

# Church of the Transfiguration

4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley, CA 94552-4908

(510) 538-7941 Fax (510) 538-7983 E-mail: [transfig\\_office@sbcglobal.net](mailto:transfig_office@sbcglobal.net) Website: [www.transfigchurch.com](http://www.transfigchurch.com)

November 29, 2015

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



Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,  
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.  
Show us your face and we will be saved.  
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money;  
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things;  
made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.  
Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us,  
the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:  
"If you knew the gift of God!"  
You are the visible face of the invisible Father,  
of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:  
let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.  
You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness  
in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:  
let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.  
Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,  
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,  
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor,  
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.  
We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy,  
you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.  
Amen.

**Rev. Mario L. Borges, Pastor • Rev. Terence O'Malley, Parochial Administrator**  
**Deacon Martin J. Leach • Deacon John A. Mignano • Deacon Timothy L. Moore • Deacon Burton J. Rigley**

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

**Saturdays** 4:00 p.m.  
**Sundays** 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
**Monday-Friday** 8:00 a.m. (Except First Fridays - 9:30 a.m.)  
**Communion Service - Saturdays, 8:00 a.m.**

## CONFESSIONS

**Saturdays** 3:00-3:45 p.m.

**BAPTISMS:** Pre-baptismal class is required. Class is held the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Marian Room, Parish Hall. Please call the Parish Office, 538-7941, to register.

**MATRIMONY:** Six months advance notice required. Please call the parish office.

**WEDDING COORDINATOR:** Mel Speed  
(510) 909-9334 or [melspeed@live.com](mailto:melspeed@live.com)

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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Director, Patrice Ballinger  
(510) 537-1502 or [TransfigCCD@aol.com](mailto:TransfigCCD@aol.com)

**RCIA:** Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults  
Director, Martin Mijalski. Please call the parish office.

**MUSIC MINISTRY:** Director, Alexander Katsman  
(510) 538-7941, Ext. 302 or [Transfig\\_Music@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Transfig_Music@sbcglobal.net)

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY:

Liturgy Coordinator, Sean Cooper  
Eucharistic Ministers, Stephen and Carina Kowalewski  
Lectors, Barbara Mehan  
Altar Servers, Alicia Antonio  
Youth Liturgy, Michelle Gilman

**FINANCE COUNCIL:** Chairman, Mark Zaleski

**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:** Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), 60 Plus or Minus Club, Hospitality Committee

**SAINT VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:** (510) 274-0830  
Serving our community.

**SICK & HOMEBOUND MINISTRY:**  
Claudia Paquette, (510) 537-8986

**STEWARDSHIP:** Chairperson, Ed Coelho, (510) 881-5705

**WINGS "Women in God's Spirit":** Bobbie Blackard, 510-581-4149  
**HALL MANAGER:** Pat Ballinger, (510) 537-1502

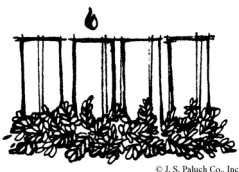
**HALL RENTAL MANAGER:** Ann McAusland, 510-239-7941

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** Sean Cooper, (510) 581-5870 or  
[Transfig\\_Youth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Transfig_Youth@sbcglobal.net)

## PARISH OFFICE:

**Phone:** (510) 538-7941 **Fax:** (510) 538-7983  
Hours: 8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday  
(Closed between 12:00 & 1:00 p.m.)  
Friday, 9:00a.m. — 12:00 Noon - Saturday & Sunday—Closed  
Secretary, Gloria Meeker  
Secretary/Bookkeeper, Phyllis Moore

# Transfiguration Catholic Church



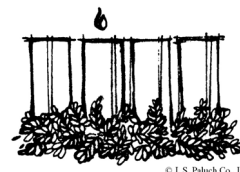
© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2015

I will raise up for David a just shoot;  
he shall do what is right and just in the land.

— Jeremiah 33:15



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

### Mass Intentions (November 28-Dec. 5, 2015)

Sat.	4:00p.m.	Rose Morgan and All Souls
Sun.	7:30a.m.	George Silva and All Souls
	9:00a.m.	Elvira Gomes and All Souls
	11:00a.m.	For the People and All Souls
Mon.	8:00a.m.	Annie Leal and All Souls
Tues.	8:00a.m.	Lyn Burkey
Wed.	8:00a.m.	Tino Mejorado
Thurs.	8:00a.m.	Pat Leal
Fri.	<b>9:30a.m.</b>	Ronnie Sullivan
Sat.	4:00p.m.	Elvira Gomes



**Note: Mass on Friday, Dec. 4 will be at 9:30a.m.**

### Coffee and Donuts



Marcelina Enrile & Louisa Corti will be hosting coffee and donuts this Sunday after the 9:00a.m. Mass. Stop by and enjoy the fellowship.

### Transfiguration Parish Goal Update

Our goal here at Transfiguration Parish for the “Reclaiming Christ’s Mission Together” campaign is \$549,431.11. So far, we have raised \$311,597.68 (56.71% of our goal). We still have \$237,833.43 to be raised. Let’s keep going to reach our goal! If you have not yet responded, please consider doing so soon. Remember, our parish will receive 25% of all monies collected up to our goal and 50% of funds raised above our goal. Thank you for your support!

### The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, December 8th—Holy Day of Obligation  
Mass at 8:00a.m. & 7:30p.m.



### CRAB CORNER

#### RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED

Our Parish Crab Feed (our largest single fundraiser) is in February.

We are in need of raffle prize donations.

Does the company you work for donate?  
CARS??? TRIPS??? or smaller things???

Do you have some other connection with a business owner or friend who might donate items or services???

Did you get a “really nice” gift from your cousin last Christmas which just doesn’t “suit your needs”???

Well...Bring them up to the Parish Office and we will add them to our OUTSTANDING Raffle Baskets!

**WE APPRECIATE YOUR DONATION!**

AND

Please join us for our next planning meeting on  
Tuesday, December 8 at 6:30p.m.

**ALL ARE WELCOME AND APPRECIATED!**

### THE COMING KINGDOM

Jeremiah could see it coming—the kingship of Jesus and the restoration of Jerusalem. But was anybody listening? Is anybody listening now? It must have been tough being a prophet, but Jeremiah was persistent in his message because he knew that it needed to be heard.

Also persistent in his message is Paul as he encourages the Thessalonians—and all of us—to live in accordance with the kingship that Jeremiah foretold. He encourages us to conduct ourselves in ways of holiness so that we may be well prepared for the king’s coming. Finally, Jesus himself tells us to be ever diligent so that we may gain favor before our God and King.

Jeremiah could see the kingship of Jesus coming. As we begin the season of Advent, Paul and Jesus tell us not only how to prepare for the Kingdom, but how to live it day to day.

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### Christmas Concert

Dear Parishioners,

The Music Ministry of the Church of the Transfiguration and Director Alexander Katsman would like to invite you to our annual Christmas Concert. The concert will be held on Sunday, December 6th at 3:00p.m. Come hear our Children, Youth, and Adult Choirs and soloists singing carols and contemporary Christmas music accompanied by a Chamber Orchestra. Free-will donation.

We hope to see you there!



### Adult Bible Study

Monday evening, November 30, 2015 in the Marian Room of the Parish Hall, 7:00-8:30p.m. No sign-up required, just drop in. Free will offering.

### Please Help Spread Some Christmas Love

Transfiguration has again adopted local families that need our help. We are asking for all to help by taking something off the “Giving Tree” in the vestibule of the church. Please return the wrapped gift with the tag attached by December 13th.

### Stewardship Corner

The collection total for the weekend of November 21st & 22nd will be in next week’s bulletin.

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

**Remember Transfiguration in your Will and Living Trust**

## ~~Religious Education~~

### C.C.D

CULTIVATING. CATHOLIC. DISCIPLES.



Classes, as usual, this week.  
Class, as usual, 7:30-9:30—Thursday

### Confirmation

**Lit. Reminder:** *Peace and Love* will be serving next Sunday. Practice is THIS Thursday 7:00 in the church — Please be on time!



**PGO News:** Thank you to those who went out to *Save the SF Bay*—Great Job one and all. Thank you to those who collected cookie orders for *Tri-Valley Haven*.

**PGO Reminders:** The Gingerbread bakers next Saturday to help raise needed funds for *Tri-Valley Haven*. The *One Warm Coat* committee meets next Sunday to sort, bag and distribute the Warm Coats.

THANK YOU ALL for Living the Gospel!

### St. Vincent de Paul Collection

We will have a collection for St. Vincent de Paul this weekend. Saint Vincent de Paul helps the poor in our parish by providing food, gas and household goods assistance to our Castro Valley neighbors. Last fiscal year, Oct. 2014 to Sept. 2015, we made 537 visits to the needy helping 1,571 people, the majority of whom were children. We collected \$42,647 through your generous contributions. Over 99% of the money collected went directly to helping the poor. Please use the envelopes in the pews for the collection.



Our confirmation class is at it again ... they are hosting a coat drive for *One Warm Coat*. Coats collected during this drive will be distributed to Saint Vincent de Paul of Alameda County. Please bring in new or gently used coats. Coats for All ages in All sizes are Welcome. Collection bins will be in the vestibule of the church November 15 to December 6 only. The coats will be distributed on Dec. 6. Thank you for helping to keep one person warm and dry this rainy winter.

### Holy Family Guild Christmas Luncheon



Wednesday, December 9, 2015—12 Noon

Church of the Transfiguration

4000 East Castro Valley Blvd., CV

Door Prizes/Raffle—\$15.00 per person

For tickets, call Barbara Coelho at (510) 881-5705 or Jo Green at (510) 889-9140.



### Baptism Class

**There will be no class in December.**

The next Baptism class will be Tuesday, January 12, 2016. Please call the Parish Office to register.

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



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

### Sixty Plus or Minus Club

We look forward to seeing you in the Hall following the 9:30a.m. Mass on Friday, December 4th for our Christmas brunch. This year we will be entertained by a barber-shop quartet. Remember to bring your gifts for our shut-ins in gift bags and designated if for a lady or gentleman. Our hosts this month will be Marlene Tallo, Jo Green, and Barbara Coelho. Non-members are welcome, but will be charged \$15.00. Please sign up today if you plan to attend so we can give the caterer an accurate count.

**Note:** There will be no Liturgy meeting in December.

### We invite all women to join us for: 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.

Transfiguration Church, Marian Rm. Parish Hall  
Thursday, December 3, 2015, 9:15-11:15a.m.

Speaker: Dr. Doreen Jones

Topic: Martha & Mary—A Closer Look at Lazarus' Sisters

### Advent Penance Services

Church of the Transfiguration—December 17th, 7:30p.m.

Our Lady of Grace—Adoration & Confessions:  
December 3, 10, 17—7:00-8:00p.m.

### For Your Information

When writing your checks for regular or special collections, please make all checks payable to Transfiguration Church (a request made by our bank). The Church will then send one total check for each special collection to the designated charity. Also, please write in the memo portion of your check the name of the collection to which you are donating. This will help the office to give you proper credit. Thank you for your support!

### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

Psalm 25—Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8  
Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

**LETTER FROM POPE FRANCIS**  
**THE “JOY OF THE GOSPEL” CONTINUED...**

**The Church’s Missionary Transformation—#109**

*Other ecclesial challenges*

Challenges exist to be overcome! Let us be realists, but without losing our joy, our boldness and our hope-filled commitment. Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of missionary vigour!

**Fr. Terry’s Remarks**—Somewhere in the back of my fading memory is an image of God sending our first parents Adam and Eve, clad in hide, out into a bleak landscape. "To earn their living by the sweat of their brow." Anthropology gives us a picture, from much further back, of us emerging from the savannas of what is now East Africa and beginning our trek to master the earth. And here we are today at Transfiguration, in Castro Valley, God help us. Along the way, on this voyage of discovery our ancestors have met with, been defeated by and overcome so many challenges. We have a glorious and storied history, we have been dreamers, realists, faithful and unfaithful. We have conquered the Earth starting with a piece of flint. Today, as always, we face a daunting future but our history, our belief in ourselves, our faith in God and our love for each other will propel us forward into new realms that we can only dimly perceive beyond the Bay.