



PRAYER
and Practice

LENT 2024



FROM THE RECTOR

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

2024 has been moving at a rapid pace for most of us, if not all. Lent begins with the question for each one of us and for us as a community: how will we observe a holy lent? It is our opportunity to choose one or two things upon which we would like to focus, reflect, or release. It is the opportunity to match pace with the rhythm of our souls and God's presence, rather than with our calendars. Our calendars will not empty anytime soon, but practicing presence with God through prayer, connection, and service will allow us to pay attention.

We begin Lent with being reminded that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Our secular culture is almost allergic to talking about mortality. Our worship and theology puts it directly at the center of our journeys. In so doing, we consider what we value most. We journey through this season with Jesus knowing that we are journeying ever closer to the cross with him. Jesus, God incarnate, who took on the joys, pains, sorrows, and deep abiding love of being human in community. We are fortunate to know Good Friday is not the final answer. It is not the final answer AND it is integral to our relationship with God and one another.

I invite us, dear ones, to pray about how we will spend this season. To open our hearts to where God is attempting to speak. Repentance means to return. To turn towards God. We are all in need of repentance and God is always ready when we show up.

With much love and a holy season,

Jennifer H.

BAPTISM

“Will you do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?”

Baptism is for anyone interested, any age, anyone who has not yet been baptized, anyone wanting to deepen their connection with community and faith.

There are no express requirements! We know a number of people were not able to access baptism during shutdown. Baptisms can happen at either of our main Sunday services and the Easter Vigil or Easter Day.

Are you interested in learning more? You can contact Jennifer Jennifer@transfig-sm.org or 415-830-1717.

You can also join in on the confirmation class during Lent to learn more, as well.

SUNDAYS IN LENT CONFIRMATION CLASS IN THE MANZANITA ROOM

All are welcome to join us for Teen/Adult Education **Sundays: February 18, 25 and March 3, 10 and 17 at 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** to learn more about the church, history, liturgy, and structure! For those preparing for confirmation, we will discuss mentors to support you in your journey! Questions? speak to Jennifer+.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES



MUSIC MINISTRY

Many thanks to the adult and youth choir for a wonderful Advent and Christmas season. Their time and talent has been such a gift to the Transfiguration family.

As we enter into the Lenten and Easter season, consider joining our music ministry. All you need is a love of music and some of your time. We'll teach you the rest.

The **Adult Choir** meets on **Thursday nights from 7:00 pm till 8:30 pm** in the church. We have skilled Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Baritone leaders who would be happy to guide you. As it says in the Bible 365 times. "Do not be afraid". If you've never been in a choir or it's been a while, give us a try! We promise to take good care of you!

Consider joining the youth choir

School age youth are encouraged to join us. **We rehearse after the 10:30 service on Sundays for about 30 minutes.** And will typically sing during service on the fourth Sunday of the month. Again, no experience needed, just a desire to be a part of our music family. Bring a friend!

If you have any questions, talk to me or any choir member after service, or email me at Jim@transfig-sm.org.

Thanks,

Jim Dahlstrom
Director of Music

FLOWER GUILD

I'm reaching out for assistance in coordinating the shopping and decorations for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday at our church. A few dedicated volunteers who can contribute their time and creativity to create a festive atmosphere would be greatly appreciated. If you have a flair for decorating or an interest in shopping at the SF Flower Mart for palms, plants and flowers, your involvement would be greatly appreciated.



Let's come together as a community to make our church environment warm, inviting and vibrant for the joyous spirit of Palm and Easter Sunday.

Dates:

Shopping at SF Flower Mart: **Friday March 22 and March 29, 7-9am.** Meet at Transfig and carpool to the SF Flower Mart.

Decorating the church: At a time that works for everyone, typically the Friday or Saturday afternoon before the holiday.

Please contact Michele Charles at michelecharles777@gmail.com or 650-745-6928 if you can help out at any or all of these activities.

Michele Charles



THE SEASON OF LENT BEGINS

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT PRAYER AND PRACTICE AT 6:30 VIA ZOOM

Adult Education in Lent will focus on practices for prayer. We will have a variety of sessions including: Music as Prayer, Centering Prayer, Using the Book of Common Prayer to pray, Embodied Prayer, and Using the Bible to Pray. We will have a few different leaders, including Jennifer+, Jim, and Hailey+. We are still confirming schedules and will announce as soon as we are confirmed!

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday

10:30am - Parish Wide Eucharist for Palm Sunday with palm procession (no Joyful Noise Eucharist on this day)

Thursday, March 28 - Maundy Thursday

Stay tuned for more details soon

Friday, March 29 - Good Friday

Stay tuned for more details soon

Saturday, March 30 - Holy Saturday

Stay tuned for more details soon

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Day

9:00am - Joyful Noise Eucharist for Easter

10:00am - Easter Egg Hunt and Festive Coffee Hour

11:00am - Festival Musical Eucharist for Easter

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH!



JOYFUL NOISE EUCCHARIST

Sunday mornings at 9:-00am

A worship especially for families with our youngest members with stories and singing and Eucharist. Join Us!



COMMUNITY OF WONDER

Sunday mornings will begin in the Redwood Room at 10:30, unless otherwise advised. It will require an adult volunteer signed up to assist Rebecca. We are thankful for the many volunteers who have supported Rebecca and the children each week.

Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4DAFAF22A13-cowvolunteer#/>

If an adult volunteer is not signed up by the previous Wednesday, Rebecca and the children will join us in the sanctuary for worship!

Community of Wonder will be for 4 year olds - 6th graders. If an older child or teen would like to volunteer, they can request to do so with Rebecca.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Our youth, grades 6-12 have been gathering for Dungeons & Dragons once a month.

We play the 3rd Sunday of each month from 12:30-2:30. We will gather next on March 17. (There will not be a session on February)

If you want to play, email/text me so I can prepare for you. No D&D experience is necessary; we can walk you through the rules while we play. What's most important is to be willing to roleplay a character and respond to what happens in this imaginary world we're all creating together.

-Mike Robinson

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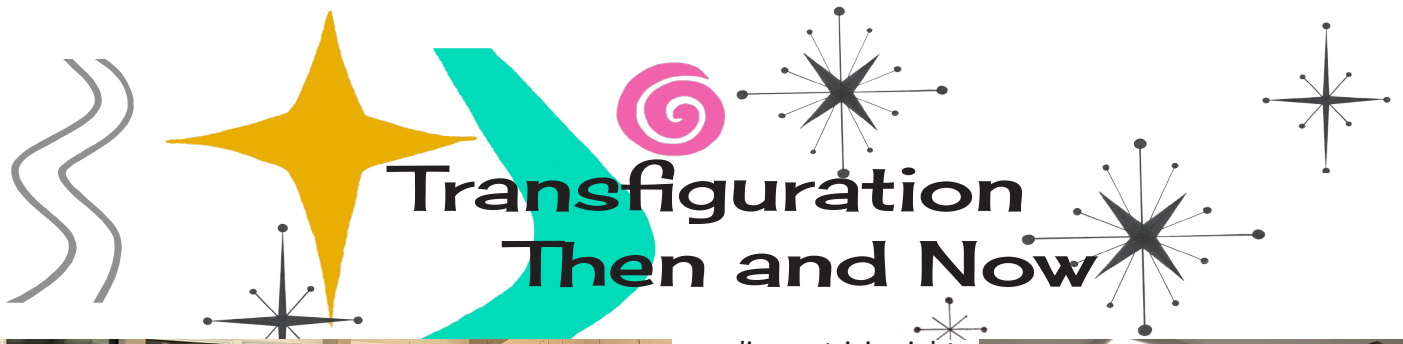


COMMUNITY LIFE @ TRANSFIGURATION



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT • SNOW DAY • MEN'S RETREAT





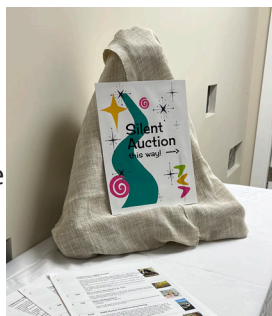
Transfiguration Then and Now



On January 20, we were able to take time to mark and truly celebrate the completion of the capital campaign renovations to the parish hall with a 50s-themed cocktail party. Over forty guests gathered, several in 50s inspired attire, to enjoy food and drink and also photo collages which brought the history of the parish to life, from its beginnings in a neighborhood home garage to today. Be sure to come by the parish hall to check out the displays, many of which are still up.



The celebration was generously underwritten by an anonymous donor in the hopes that we would use the event as a way not only to rejoice, but also to begin to restrengthen our financial foundations to ensure that Transfiguration has the resources and reserves it needs for the future. To that end, we had a silent auction component of the event with many wonderful items available for bidding. Many items were events and experiences - a ramen making lesson and



dinner, trivia night, personal training sessions, cookie of the month delivery service – that will bring church members together for fellowship throughout the year.



Not all the events were fully sold out, so watch the bulletin for opportunities to join in on the fun even if you weren't able to attend the auction.

The auction was also the premier showing of a wonderful short video history of the parish - we look forward to sharing this video more broadly once the final version is complete.

Net income from the event thru ticket sales and donations from the auction brought in about \$6,100. This, combined with the balance of the donation which underwrote the event's expenses, will allow us to direct a significant amount towards the repayment of the line of credit we have with the diocese for remaining capital campaign expenses. The event was a true success both in finances and fellowship.

Many thanks to the team of volunteers who put this together and contributed to making the evening a success - Cathy Apsley, Cheryl Blalock, Tim and Virginia Fox, Doug Jolly, Gari Patton, Erin Renfro, Noreen Huey, Jenn Robinson, Bob Shields, Kristen Kearns, and our top-notch youth server team: Jax and Nico Manning, Louisa Kearns, and Sammy Dudash.



JANUARY GALA AND AUCTION





THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

THE COMING WEEKS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:30am - Morning Meditation via zoom
7pm - Choir Rehearsal (church)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:30am - Morning Meditation via zoom

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

9:00am - Joyful Noise Eucharist (*in-person*)
10:30am - Musical Eucharist (*in-person & via livestream*)
11:30am - Youth Choir rehearsal

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

8:30am - Morning Meditation via zoom
6:30pm - Masterworks Chorale Rehearsal (church)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:30am - Morning Meditation via zoom
10:30am - Transfiguration Staff Meeting (office)
7-9pm - NMCO Chamber Group rehearsal (church)
7:00pm - AA Meeting (Redwood)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:30am - Morning Meditation via zoom
9:00am - Morning Prayer via zoom
6:30pm - Vestry Meeting
6:30pm - Lenten program via zoom

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:30am - Morning Meditation via zoom
6:30pm - NMCO Dress Rehearsal (church)
7pm - Choir Rehearsal (Redwood)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:30am - Morning Meditation via zoom
5pm thru Sunday morning - Women's Retreat at St. Dorothy's Rest

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

thru Sunday morning - Women's Retreat at St. Dorothy's Rest
9am - 3pm - Masterworks Chorale Rehearsal (church and Redwood)
5:30-10:30pm - NMCO onsite for Concert @ 7pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Women's Retreat at St. Dorothy's Rest concludes
9:00am - Joyful Noise Eucharist (*in-person*)
10:30am - Musical Eucharist (*in-person & via livestream*)
11:30am - Youth Choir rehearsal

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 24, 2024

ONE COMBINED PALM SUNDAY SERVICE AT 10:30AM
(*No Joyful Noise Eucharist on this day*)

MAUNDY THURSDAY - MARCH 28, 2024

Stay tuned for more details soon

GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 29, 2024

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HOLY SATURDAY - MARCH 30, 2024

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EASTER DAY - MARCH 31, 2024

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LAY LEADERSHIP AT TRANSFIGURATION

VESTRY CLASS OF 2025



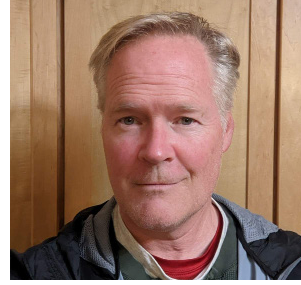
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OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY THRU THURSDAY

9:00AM - 3:00PM

If you need to come by the office at other times, please call to make arrangements. If you have a pastoral emergency please contact Jennifer+ at her cell phone number listed above.

VESTRY LEADERSHIP

Senior Warden: Bob Shields

Junior Warden: *to be determined*

Clerk to the Vestry: *to be determined*

Treasurer: Christine Villanis

VESTRY MEMBERS

Class of 2025

Cheryl Blalock
Amanda Duquette
Eric Manning
Jennifer Robinson

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