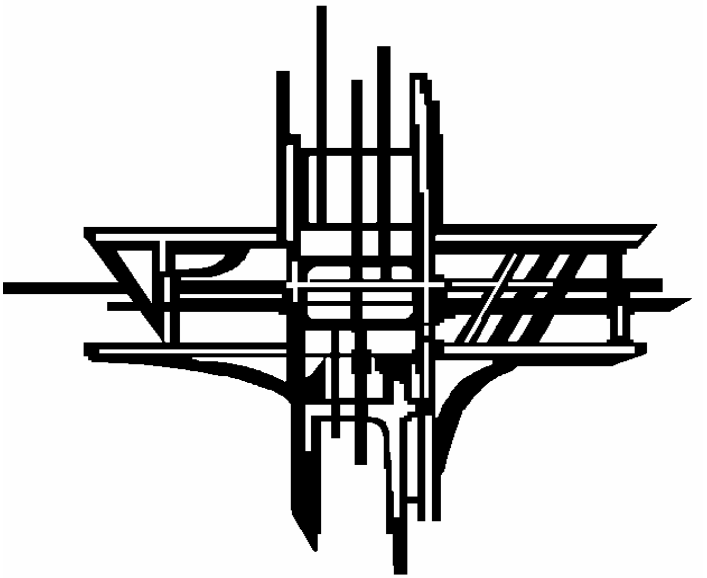
Church of the Transfiguration

A community praising God,
Growing in Christ, and
Joyfully serving others.



All Saints Day
November 1, 2026

Whover you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at Church of the Transfiguration, just as you are.

What is Transfiguration's mission?

Transfiguration strives to provide a refuge and a haven where people feel seen as children of God regardless of race, ethnicity, class, sexuality, sex, or gender, and can grow in the love of God and neighbor.

What kind of Church is this?

Transfiguration is part of the Episcopal Church, a member of the Anglican Communion, a loose federation of Anglican denominations around the world. One of the defining characteristics of Anglicanism is how we pray. Our life of worship and prayer is rooted in the *Book of Common Prayer*.

What is there for children at Transfiguration?

For young children, we offer a wonderful nursery with paid nursery attendants year-round.

For our slightly older kids, we have church school doing the school year. Children go upstairs after having communion and have a fifteen-to-twenty-minute lesson before rejoining the congregation in coffee hour.

Am I *really* welcome here?

Sadly, churches do not always feel like safe spaces. It can be intimidating walking into a church for the first time, but when the church is at its best, it can be a place of comfort, joy, love, and peace. We hope Transfiguration can be a space where people experience the latter. If you want to learn more about the parish, feel free to reach out to Rev. Hunter. He would be happy to grab coffee or a meal and answer your questions. You can also fill out a visitor card in the pews and drop it in the offertory plate so Rev. Hunter can be in touch with you.

Flowers given by Maureen Reilly in memory of Kathleen & Bill Reilly

Processional "For All the Saints, Who from Their Labors Rest" *H287*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria Arrangement by Liturgical Folk





The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen**

First Reading **Revelation 7:9-17**

A reading from the Book of Revelation:

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

> "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
> and thanksgiving and honor
> and power and might
> be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

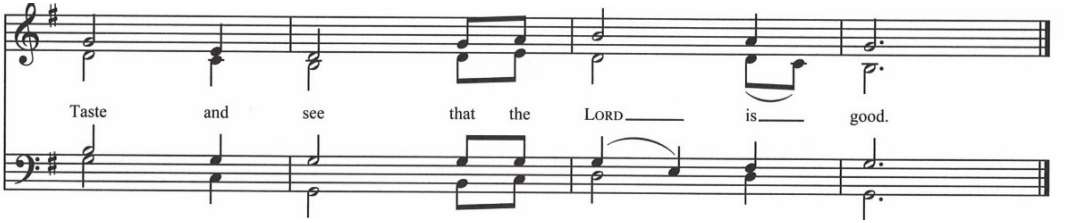
Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

> "For this reason they are before the throne of God,
> and worship him day and night within his temple,
> and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
> the sun will not strike them,
> nor any scorching heat;
> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
> and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
> and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-10,22



1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice. [ANT.]

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt his Name together.
4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror. [ANT.]

5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles. [ANT.]

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him! [ANT.]

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing *
10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him. [ANT.]

Second Reading **1 John 3:1-3**

A reading from the First Letter to of John

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" *H508*

Gospel **Matthew 5:1-12**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon **Rev. Hunter Farrow**

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant and People
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from Heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Deacon
With clean hearts and a pure faith, let us ascend the hill of the Lord, offering our prayers and thanksgivings to the one who hears our petitions and answers our call, responding, "Hear us, O Host of Heaven."

In thanksgiving for many peoples, languages, tribes and nations, whose diversity of thought and action become blessings to all who seek the fullness of God's presence in the midst of daily life; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

In thanksgiving for the Eucharistic Meal in which we are fed by Christ, who reveals his goodness and invites us to trust in his love with our whole heart, and soul, and mind; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

For the commitment and strength to share God's blessings throughout the world, honoring those who hunger and thirst, who mourn, and who live in fear and anxiety, giving out of our weaknesses to fill the hopes of others; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

For the peacemakers who proclaim justice in the marketplace, and petition prime ministers, presidents and legislators, to turn the ways of war into the dividends of peace; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

For those who volunteer their time to enlighten the lives of others, especially those who work in our schools, recreational centers, and wherever young people seek enrichment and encouragement; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

For holy women and men who have died in the light of Christ, and whose righteousness inspired the faithful of every generation; we pray especially for:

> Edward and Beatrice Wolfe, Leonard and Marie Hiznay, Richard Shepsko, Ron Taylor, James McKenna, Pamela Glass, Wayne Ratay, Flo Wagner, Walt Wagner, Geri Russo, Bill Russo, George Ryniak, Dr. Chester and Jean Ryniak, Elton and Miriam Ulrich, Zach Plantz, Barb Barnes, Edward M. McCormack, Grace McCormack, Edward W. McCormack, Mary Katherine Doering, Timothy Castle Doering, Bill Opelka, Judy, Joseph and David Q. Genanne, Tom, and Tim M., Danny M., Matt H., Mike G., Janet, Shannon, and Daniel Jaekel, George, Elaine, and Kenneth Karrison, Alan Elliott, Dan Stone, Andy Martone, Frank Rossi, Bertha Rossi, Walter Barth, Virginia Barth, Bill Fish, Gayle Fish, Dennis Dade, Joan and Thomas Madden, Peter M. Jonikaitis, Peter J. and Alice Jonikaitis, Kathy Shelton, Gene Durbin, CV Durbin, Douglas Healy, Genevieve Healy, Bill Blew, Lynn Blew, Erma Johnson, Howard Johnson, Howard Johnson, Carolyn Johnson, Gail Henson, Margaret Meinhold, Louis Meinhold, Cameron Beatley, Pura Varona, Anamaria Varona, Maria, Rosie, Zeferino, Tomas, Victor, Margo, Carlos, Norman Kirby, Ruth Schaefer, George Schaefer, Mary Foskett, and Phyllis Bistyak

May their souls and the souls of unsung heroes in every age enter the gates of paradise; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

In companionship with the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, we continue the offering of our prayers.

We pray also for the needs of this congregation, especially for_____ and those we name before you now.

Silence

Celebrant
Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Minister
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people stand or kneel.

Minister and People
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory "For Thy Dear Saints, O Lord" *H279*

Receiving the Gifts

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Holy Communion

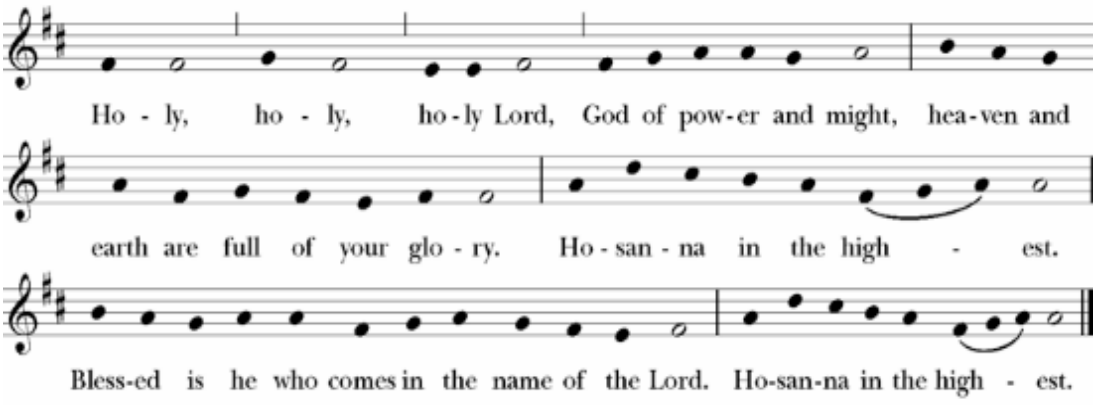


Celebrant
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *s124*



The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

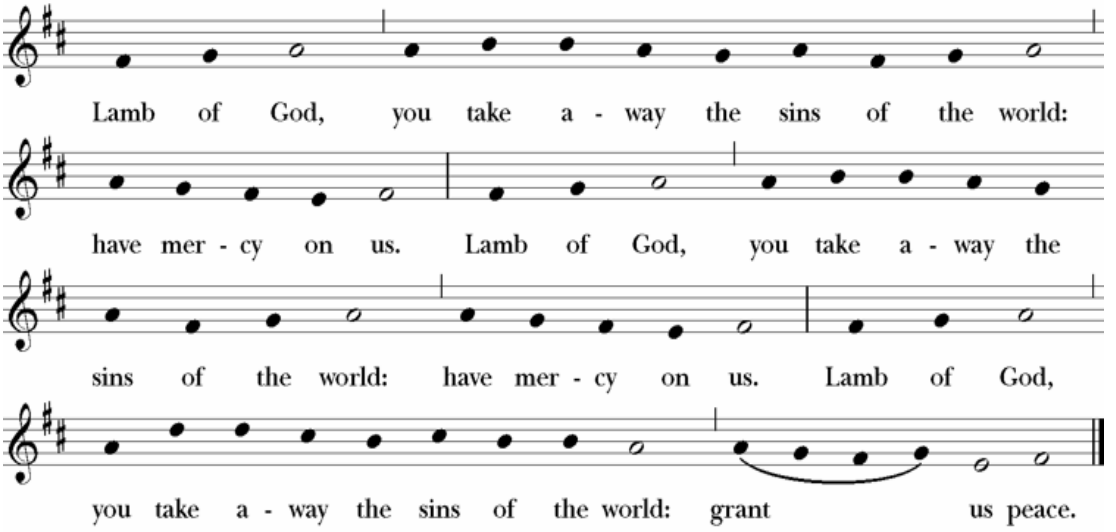
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction *s161*



The Invitation to Communion

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little. You who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time or ever before. You who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites you. It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to take Communion in the Episcopal Church. If for any reason, you do not want to receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to the altar rail with your arms crossed over your chest and receive a blessing. We have gluten free wafers available upon request.

Communion "Blest Are the Pure In Heart" *H656*

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending of the Eucharistic Visitors

(if applicable)

Minister
In the name of Christ, and of this congregation, we send you forth bearing the body and blood of Christ to those who cannot be with us today. Take God's holy Word, the prayers of this congregation, and this holy food for holy people.

People
We who are many are one Body because we share one bread, one cup.

Blessing

Celebrant
May God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" *H620*

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE REMAIN ON OUR PERMANENT PRAYER LIST AS THEIR NEED FOR PRAYER IS LONG-TERM RATHER THAN ACUTE: Don, Roberta, Marilyn, Jim, Mary, Emily, Meghan, Jan, Chelsea, Bob, Mark, Michael, John, Bob, Billy, Laura, Cindy, Pam, Katy, Lou, Nick, Brendan, Bob, Debra, Janet, Jacelyn, Sharon, Gabe, Chuck, Nancy, Mike, Tom, Betty, Carol, David, James, Kathy, Bill, John, Rosemary, Roberta, Earl, Patricia.

This week at Transfiguration:

Today	***Holy Eucharist***	***Church/FB***	***10:00am***
	Coffee Hour hosted Cyndi & Barb	***Leach Hall***	***11:15am***
11/2	***Bible Study***	***Zoom***	***7pm***
11/5	***Daycare Board Meeting***	***Chapel***	***7pm***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Zoom Bible Study** – Join us for Bible study tomorrow, November 2nd, at 7PM over Zoom. We meet the first and third Monday of every month from 7PM-8:30PM, and we have great conversation about Scripture. Anyone can hop in any time. You don't have to make it to every session. We are currently studying the book of Ephesians.
- **Bingo** – Join us on November 7th at 6PM for a parish Bingo night fundraiser. There will be small prizes and light refreshments. Children who are able to play along are welcome to join in the fun. Sign-up in the church foyer!
- **SWIFT Dinner** - The Southwest Interfaith Team (SWIFT) is hosting a dinner on at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Orland Park on November 15th from 5:30PM-7:30PM. It will be an opportunity to share a meal and share perspectives with people of different faith traditions. If you are interested, talk to Carrie Scott to purchase tickets.
- **2027 Annual Stewardship Campaign: A Firm Foundation** – From now until the beginning of Advent, we are running our annual stewardship campaign. This is a time when we ask folks to discern how they can help further the mission of the parish. Obviously, a big component of this is financial; however, we understand that everyone's finances are unique. There are many ways to practice good stewardship of the gifts God has given us. Beyond just financial support, we can also give of our time and our talent.

  This year's theme is A Firm Foundation. This theme has two meanings: First, as our daycare continues to bounce back from a long season of challenges and transition, we want to make sure the parish itself is the firm foundation upon which all our other ministries, including the daycare, are built. Second, and more importantly, this theme highlights that Christ should be the foundation of all that we do here. Our commitment to Jesus and his teachings should inform how

and why we give, and it should inform how the parish uses your generous gifts to serve others for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Most of you have probably received a stewardship letter and pledge card in the mail by now; although, if you are newer, we may not have sent you one. We respect that when people are new to a parish, they are often still feeling it out and may not be ready to take a step like pledging. If for any reason, you did not get a stewardship letter and pledge card, we have some in the back of the sanctuary, which you are welcome to grab if you wish.

If possible, please return pledge cards to us by November 29th. This helps us put together the budget using actual numbers and helps us to practice wisdom and discernment with the gifts you have entrusted to us. If you prefer to do things digitally, you can fill out an online pledge form using the QR code below.

Online Pledge Form



Online Giving:



Rector: Rev. Hunter Farrow, rector@transfigpalos.org
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Administrator's Office Hours
Monday – Thursday 8:30AM to 2:30PM
Priest's Office Hours
Monday – Thursday 10Am to 3:00PM

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