

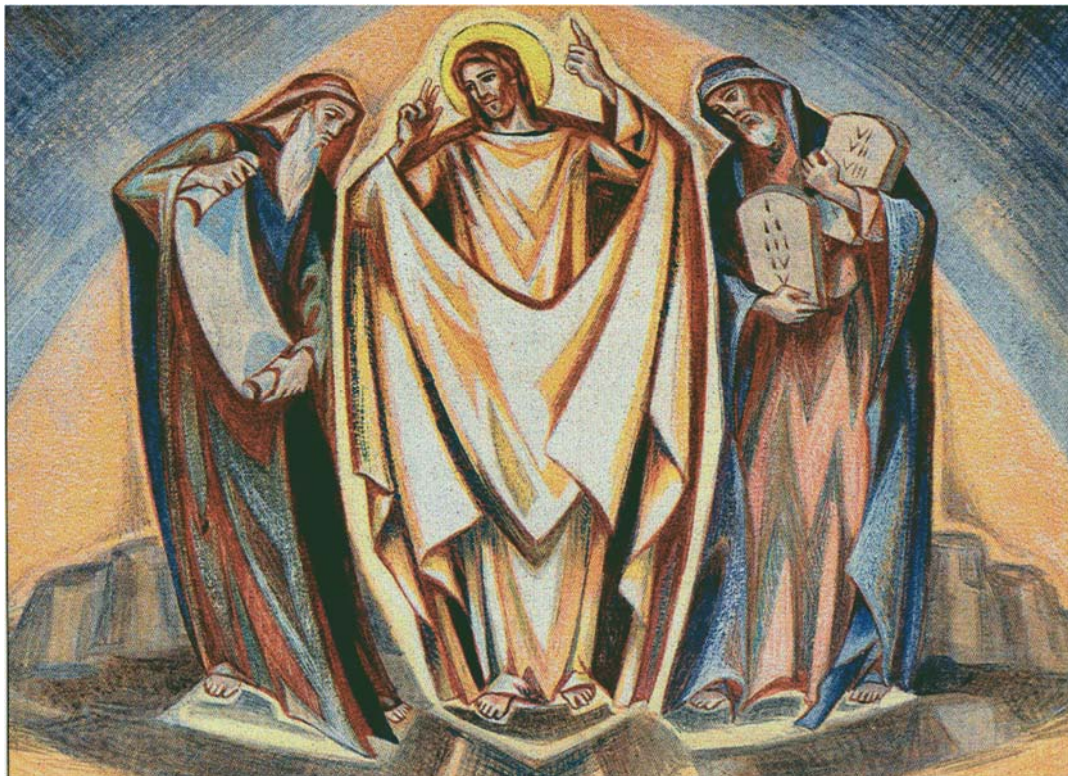
Church of the Transfiguration

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Mission Statement: "Transfiguring Our Community Through Faith"



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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturdays 4:00 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
(510) 909-9334 or melspeed@live.com

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Deacon Martin J. Leach
(510) 537-1502 or TransfigCCD@aol.com

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
Please call the parish office.

MUSIC MINISTRY: Director, Alexander Katsman

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Altar Servers, Clarence Decano

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.

SICK & HOMEBOUND MINISTRY:

Mary Kay Kelder, (510) 582-7253

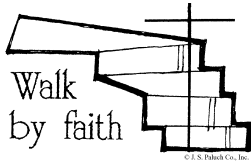
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PARISH OFFICE:

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Hours: 8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday
(Closed between 12:00 & 1:00 p.m.)
Friday, 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 Noon - Saturday & Sunday—Closed

Secretary, Elmer Serrano
Secretary/Bookkeeper, Phyllis Moore



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

— John 14:6



VOCATION

Roman Catholics in the United States spend a good deal of time speaking of “vocation” and the manner in which each of us discerns our vocation for life. In today’s apostolic letter, however, Peter gives us the “cornerstone” of our vocation, the description of what each of us is called to first and foremost by our baptism. He describes our vocation as “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of [God’s] own, so that you may announce the praises” of Christ, who called us out of darkness into light (1 Peter 2:9). All of us, no matter what path our life’s vocation may take us down, have been chosen by God, made holy, and anointed as priests in the high priesthood of Christ through baptism. All of this, so that we may announce the praises of Christ. Vocation is given for proclamation at home, in the workplace—wherever life takes us—in service, in word, and in sacrament.

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Announcement

Transfiguration Church Masses continue to be suspended due to the corona virus pandemic. Please follow the Sunday Mass scheduled at 12 noon via Facebook and You Tube. Thank you.



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Dear Parishioner,

Here is a special blessing for all our mothers of our Parish.

Mother’s Day Blessing

Loving Father,

As a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so You watch over your Church.

Bless our mothers in this time of crisis that they may be protected from this virus. Strengthen them as Christian Mothers to their families.

Let their example of love and faith shine forth. Grant that we their sons and daughters may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr. Terry and I wish all of our mothers a very happy and blessed day.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Mario L. Borges
Pastor

For your convenience the following are the Transfiguration Church electronic links:

Transfiguration website: www.transfigchurch.com

Electronic Bulletin: www.e-churchbulletins.com/bulletins/523293.pdf

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Church-of-the-Transfiguration-115417251810536/>

On-Line Donation: https://www.sagepayments.net/efcart/forms/donate.asp?M_id=798399645711

Stewardship Corner

The collection total for the weekend of:

May 2nd & May 3rd — \$5,020.00

(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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Psalm: 33 — Gospel: John 14:1-12

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day
- Tuesday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras
- Wednesday: Our Lady of Fatima
- Thursday: St. Matthias
- Friday: St. Isidore the Farmer
- Saturday: Armed Forces Day

Fifth Sunday of Easter

During Lent, we participated in penitential practices and focused on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in order to turn our lives more fully to the Lord. However, the fruit of our Lenten practices is not supposed to end on Good Friday or Easter Sunday. Lent is our annual time to embrace spiritual renewal, which is intended to last. The change of mind and heart that we embraced in the weeks preceding Easter are to be our spiritual foundation, shaping our lives now and into the future. Pause for a moment and ask yourself what difference Lent made for you this year. If you can point to some particular change of mind, heart, or behavior, promise yourself that you will continue to live this new way in the months and years to come. If Lent did not have special impact on your life this year, now is the time to invite the Lord to show you the way to more meaningful and faith-filled living in the future.

**Don't Be Afraid
Do The Works Of Christ**

In the Gospel passage we heard today, Jesus was preparing the apostles for a time when he would not be with them physically. Jesus wanted to reassure the apostles, even though he knew they were having a difficult time understanding. We sometimes struggle to grasp the Lord's ways, too. We know that God is with us in Christ through the Holy Spirit, and yet, when we really have to act in accord with our faith, we sometimes falter. Jesus tells us to not be afraid. Have faith in Christ and do his works. We may be surprised at what we are able to do when we trust and follow Jesus' way. And we are assured that God will be with us through it all.

A MOTHER'S LOVE

God must have known there would be times

We'd need a gentle touch,

A tender understanding heart

To love us very much.

God must have known we'd need someone

To listen to our cares,

To comfort and remember us.

So in boundless wisdom,

God sent us from above

The dearest blessing in the world —

A mother's previous love.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Weekly Offering



Thank you for your continued support of Transfiguration Church as it struggles to fulfill its financial obligations due to the corona virus pandemic.

Catholic Charities Appeal
Next Weekend

Catholic Charities support education and employment programs, immigrant legal services, mental health and violence prevention programs and poverty reduction efforts to help lift families out of poverty.

LAUDATO SI'
OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS
ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

GLOBAL INEQUALITY

#49. It needs to be said that, generally speaking, there is little in the way of clear awareness of problems which especially affect the excluded. Yet they are the majority of the planet's population, billions of people. These days, they are mentioned in international political and economic discussions, but one often has the impression that their problems are brought up as an afterthought, a question which gets added almost out of duty or in a tangential way, if not treated merely as collateral damage. Indeed, when all is said and done, they frequently remain at the bottom of the pile. This is due partly to the fact that many professionals, opinion makers, communications media and centres of power, being located in affluent urban areas, are far removed from the poor, with little direct contact with their problems. They live and reason from the comfortable position of a high level of development and a quality of life well beyond the reach of the majority of the world's population. This lack of physical contact and encounter, encouraged at times by the disintegration of our cities, can lead to a numbing of conscience and to tendentious analyses which neglect parts of reality. At times this attitude exists side by side with a "green" rhetoric. Today, however, we have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

Fr. Terry's Remarks:

Nearly all of us have an irritating habit of connecting things that are not really related and also of distancing or disconnecting closely related matters.

One good lesson we are receiving from our present dangerous corona epidemic is how closely we are joined to the rest of humanity and to nature itself. When our discussions turn to fairness and justice to the poor among us or the harm we are doing to our planet, the conversation quickly switches to balancing the budget or the dangers of increasing our national debt. Of course most of us have no idea of either but they are obviously vital to the well being of us all we assume or why would such clever people keep discussing them. So the poor and destitute can be dealt with at a later date and anyway our forests can always grow back again. But the whole idea of having a society and a well regulated economy is to ensure the well being of everyone and the preservation of a good healthy environment in which we can live healthy lives. Instead we are bamboozled by incomprehensible babble of balancing accounts and repaying debts, while millions and millions of our fellow men, women and children live and die in dire straits and our planet is dismantled. May we, in these days of mutual need, learn to integrate all our existence, so that we hear the cries of the poor and the wail of Mother Earth.