

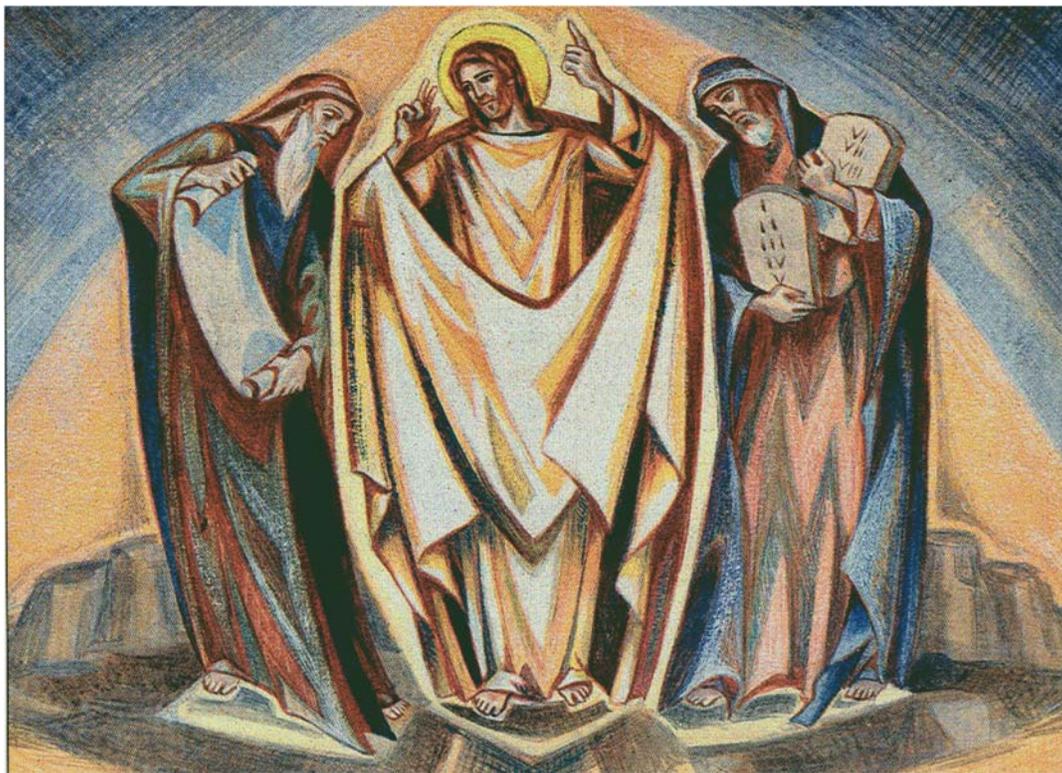
# Church of the Transfiguration

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June 14, 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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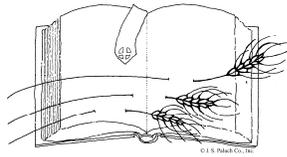
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Secretary/Bookkeeper, Phyllis Moore



## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 14, 2020

Not by bread alone does one live,  
but by every word that comes forth  
from the mouth of the Lord.

— Deuteronomy 8:3b



Your Prayers Are Requested for the Re-  
pose of the Soul of:

**Lucille Albanese**

(Widow of John Albanese)

**John and Lucille were two of the founding members of  
Transfiguration Catholic Church.**

As I sat with these readings several weeks ago, all I could think of was how the Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years. Were they so hard hearted that God tested them for more than a generation? We're not even 40 weeks into this pandemic in America and already the signs of strain are evident. The other theme that kept surfacing was that God fed them. God provided the sustenance they needed to continue their journey.

However, I stepped away from today's readings when both my mother and mother-in-law entered hospice care within days of each other. My beloved mother-in-law, Elaine, passed away yesterday. Due to COVID-19, no family was able to be with Elaine when she died. Knowing that none of us could be there during her deathwatch was the most difficult part of these past few weeks. As I racked my brains trying to figure out how to let Elaine know we were 'with' her, both my daughters did something that so reminded me of Elaine, I found the answer. My oldest daughter has her sense of delight and laughs just the way she did. My youngest daughter has Elaine's steely resolve to be able to do very difficult things because they need to be done. Knowing part of Elaine will live on in my daughters provided me some comfort.

That comfort led me back to today's readings on this solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. By gifting us with an ongoing reminder of himself in the Eucharist, Jesus physically lets us know he is still with us. He did and will continue to feed us. Jesus knew our human nature so well. How else could we human beings carry on Jesus' teachings without a lasting tangible presence? The Eucharist can provide us the resolve and ability to fulfill God's greatest commandment to love one another.

Just as parts of my mother-in-law live on in my daughters, may the parts of Jesus that are needed most now live on in us so that we too, can feed our struggling world.

—Reflection by Julie Kalkowski of Craighton University

### Building Fund Collection

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

**Thank you for advertising in our bulletin.  
We appreciate your support!**

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

The Israelites who journeyed through the desert were fleeing slavery and certain death. But along the way, they encountered serpents and scorpions and experienced great hunger and thirst. God fed them with manna and quenched their thirst with water drawn from a rock. In these miraculous encounters, the people came to believe that God was truly with them on their journey, and with this assurance, grew to rely on and put their trust in God. Jesus began his ministry with a pilgrimage to the desert, where he prayed and placed his trust in his heavenly Father. Strengthened at God's hand, Jesus stayed true to his mission even in the face of cruel death, giving himself, his very life and substance to us in bread and wine at the last supper and for his disciples for ages unending.

### What is Your Desert?

Chances are you are not physically wandering in a desert, although millions of people throughout the world live with out adequate clean water. All of us experience spiritual and emotional deserts, however. The food that Jesus gives in the Eucharist, his very Body and Blood, soul and divinity, nourish us in our desert moments and strengthen us to live as Christ's people in the world. Partaking in Christ's Body and Blood, we are to live as Christ's people in the world, standing in solidarity with those who are in deserts of their own — physical, spiritual, and emotional. We are called to act as Christ's body, nourishing others through our presence, prayer, and sharing. What is your desert? How does the Eucharist strengthen you as you journey through this dark and sometimes frightening place in life? What deserts of others are you called to address through your caring and sharing as a member of Christ's body, the Church?

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### Stewardship Corner

The collection total for the weekend of:

June 6th & June 7th — \$5,555.00

St. Vincent de Paul — \$710.00

Building Fund — \$625.00

(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: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17**

**Psalm: 147 — Gospel: John 6:51-58**

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7;  
Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16;  
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24;  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10;  
1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34;  
Lk 2:41-51

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35;  
Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; Flag Day

Monday: Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; World Refugee Day; Summer begins

## TRANSFORMATION

The effect of our sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive.

—Pope St. Leo the Great



My Lord and  
my God.....



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

**Remember Transfiguration in your Will and Living Trust.**

## FOOD FROM HEAVEN

God sustained the people of Israel for forty years in the desert with manna sent down from heaven, and Moses doesn't want them to forget it. God brought forth water from stone for them to drink, and Moses doesn't want them to forget this, either. And Moses tells them—twice—that the food that God sent was a food that neither they nor their ancestors before them had ever experienced before.

Jesus too speaks of food come down from heaven, food that the Jewish people had never experienced before. Recalling the manna in the desert, Jesus doesn't want them to forget it either, explaining that he is the food and drink of eternal life. And Paul reiterates to the Corinthians and to all of us that in the bread and in the cup, we share in the body and blood of Christ.

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## Sacrament of the Eucharist

What does it mean that Jesus Christ is present in the Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine? How does this happen? The presence of the risen Christ in the Eucharist is an inexhaustible mystery that the Church can never fully explain in words. We must remember that the triune God is the creator of all that exists and has the power to do more than we can possibly imagine. As St. Ambrose said: "If the word of the Lord Jesus is so powerful as to bring into existence things which were not, then a *fortiori* those things which already exist can be changed into something else" (*De Sacramentis*, IV, 5-16). God created the world in order to share his life with persons who are not God. This great plan of salvation reveals a wisdom that surpasses our understanding. But we are not left in ignorance: for out of his love for us, God reveals his truth to us in ways that we can understand through the gift of faith and the grace of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. We are thus enabled to understand at least in some measure what would otherwise remain unknown to us, though we can never completely comprehend the mystery of God.

—Excerpt from USCCB: The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist: Basic Questions and Answers.

## 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.

## 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**

**#54.** It is remarkable how weak international political responses have been. The failure of global summits on the environment make it plain that our politics are subject to technology and finance. There are too many special interests, and economic interests easily end up trumping the common good and manipulating information so that their own plans will not be affected. The Aparecida Document urges that “the interests of economic groups which irrationally demolish sources of life should not prevail in dealing with natural resources”. The alliance between the economy and technology ends up sidelining anything unrelated to its immediate interests. Consequently the most one can expect is superficial rhetoric, sporadic acts of philanthropy and perfunctory expressions of concern for the environment, whereas any genuine attempt by groups within society to introduce change is viewed as a nuisance based on romantic illusions or an obstacle to be circumvented.

**Fr. Terry’s Remarks:**

The tragic death of George Floyd, -he is in everything these days- should make us stop and think about our abuse of Mother Earth. Are we going to wait until some horrific catastrophe befalls us, before we wake up and see what is happening! What are we doing to our wonderful world? Our calling is to love, cherish and enjoy the wonderful Planet, God has given us. Instead, we nonchalantly use and abuse, waste and destroy it, throw away and pollute our dear Earth as if IT is infinite, with miraculous powers to renew instantly and absorb and assimilate the endless poisonous and toxic waste we create and abandon indiscriminately. We need to get to work immediately and form bodies with the means to ensure that our Environment is kept healthy for us all and has the power to restrain the perennial robber barons of our time and all times and that everyone of us realizes our need not only to be nice to each other, but also caring for our Earth.