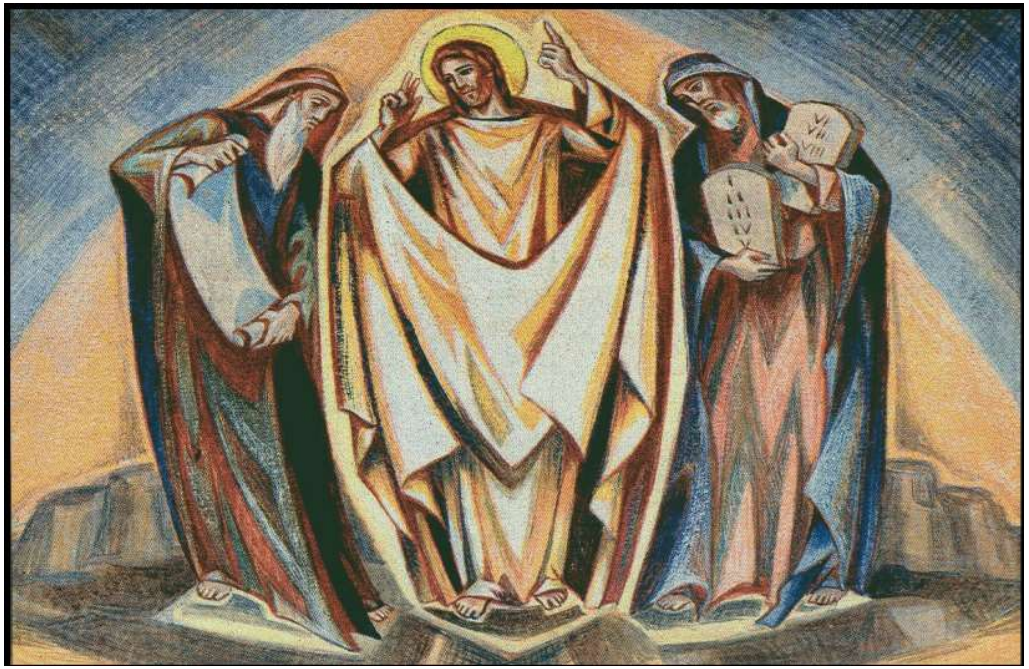


Parish Town Hall
October 27, 2026
Church of the Transfiguration Closure



Agenda

- 7:00 pm: **Opening Prayer** – Fr Luke
- 7:05 pm: **Townhall Format** (No Q & A and why) - Patrick Devine
- 7:10 pm: **Diocesan Presentation** – Fr. Lawrence D'Anjou
- 7:30 pm: **Transfiguration Closure Transition Team Status** – Deacon Tim Moore
- 8:15 pm: **Christ the King-St. Stephen Pastor** - Fr. Paulson Mundanmani
- 8:25 pm: **Closing Remarks & Prayer**- Fr. Luke

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Transfiguration Closure Roadmap

Phase 1: Operational Planning & Community Onboarding (Immediate)

The initial stage focuses on clarifying the decision, answering community questions, and setting up administrative boundaries.

This is where we are at right now.

1) **Transfiguration Closure FAQs** - Done - Living Document
2) **Establishment of a Transition Committee** - Done
3) **Inventory of Sacred & Secular Goods** - In progress
4) **Monthly Healing and Closure Acceptance Sessions** - In progress
5) **Invitation to subscribe to Flock Notes at Our Lady of Grace** - In progress
6) **Letter of Suppression to Bishop** - End of November 2026



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Phase 2: Sacramental & Ministerial Alignment (Mid-Term)

This phase systematically integrates the religious and administrative functions of Transfiguration into the receiving parish community.

1) Sacramental Record Transfer - Historical Baptismal, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage and Death registries to ensure seamless access to records.
2) Ministry and Faith Formation Integration.
3) Staff Transition.



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Phase 3: Liturgical Farewell & Deconsecration (Final Month)

The culmination of the parish's active life centers on pastoral care, honoring the legacy of the church, and the canonical status change of the building.

1) Legacy Celebrations: Organizing commemorative events, a parish legacy book (electronic?) to celebrate the 65-year history of the parish serving the Castro Valley community.
2) The Final Mass: Formally thank God for the blessings poured out on the community.
3) Canonical Relegation & Safe Removal of Sacred Elements: Fulfilling the Bishop's canonical decree to relegate the building to "profane but not sordid use" (Canon 1222). The Blessed Sacrament, altars, and consecrated art are respectfully removed before the building ceases to be a designated Catholic house of worship.



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Phase 4: Property Custody & Future Stewardship (Post-Closure)

Once the liturgical life ends, the physical assets are handled according to civil non-profit regulations and Canon Law.

1) Asset Allocation: Remaining operating funds and physical assets are legally transferred to the receiving parish.
2) Alienation: Property Management: Secure the buildings, review future leasing options, or evaluate a potential sale.



Liturgical Ministries to be merged

- Altar Servers: Assist the priest at the altar during Mass and other liturgical celebrations.
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Distribute the Eucharist during Mass or take communion to the sick and homebound.
- Lectors (Readers): Proclaim the Scripture readings (other than the Gospel) during liturgical services.
- Music & Choir Ministry: Lead the congregation in sacred song, psalms, and hymns through cantors, choirs, and instrumentalists.
- Ushers & Hospitality: Welcome parishioners, help with seating, manage collections, and guide the flow during communion.
- Church Mice - Altar & Environment Care: Decorate and maintain the sanctuary, linens, and floral arrangements according to the liturgical season.



Faith Formation Ministries to be merged

- Religious Education/CCD: Provides faith instruction and sacramental preparation (First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation) for children and middle-schoolers.
- Youth Ministries: Offer peer community, retreats, and spiritual growth for high schoolers.
- Adult Faith Formation: WINGS, Bible studies, prayer groups to deepen lifelong discipleship.
- OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults): Guides non-Catholics or adults seeking completion of sacraments into the Catholic Church.



Outreach Ministries to be merged

- St. Vincent de Paul Society: Direct person-to-person assistance for individuals and families facing poverty, rent, or utility crises.
- Home-bound Ministry: Bring the Eucharist and pastoral care to parishioners in hospitals, nursing homes, or confined to their homes.
- Bread of Life & Helping Hands Ministries: Support families and individuals who have lost a loved one, by taking care of the Post-Funeral-Service Gathering.



Community Life & Administration Ministries to be merged

- CYO (Catholic Youth Organization): Youth sports and athletic programs centered on teamwork and Christian values.
- Collection
- Finance Council: Advises the pastor on managing the church's financial resources, property, and business operations.
- Pastoral Council: Develop short-term and long-term goals, pastoral plans, and action steps to help the parish live out the Gospel.
- Hospitality Committee: Promote Fellowship
- Donuts & Coffee
- Pancake Breakfast



Wrap-Up

- Closing Comments & Prayer- **Fr. Luke**

Fellowship & Refreshments in the vestibule.

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