

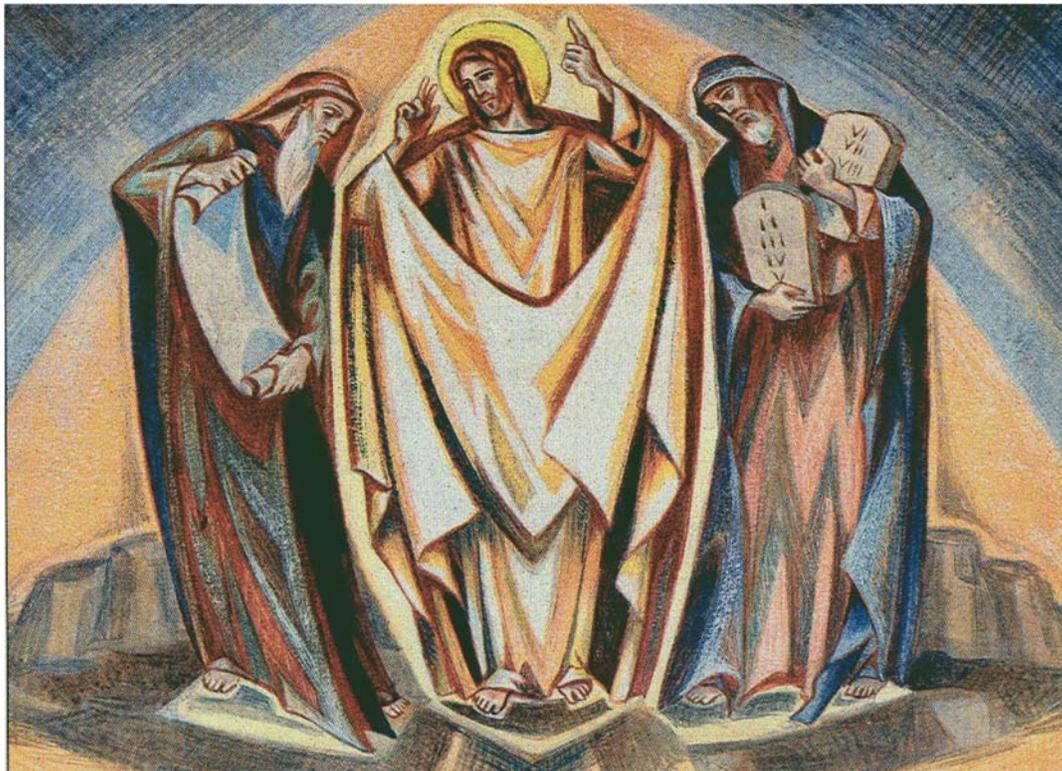
Church of the Transfiguration

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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
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Please call the parish office.

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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.

SICK & HOMEBOUND MINISTRY:

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PARISH OFFICE:

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(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



Sixth Sunday of Easter May 17, 2020

“I will ask the Father, and he will give you . . . the Spirit of truth.”

— John 14:16–17



The Mental Health Foundation, a charity with a mission to help people understand, protect and sustain their mental health, have put together some top tips for supporting those that are struggling.

- Call a friend that you haven't spoken to for a while
- Tell a family member how much you love and appreciate them
- Make a cup of tea for someone you live with
- Arrange to have a cup of tea and virtual catch up with someone you know
- Help with a household chore at home
- Arrange to watch a film at the same time as a friend and video call
- Tell someone you know that you are proud of them
- Tell someone you know why you are thankful for them
- Send a motivational text to a friend who is struggling
- Send someone you know a joke to cheer them up
- Send someone you know a picture of a cute animal
- Send an inspirational quote to a friend
- Send an interesting article to a friend
- Contact someone you haven't seen in a while and arrange a phone call
- Spend time playing with your pet
- Reach out to call a friend, family member or neighbor who is experiencing loneliness or self-isolation
- Donate to a charity
- Lend your ear – call a colleague and ask how they're finding it all
- Give praise to your colleague for something they've done well
- Arrange to have a video lunch with a colleague
- Send an inspirational story of kindness from around the world to someone you know
- Donate to foodbanks
- Offer to skill share with a friend via video call - you could teach guitar, dance etc.
- Offer support to vulnerable neighbors
- Offer to send someone a takeaway or a meal

Eternal Presence

Jesus reminds his followers that he will not remain with them visibly. But in the Spirit he will! He will send a Paraclete (advocate), a counselor, a defender, to help them. Jesus calls him “the Spirit of truth,” and this Spirit is promised to all of us, “to be with you always.” This is the reason for our hope (see Second Reading) and optimistic outlook on life. Being different, let us remain one in the Spirit! In faith “you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you.”

Saint Joseph Sunday Missal

SAINT RITA OF CASCIA (1381-1457)

May 22

If you're ever in Philadelphia on May 22, forget parking anywhere near Saint Rita's shrine. Cars line streets and fill medians as throngs pack a candlelight vigil and six Masses, honoring this patroness of lost causes, hopeless situations, and—as her statue in countless churches built by twentieth-century immigrants testifies—difficult marriages, troubled homes, and alienated children. Wise people warn, be careful what you pray for. “Divine Savior,” Rita prayed, “let me suffer like you!” Obedient to parents who refused her wish to become a nun, Rita married a man who returned her devotion with twenty years of abuse. When enemies murdered him, Rita's two sons swore revenge. Paintings depict her pointing the angry boys toward Christ crucified, whom she begged to restrain them. Within the year, both sons died. Alone now, Rita went to the convent but was refused. The nuns feared violence, since one of them was related to the murderer. Rita arranged peace between the families, made vows, and became much sought after as a counselor and intercessor for forty years on earth—and ever since in heaven.

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Please Note



The Ascension of the Lord will be observed on Sunday, May 24, 2020.

Stewardship Corner

The collection total for the weekend of:
May 9th & May 10th — \$5,125.00
(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.

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. Thank you.

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

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18 or
1 Peter 4:13-16**

**Psalm: 66 — Gospel: John 14:15-21 or
Jn 17:1-11a**

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
- Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter
- Monday: St. John I
- Wednesday: St. Bernardine of Siena
- Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord (unless transferred to Sunday); St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions
- Friday: St. Rita of Cascia

Your Prayers Are Requested for the
Repose of the Soul of:

Georgetta Suggs
(Aunt of Arenzia & Roman Jaskiewics)

Memorial Day **Please Note**
The Parish Office will be closed on
**Monday, May 25th in observance of
the Memorial Day holiday.**

Starting on this Sunday's bulletin, I will be posting our traditional Ads and Announcements as we slowly try to get back to our "normal" Church life.



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

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THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE

"What is the reason for your hope?" Imagine somebody coming up to you and asking you that question. Not "What are you hoping for?" or "What are you hoping to do?" No, this isn't about our desires for possessions or aspirations for life, it's "Why do you hope?" Peter today tells us that we ought to be ready to give an answer to this question. Truth be told, few of us spend much time thinking about why we hope. Luckily, the scriptures today give us our answers. We hope because Christ suffered for us, in order that we might come to God. We hope because we know that, in the Spirit, God grants us another Advocate through Christ to remain with us always. No matter what we might hope for, whatever we might hope to do, we must always first know and proclaim the reason for our hope: the presence of God in Christ, with us through the power of the Spirit.

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Catholic Communication Campaign
Next Weekend

This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. And fifty percent of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local communication efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

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. From there, click on the "Donate Now" button to be taken to a secure website to complete the setup of your offering.

John Zebratski will be celebrating his 105th
Birthday on May 20, 2020.

Happy 105th Birthday John!!!

John is one of the original parishioners that broke ground for the new Transfiguration Catholic Church. John and his late wife Mary were, for many years, active members of the parish community.

Catholic Charities Appeal
This 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.

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OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS
ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

GLOBAL INEQUALITY

#50. Instead of resolving the problems of the poor and thinking of how the world can be different, some can only propose a reduction in the birth rate. At times, developing countries face forms of international pressure which make economic assistance contingent on certain policies of “reproductive health”. Yet “while it is true that an unequal distribution of the population and of available resources creates obstacles to development and a sustainable use of the environment, it must nonetheless be recognized that demographic growth is fully compatible with an integral and shared development”. To blame population growth instead of extreme and selective consumerism on the part of some, is one way of refusing to face the issues. It is an attempt to legitimize the present model of distribution, where a minority believes that it has the right to consume in a way which can never be universalized, since the planet could not even contain the waste products of such consumption. Besides, we know that approximately a third of all food produced is discarded, and “whenever food is thrown out it is as if it were stolen from the table of the poor”. Still, attention needs to be paid to imbalances in population density, on both national and global levels, since a rise in consumption would lead to complex regional situations, as a result of the interplay between problems linked to environmental pollution, transport, waste treatment, loss of resources and quality of life.

Fr. Terry's Remarks:

Laudato Si this week addresses the relationship between world population and the great stress on our planet. There is no doubt that there is a connection but also a solution is not simple. Look how difficult it is for us today in the USA, to just provide enough tests for the corona virus!! Laudato Si points towards raising the living and health standards of the poor and a reduction of our food waste, which is scandalous. We need to give serious and deep consideration to the relationship between ourselves and harm we are inflicting both on humanity and our Earth. Fast and over simplified 'solutions' can and will cause greater harm.

The time for exhortations has passed, we must find solutions that will work at regional and global levels.