

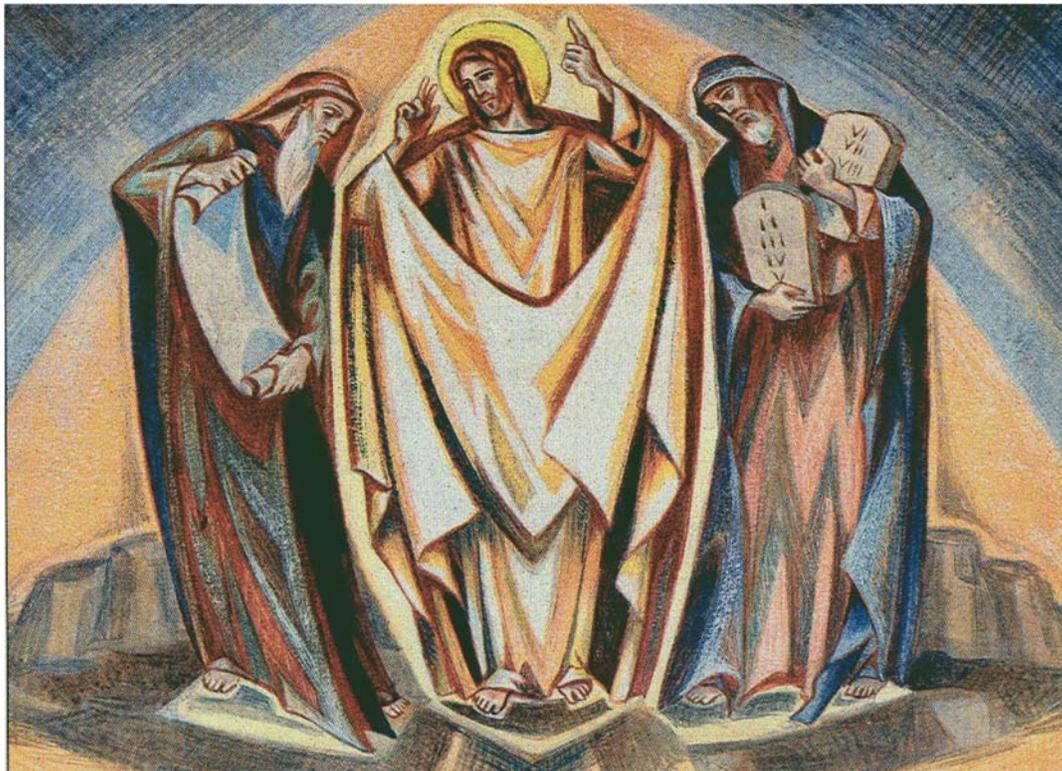
Church of the Transfiguration

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

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

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commitment
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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 2020

“Come to me, all you who labor and are
burdened, and I will give you rest.”
— Matthew 11:28



SHARE THE BURDEN

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28). These words of our Savior seem to be in stark contrast to the previous chapter from the same Gospel, when we were told that if we do not take up our crosses, we are not worthy of Christ. Connecting these two messages might help us on our faith journeys. Being a follower of Christ surely means that we must embrace the cross, in its mystery of both suffering and triumph. This is something that we need not do alone, for the burden is often too heavy for us to carry by ourselves. Who, then, do we turn to? We can turn to the Body of Christ—the community of disciples gathered for worship. When we find the burden too heavy, let us remember that we can share that burden with our Christian sisters and brothers, who can help bring us rest.

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Solace in Christ

The first part of this Gospel tells us that it is Jesus Christ who reveals the Father. “The wise and the learned” are obviously the wise according to this world, self-sufficient and unwilling to listen; “little ones” are the humble and simple of heart who feel the need for a transcendent message, hence listen.

The second part, introduced by the First Reading, characterizes Jesus and his rule over all who choose to live under his dominion. If you are weary, submit to our Lord’s dominion and you will find rest!

—Saint Joseph Sunday Missal

ANNOUNCEMENT

The June 22, 2020 issue of The Catholic Voice is now available online at www.catholicvoiceoakland.org

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.

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St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul members are again collecting new backpacks filled with school supplies for our clients going “Back to School” whether it be virtual or at school buildings. Backpacks filled with school supplies can be dropped off on Saturday 7/25/2020 from 1:00 pm—3:00 p.m. in front of the church hall. St. Vincent de Paul members wearing face masks and gloves will be there to accept your donations as you drive up.

Necessary school supplies include: 2 notebooks, wide ruled paper and new binder, colored pencils, washable markers, crayons, pencils and pens, ruler, erasers, small tissue packs, and sketch pad.

SAINT MARIA GORETTI (1890-1902) July 6

Does anything match a mother’s pride in her children? First Communions, confirmations, graduations, weddings: how these delight a mother’s heart! Imagine, then, Assunta Goretti, the only mother ever to attend her child’s canonization! In poverty-stricken rural Italy, widowed Assunta tended fields for the Serenelli family, whose eighteen-year-old son, Alessandro, propositioned her barely twelve-year-old Maria; then, when she resisted, crying, “It is a sin! God forbids it!” he stabbed her fourteen times. As she lay dying, Maria assured the attending priest, “Yes, I forgive Alessandro! I want him to be in Paradise with me someday.” Imprisoned, unrepentant, Alessandro changed after dreaming that a radiant Maria had offered him fourteen lilies. “I’ve kept my promise,” she smiled. “You’ll be here with me someday.” Upon release, he rushed to beg Assunta’s forgiveness. “Jesus has forgiven you,” she replied, “my Maria, too. How can I refuse?” Next morning, mother and murderer walked arm in arm to church and knelt side by side for Communion.

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FINDING PEACE

If you want peace, work for justice.
—Pope Paul VI

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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

Psalm: 145 — Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9;
Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10;
Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7;
Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16;
Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17;
Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23;
Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Maria Goretti
Thursday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions
Saturday: St. Benedict

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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.

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

Transfiguration & the Local Community

We were honored to host a blood drive for Vitalant and are grateful to everyone (parishioners and others) who stopped by to save a life during this unprecedented time. There were 28 honors who registered. Of these, 2 were deferred and 26 donations were made (20 whole blood, 5 2RBC). 29 units were collected! That blood has the potential to save as many as 87 lives will no doubt have a positive impact on an untold number of lives across the United States.

We will be hosting another blood drive in the Parish Hall for Vitalant on Sunday, July 19th. If you would like to donate, please make an appointment. Go to <https://www.bloodheroes.com/>, click on the "Donate Blood" tab, enter "COTT" in the prompt for "Enter your Zip Code or Sponsor Code:" and hit "Search."

— Sunita D'Costa

About our relationship with God...

- To develop a relationship with God intelligence is not enough, unless combined with a childlike capacity for wonder. Does this resonate with your experience?
- The main aim of Jesus was to introduce us to a relationship of intimacy with God. How has Jesus given you that kind of relationship?
- Another aim of Jesus was to free people from a too legalistic understanding of life, so our faith can be one of freedom and love.
- If you have made that journey too, who has been a mentor who helped you to find freedom, joy and peacefulness in your faith?

—ACP/Ireland

July Birthdays

Happy Birthday to you, May God Bless you.
Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday, May God Bless You!

Stewardship Corner

The collection for the weekend of June 27th & 28th will be reported on the next Sunday Bulletin.

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ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

WEAK RESPONSES

#57. It is foreseeable that, once certain resources have been depleted, the scene will be set for new wars, albeit under the guise of noble claims. War always does grave harm to the environment and to the cultural riches of peoples, risks which are magnified when one considers nuclear arms and biological weapons. “Despite the international agreements which prohibit chemical, bacteriological and biological warfare, the fact is that laboratory research continues to develop new offensive weapons capable of altering the balance of nature”. Politics must pay greater attention to foreseeing new conflicts and addressing the causes which can lead to them. But powerful financial interests prove most resistant to this effort, and political planning tends to lack breadth of vision. What would induce anyone, at this stage, to hold on to power only to be remembered for their inability to take action when it was urgent and necessary to do so?

Fr. Terry’s Remarks:

Why do we continue to develop more advanced biological, nuclear and chemical weapons today, when we know that their use is catastrophic? It is realized by those in high places that as we continue on our present course of not creating a renewable environment, one day we will run short of vital resources, so nations will have to fight for them for their people. It does not bear contemplating, yet, it is the reality. This is why we have clever planners, it is a great pity that we don't use them to devise ways to save the planet and benefit us all. This will only happen when WE wake up. Open our ears Lord.