sees it: "She has done a good thing for me" (Matthew 26:10). Her act is lavish, impractical, scandalous in its apparent wastefulness. And he loves it. It is what Holy Week is all about. What jar are you still holding onto? Your time? Your comfort? Your plan for how life should go? Don't just wave palms today. Let yourself be broken open so your love, too, can be poured out.

Lenten Challenge: Offer something costly to Jesus this Holy Week — not out of guilt, but love. Your attention. Your forgiveness. Your time. Break the jar. Trust that nothing poured out for him is ever wasted.

— 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.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm — 22

Second Reading — Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel — Matthew 26:14—27:66

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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 28, 2026—Apr 3, 2026)

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Milagros & Eric Madulid
Sun.	7:30 a.m.	Tess Bernas
	9:00 a.m.	For The People
	11:00 a.m.	Richard Monteiro
Mon.	8:00 a.m.	Joe Manuel Silva and All Souls
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	For The People
Wed.	8:00 a.m.	For The People
Thur.	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Lord's Supper Mass
Fri.	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	12: noon	Good Friday Service
	7:30 p.m.	Taize Prayer and Communion Service

**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



JV & Tess Bernas 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.