

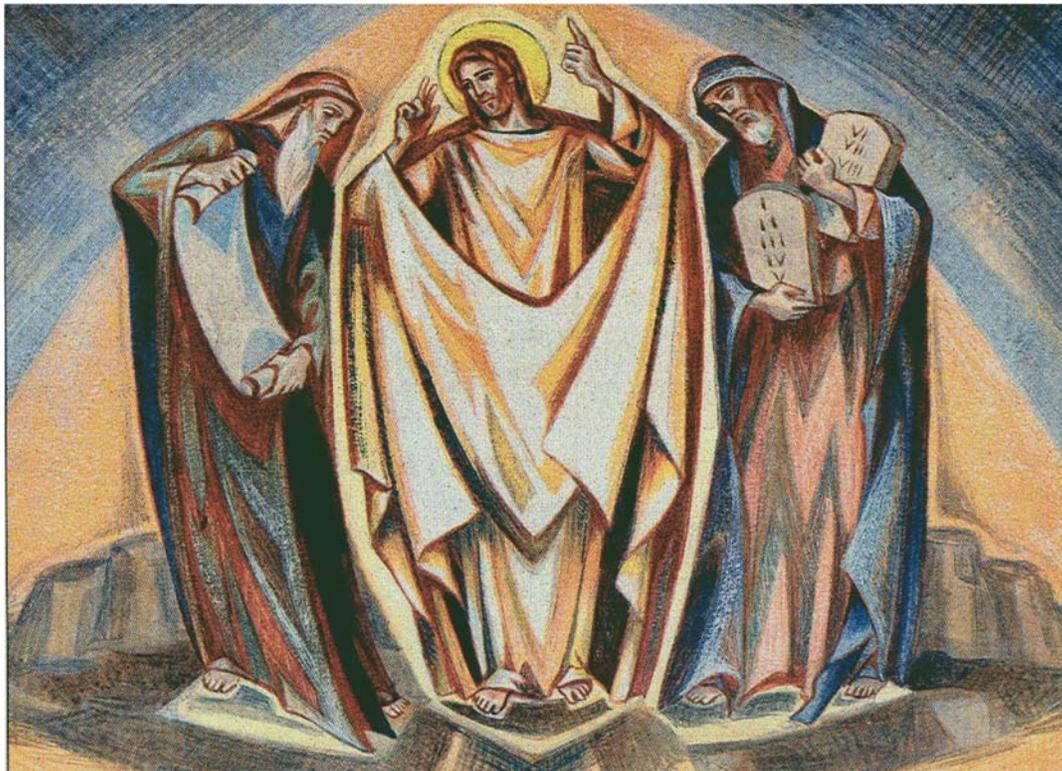
# Church of the Transfiguration

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May 31, 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.

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Friday, 9:00a.m. — 12:00 Noon - Saturday & Sunday—Closed

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## Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020

There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.

— Acts 2:3



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### THE RICHNESS OF THE SPIRIT

Students, and most adults recalling their school days, are familiar with the phrase “compare and contrast” that shows up from time to time on tests. Today we hear two different accounts of the giving of the Holy Spirit to the church. Let’s contrast, then compare. Luke’s account from Acts is filled with arresting details: the mighty wind from heaven, the tongues of flame, the miracle of different languages. John’s account seems timid: fearful disciples, the wounded Christ, the expelling of breath from his risen body, not from the sky. Our literal, modern minds wonder which way it happened; our noisy culture probably makes us prefer the former. But if we compare the two, we find that the dazzling richness of the Spirit fills both accounts, for it is the very breath of the risen Christ, ascended to the sky in Luke, that appears to his disciples in John and sends his followers forth to carry on his mission of forgiving sin and proclaiming the mighty acts of God.

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### St. Vincent de Paul Collection

Transfiguration’s St Vincent de Paul chapter continues to provide support, albeit at a distance, during this pandemic to those in need in our parish. In fact, the number of people calling for assistance has increased significantly since mid-March. We **THANK YOU** for your ongoing support as we continue to help those who count on our assistance.

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

**Transfiguration website:** [www.transfigchurch.com](http://www.transfigchurch.com)

**Electronic Bulletin:** [www.e-churchbulletins.com/bulletins/523293.pdf](http://www.e-churchbulletins.com/bulletins/523293.pdf)

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### A Message

from the



Pastor

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Dear Parishioner,

Blessings upon your Pentecost. As Christians we use the gifts of the Holy Spirit to preach Jesus to the world.

The readings for Pentecost Sunday, the feast of the birth of our Church, give us powerful images: a strong, driving wind; tongues as of fire; the ability of the disciples to speak to people in their own languages. This is a good day to celebrate the power of the Holy Spirit, transforming a group of fear-filled disciples into bold preachers.

Pentecost Sunday is a great day to rejoice in the power of the Lord. Pentecost is also a great day to challenge ourselves to use our gifts for the service of God.

We know that there are different kinds of spiritual gifts. The gift can be as a kind heart that is ready to listen to others who are suffering. Today, let us ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the gifts he has given to us – and show us how we can use these gifts for the good of others.

In the Spirit,

Fr. Mario L. Borges  
Pastor

### PENTECOST

Unless the eye catch fire,

God will not be seen.

Unless the ear catch fire,

God will not be heard.

Unless the tongue catch fire,

God will not be named.

Unless the heart catch fire,

God will not be loved.

Unless the mind catch fire,

God will not be known.

—William Blake

### Stewardship Corner

The collection total for the weekend of:

May 23rd & May 24th — \$4,175.00

Catholic Communication — \$195.00

St. Vincent de Paul — \$1,200.00

(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.

*Empty your cup and allow it to be  
filled with Spiritual Hope...*

... Deacon Martin J. Leach

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading: Acts 2:1-11**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13**

**Psalm: 104 — Gospel: John 20:19-23**

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### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14;  
Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34  
Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16;  
Mk 12:13-17  
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2;  
Mk 12:18-27  
Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;  
Mk 12:28-34  
Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17; Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165,  
166, 168; 1-6; Mk 12:35-37  
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22;  
Mk 12:38-44  
Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55;  
2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday  
Monday: The Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of the Church;  
Ninth Week in Ordinary Time  
Tuesday: Ss. Marcellinus and Peter  
Wednesday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions  
Friday: St. Boniface; First Friday  
Saturday: St. Norbert; First Saturday

### 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.

### 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](http://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.

### **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.

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We appreciate your support!**

## Pentecost Sunday

When we put the Gospel in its context, John 20 starts with the empty tomb and the appearance to Mary Magdalene. Still, the disciples were scared and confused. They gathered together to regroup. They locked the door for fear of the Jews, whom they had just experienced as angry mob, whom they had just seen crucify their friend Jesus. These disciples were afraid of the Jews, but they may also have been feeling, guilty and confused for running away from Jesus at the cross, for hiding, for trying to protect themselves.

Now the risen Jesus comes to them saying, "Peace be with you," showing them his wounds, and greeting them again. Jesus is modeling something very powerful here. Most of us hate to be vulnerable. We try to hide our wounds and scars. We try to protect ourselves and show everybody that we have it together. In order to be healed, to receive the Spirit, to move on in our lives, we need to unlock our internal doors. We need to let Jesus into our house, into our hearts, and into those darkened corners of ourselves. It might be frightening. It might mean going to the sacrament of reconciliation or speaking with a spiritual director or even with a therapist.

## RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

We often worry about how others will respond if we are less than perfect. Jesus knew the disciples were flawed humans. He did not get angry or give them a guilt trip. He said, "Peace be with you." He was gentle. Jesus gave them the gift of new life through a simple gesture. He breathed the Spirit into them. This is reminiscent of Genesis, when God breathed life into Adam, and Ezekiel, when God breathed life back into the dry bones. Jesus concluded with, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." So not only did Jesus entrust them with this role, this power, he first showed them how it is done. How do we in turn breathe life into our families and friends? Our coworkers? The stranger we meet?

*Lord, send out your Spirit, and re-new  
the face of the earth..... Psalm 104*

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OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS  
ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

**GLOBAL INEQUALITY**

**#52.** The foreign debt of poor countries has become a way of controlling them, yet this is not the case where ecological debt is concerned. In different ways, developing countries, where the most important reserves of the biosphere are found, continue to fuel the development of richer countries at the cost of their own present and future. The land of the southern poor is rich and mostly unpolluted, yet access to ownership of goods and resources for meeting vital needs is inhibited by a system of commercial relations and ownership which is structurally perverse. The developed countries ought to help pay this debt by significantly limiting their consumption of non-renewable energy and by assisting poorer countries to support policies and programmes of sustainable development. The poorest areas and countries are less capable of adopting new models for reducing environmental impact because they lack the wherewithal to develop the necessary processes and to cover their costs. We must continue to be aware that, regarding climate change, there are differentiated responsibilities. As the United States bishops have said, greater attention must be given to “the needs of the poor, the weak and the vulnerable, in a debate often dominated by more powerful interests”. We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family. There are no frontiers or barriers, political or social, behind which we can hide, still less is the room for the globalization of indifference.

**Fr. Terry's Remarks:**

The past ages of discovery of new lands, new peoples, unlimited resources and the promise of untold riches led to colonization and political domination of regions of the globe. By the mid 20th century the peoples in the colonies wanted control of their own destinies, so they agitated for self government. By then, the colonial countries were unable to maintain their control physically and they ceded their political power, sometimes with pomp and circumstance. But by then control and real power no longer lay in force of arms but with the financial estate. Without many realizing, political colonization was replaced by financial colonization. Which is why we have a divided world that is structurally perverse. By keeping poor countries like poor citizens in our debt, we are able to control their lives and their assets. All this has a huge impact in the deterioration of our environment. It is time we recognized that greed and selfishness is bad for everyone and that we recognize and gladly accept we are a single family and that the health and wellbeing of each is vital to all. That's one truth the corona virus is telling us. 'Open my ears Lord.'