

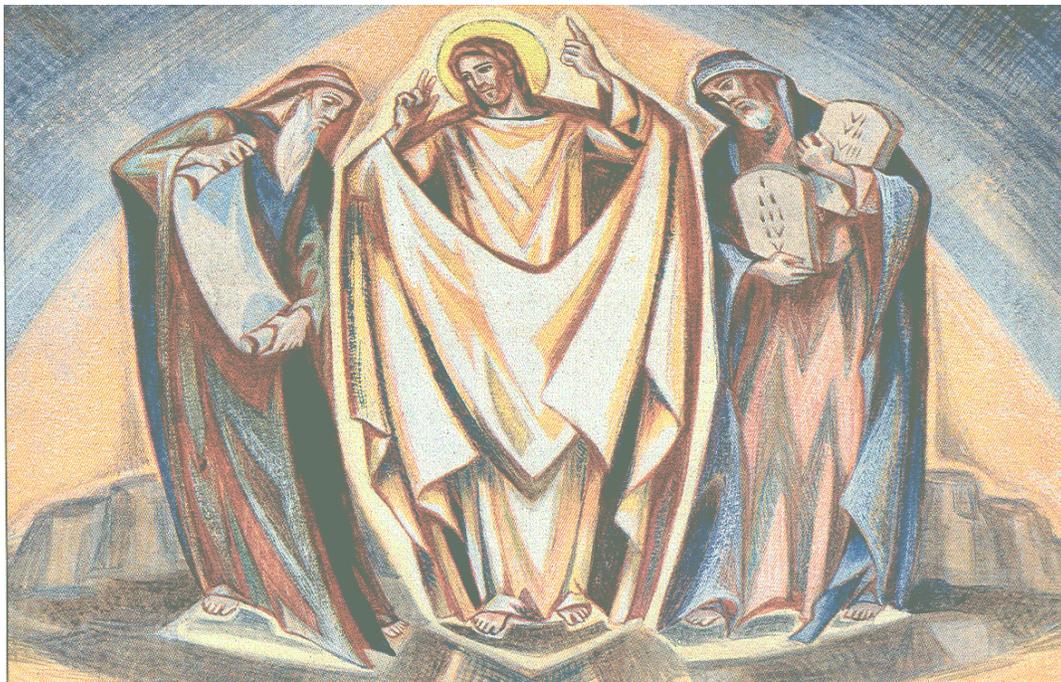
Church of the Transfiguration

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May 3, 2020

Mission Statement: "Transfiguring Our Community Through Faith"



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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 Rectory. Please call the Parish Office, (510) 538-7941, to register.

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

WEDDING COORDINATOR: Mel Speed
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FUNERALS: Please contact the funeral home of your choice and then the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Deacon Martin J. Leach
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Please call the parish office.

MUSIC MINISTRY: Director, Alexander Katsman
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FINANCE COUNCIL: Chairman, Mark Zaleski

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS: Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), 60 Plus or Minus Club, Cursillo Group

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY: Call (510) 274-0830 for assistance. Call Mike Dresen (510) 813-6854 for more information about this ministry.

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Mary Kay Kelder, (510) 582-7253

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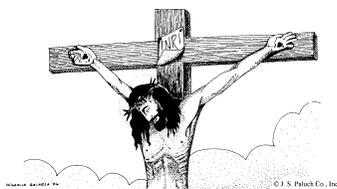
Hours: 8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday
(Closed between 12:00 & 1:00 p.m.)

Friday, 9:00a.m. — 12:00 Noon - Saturday & Sunday—Closed
Secretary, Elmer Serrano
Secretary/Bookkeeper, Phyllis Moore

Transfiguration Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2020

He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.
— 1 Peter 2:24a



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IN NEED OF A SHEPHERD

For a while it was very fashionable to own pigs as pets. The publicity surrounding these creatures informed us that they were—contrary to their popular image—very clean animals, and also quite smart. Sad to say, sheep will most likely never enjoy this sort of domestic vogue. They are neither clean nor smart and are largely defenseless when left on their own, even in large numbers. The biblical image of us as the flock of sheep is not a particularly flattering one. Sheep without a shepherd are truly sad, because they most likely will perish either from their inability to fend for themselves or from their lack of defenses against predators. Placing ourselves in the heart of this unflattering image can reinforce our faith. Until we come to a profound realization of how much we need a shepherd, we cannot appreciate how deeply blessed we are to have been given a Shepherd, one who laid down his life for us and was raised to life eternal in the Spirit, so he might guide us and we might follow him in faith forever.

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Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday, May God Bless you!

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The Good Shepherd

At many moments of our lives, especially when we have to put up with suffering and unexpected problems, we feel that we are not self-sufficient. In such cases, modern people go to a psychiatrist, a marriage counselor, or a lawyer for guidance and advice. Where does God, visible in Jesus Christ, fit in your schedule? God's advice and wisdom is available in the words and example of the Lord Jesus.

The writers of the New Testament were concerned to bring out who the risen Lord is and how we are related to him. This Sunday, we are invited to see the Lord as both the gate of sheepfold, through which we should enter in security, and our Shepherd, whom we should follow. Though sheep and shepherds are not part of the contemporary American scene and we know them perhaps only from television, with a little goodwill we can understand what the inspired writer wants to say.

By prayerfully reading the Bible and diligently following the Lord Jesus who is "the shepherd and guardian of your souls" (Second Reading), modern Christians know how to integrate the guidelines of their religion with whatever science offers them for the solutions of their problems!

— Saint Joseph Sunday Missal (4th Sunday of Easter)

Psalm 23: *The Lord is my Shepherd there's nothing I shall want.....*

When Peter faced the crowds on Pentecost, he was emboldened by the Holy Spirit and proclaimed the truth of Jesus Christ passionately to those who gathered to hear him. There was like part of him that was not quite sure what to expect, knowing that a few weeks prior, crowds of people had chanted "Crucify him!" as Jesus was sentenced to a cruel and unjust death. The people who heard Peter were moved by his witness, compelled to acknowledge their sinfulness and to accept the news of salvation through Jesus Christ as good news, the gospel that changes everything.

Be honest with yourself. Have you ever gone astray? Have you even given in to temptation or weakness? Do you sometimes feel that you need someone to help you get your life on back on track? Most people could answer yes to any of these questions. As people of faith, we know that Jesus understands the struggles we face and gave his life to save us from our human frailty. The Lord knows that we need help in order to live as God's people in the world. There are people and powers that seek to mislead us, who offer a way that may for a time be appealing, even though it does not lead to the true way of life, love, and peace. We can be readily dissuaded and distracted from the ways of holiness. We easily lose our way, lured by the trappings of material possessions, wealth, or social status. Jesus is our only real way, the door that leads to meaning and peace in this earthly time, and to life everlasting.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Psalm: 23—Gospel: John 10:1-10

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter;
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Tuesday: Cinco de Mayo
Thursday: National Day of Prayer



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Stewardship Corner

The collection total for the weekend of:
Apr 25th & Apr 26th — \$3,846.50
Easter Offering — \$1,685.00
(compared to \$12,000 average weekly stewardship goal)

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ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

GLOBAL INEQUALITY

#48. The human environment and the natural environment deteriorate together; we cannot adequately combat environmental degradation unless we attend to causes related to human and social degradation. In fact, the deterioration of the environment and of society affects the most vulnerable people on the planet: “Both everyday experience and scientific research show that the gravest effects of all attacks on the environment are suffered by the poorest”. For example, the depletion of fishing reserves especially hurts small fishing communities without the means to replace those resources; water pollution particularly affects the poor who cannot buy bottled water; and rises in the sea level mainly affect impoverished coastal populations who have nowhere else to go. The impact of present imbalances is also seen in the premature death of many of the poor, in conflicts sparked by the shortage of resources, and in any number of other problems which are insufficiently represented on global agendas.

Fr. Terry’s Remarks:

We often speak to you about how connected the whole of creation is. When world population was relatively small, the impact of our inequalities although always morally shocking to some, their impact however on the physical environment was sustainable to a large extent. Today the interaction between large populations and their surroundings both immediate and even long distance can border on the catastrophic. And we all well know that when things go awry it is always the weakest and the neediest that suffer the most. And as the poor are in greatest need, their response in order to survive is to consume and destroy the very basis of their own longer term existence and ours. When those of us who are better off and claim to be educated pay scant attention to our endangered environment, how can we require those struggling to survive to stop and think? Yet, surprisingly, some of our most committed advocates for environmental sensitivity are to be found among the poorest communities who live in our threatened and vital environments. When Pope Francis advocates for the poor and for our environment, he is exercising wisdom and charity.