

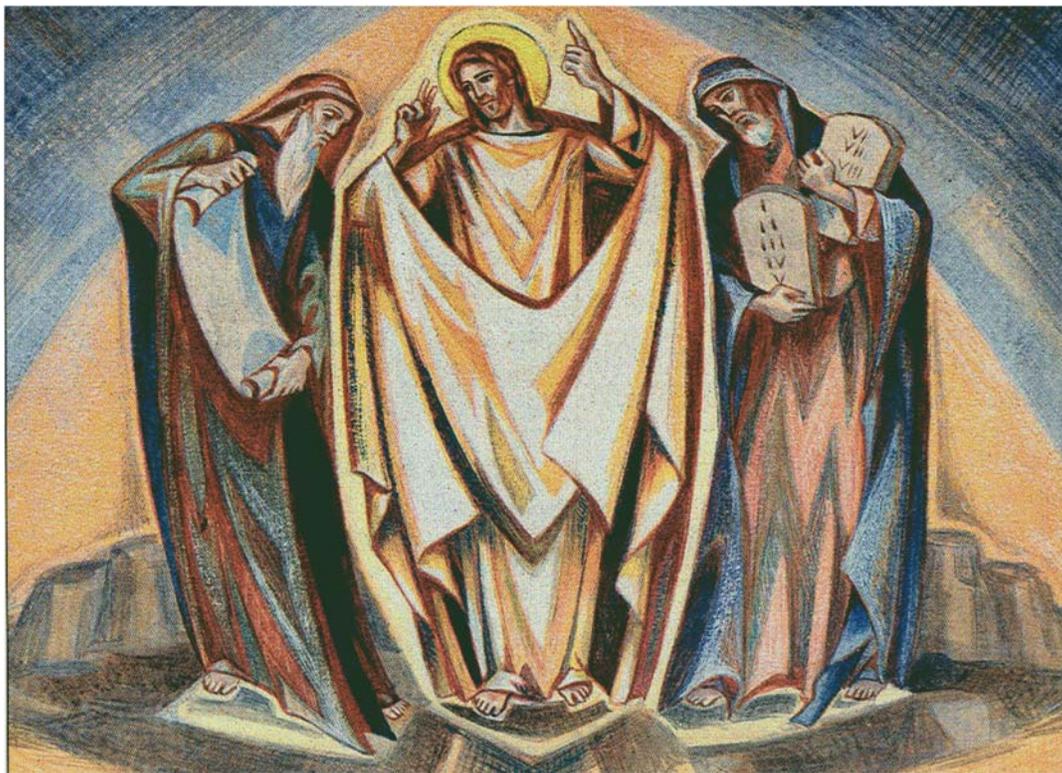
# Church of the Transfiguration

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June 7, 2020

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



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**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 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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**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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## **PARISH OFFICE:**

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(Closed between 12:00 & 1:00 p.m.)  
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Secretary, Elmer Serrano  
Secretary/Bookkeeper, Phyllis Moore

Bear your hardships for Christ



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The Most Holy Trinity  
June 7, 2020  
God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.  
— John 3:16a



help us in our weakness  
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### GRACE AND ETERNAL LIFE

Moses is a man after our own hearts, for haven't we all dealt with more than our share of stiff-necked people? Indeed, haven't we all gotten a little stiff-necked ourselves at times? Complaining . . . impatient . . . quick to anger. How lucky for Moses—how lucky for all of us—that God is exactly the opposite! And we don't even have to guess about it. The Lord tells us so directly. Accordingly, Moses does what we all need to do. Even with the tablets in hand, he bows down and asks for God's forgiveness and grace.

Encouraging us to live together in peace—and in God's favor—the Apostle Paul knows all about this grace, joyfully invoking Christ's grace on us along with God's love and the Holy Spirit's. "Rejoice," he says. And when it comes to rejoicing, John offers us the gladdest words of all: the assurance of eternal life through Jesus.

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Dear Parishioner,

On June 14th, the feast of Corpus Christi, we will be celebrating a very special event. Fr. Terry O'Malley will be celebrating 60 years of service as an ordained minister of the church. He was ordained on the 12th of June 1960 at St. Tudwal Church, Barmouth, Merionettshire, Wales. Fr. Terry has worldwide experiences serving God in England, Thailand, Hongkong and now in the USA.

He has served the Oakland Diocese at All Saints in Hayward, St. Raymond in Dublin and on August 15, 2011 was appointed Parochial Administrator at Transfiguration. He has been such a blessing to our parish. The wisdom he brings and of his life experiences gives us courage and as his faith guide us. So, let us hold him in a special way during our live stream Mass ... a card, email, a phone message and prayers are things that he would enjoy receiving. Can you believe that next year on the 23rd of October he will be celebrating his 90th birthday ... hopefully, by then, this virus will be gone and the parish can celebrate that day with a wonderful gathering in our hall.

Blessings to all and be safe.

Fr. Mario L. Borges  
Pastor

### June Birthdays

Happy Birthday to you, May God Bless you.

Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday, May God Bless You!

### ON A SUMMER'S DAY

Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.

### Building Fund Collection

There will be a collection next weekend for our parish Building Fund. These funds will be used to help with maintenance expense of the parish.

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)

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

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### HOLY TRINITY

The Father is my trust, the Son is my refuge, the Holy Spirit is my protection. O holy Trinity, glory to Thee.

—Byzantine Horologion, Troparion at Nocturns, sixth century

### Stewardship Corner

The collection total for the weekend of:

May 30th & May 31st — \$9,060.00

St. Vincent de Paul — \$3,900.00

(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: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

**Psalm: Daniel 3 — Gospel: John 3:16-18**

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### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-8; Mt 5:1-12  
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16  
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26  
Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37  
Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity;  
Julian Calendar Pentecost  
Monday: Tenth Week in Ordinary Time  
Tuesday: St. Ephrem  
Thursday: St. Barnabas  
Saturday: St. Anthony of Padua

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

**Rose Petrocca**

(Mother of Deacon John Mignano)

### **Attention Amazon Shoppers!!!**

Transfiguration Church is a registered non-profit on Amazon Smile, Amazon's charitable giving program. To register your account for donations to "Transfiguration Castro Valley" and click choose. Amazon will then donate .5% of qualifying purchases to Transfiguration! All you have to do is the initial setup, and then go to smile. Amazon.com each time you shop! It's that easy. Thank you for your support of Transfiguration Catholic Church.

#### **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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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The liturgy seems reluctant to return to Ordinary Time from the joys of Easter, and so the festivities extend to today's celebration of the mystery of God's relationship to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Gospel today centers the question of our relationship with God in the struggle of Nathaniel to believe that it is possible to experience "rebirth" in the Spirit. The answer of Jesus is that God's response to the messes of this world is the mystery of saving love in Jesus Christ and the outpouring of an empowering Spirit.

Western church architecture often tops a church building with a spire, indicating humanity's reach to a transcendent God. The Eastern Church responds with onion-shaped domes, indicating the Spirit's being poured down upon humanity precisely at this locale, the gathering of the faithful for the Divine Liturgy. This familiar design encodes a great mystery: here, at the Lord's table, we experience the outpouring of the Spirit for the life of the world. Nathaniel came to Jesus by night, since he was still working out the meaning of his life. A life attuned to the inner life of the Trinity must always be given to the light of day.

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### **June 7, 2020**

At moments in our lives we may wonder how we can know who God is or what God is like. Today's readings help us to feel secure in placing our faith in God and being assured of God's unfailing love. When Moses went up the mountain as the Lord had commanded him, God powerfully described himself, "The Lord, the Lord, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." Jesus shows us the depths of this life of God. He came not to condemn the world but to save it. As people in relationship with God, we often fail. We walk away from God's ways, fall into sinfulness and then, with the Lord's grace, come to our senses and return. God's words to Moses and the very life of Jesus show us that when we do so, we can still rely on God's mercy and kindness, because love is God's very nature.

### **CALLED TO BE LIKE GOD**

We might consider this testimony to the life and love of God and think to ourselves, so what? Knowing that God loves us is reassuring, and may help us place our faith and trust in the Lord, but something more naturally follows — as followers of Jesus, we are called to become more like him. When others look at us, they should be able to say that we are "merciful and gracious, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." This gets at the health of what it means to be a Christian. Our daily decisions, words, and actions are to reflect the merciful graciousness of God. We are able to do this through the indwelling power and presence of the Holy Spirit. In what ways are you becoming more Christ-like? May the grace of the Lord, love God, and fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you as you renew your commitment to show and share God's kindness to others!

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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. Thank you.

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OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS  
ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

**WEAK RESPONSES**

**#53.** These situations have caused sister earth, along with all the abandoned of our world, to cry out, pleading that we take another course. Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last two hundred years. Yet we are called to be instruments of God our Father, so that our planet might be what he desired when he created it and correspond with his plan for peace, beauty and fullness. The problem is that we still lack the culture needed to confront this crisis. We lack leadership capable of striking out on new paths and meeting the needs of the present with concern for all and without prejudice towards coming generations. The establishment of a legal framework which can set clear boundaries and ensure the protection of ecosystems has become indispensable; otherwise, the new power structures based on the techno-economic paradigm may overwhelm not only our politics but also freedom and justice.

**Fr. Terry's Remarks:**

The last two centuries have been decades upon decades of wondrous discovery, of mighty advancement in technology, of dizzying understanding of the sciences, of great advances in the fields of education, and expansion of political, financial and intellectual freedoms. The flip side of all these pluses is that their scale and speed have not allowed us the time and space to process and integrate them, either practically or intellectually. The human family with all its flags flying in the wind is whirling down the mountain side with increasing speed and is unable or unwilling to apply the brakes. We sense we are heading for a disastrous crash but the thrill of the moment and our momentum puts us in dire peril. Somehow we must find the will and the way to slow down and the first step is to acknowledge our perilous position. We need the help of God.