



# OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI

Today is the Third Sunday of Easter April 14th, 2024

## *Mission Statement*

Under the protection of Our Lady of Refuge and guided by the Holy Spirit, our parish family is dedicated to the propagation and deepening of our faith, rooted in the Sacraments, Sacred Scripture and Tradition of the Catholic Church. As stewards of the Father's gifts, we strive to reflect the love of Christ through the support of our parish and in our outreach and service to others.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

PEACE  
BE WITH YOU.

— LUKE 24:36 —



# OLR MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

## WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

### Readings for the week of April 7, 2024

Sunday 4/14: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48  
 Monday 4/15: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29  
 Tuesday 4/16: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35  
 Wednesday 4/17: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40  
 Thursday 4/18: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51  
 Friday 4/19: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59  
 Saturday 4/20: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69  
 Sunday 4/21: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

### Observances for the week April 14, 2024

Sunday 4/14: 3rd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)  
 Monday 4/15:  
 Tuesday 4/16:  
 Wednesday 4/17:  
 Thursday 4/18:  
 Friday 4/19:  
 Saturday 4/20:  
 Next Sunday 4/21:

## PRIEST SCHEDULE

Mon 4/15: 8:15am (Fr. Peterman)  
 Tues 4/16: 8:15am (Fr. Peterman)  
 Wed 4/17: 8:15am (Fr. Peterman)  
 Fri 4/19: 8:15am (Fr. Arwady)  
 Sat 4/20: 5:00pm (Fr. Witek)  
 Sun 4/21: 9:30am (Fr. Peterman)  
 11:30am (Fr. Peterman)  
 Mon 4/22: 8:15am (Fr. Peterman)  
 Tues 4/23: 8:15am (Fr. Peterman)

## CONFESSIONS:

Saturday at 3:30pm

## INTENTIONS

Monday 4/15 - Patti McGrath requested by her sisters  
 Tuesday 4/16 - Denise Dushane (Deceased) requested by Leigh & Therese Dushane  
 Wednesday 4/17 - Mary Hughes (Deceased) requested by Leigh & Therese Dushane  
 William Schafer (Deceased) requested by Oscar & Jan Mittelstaedt  
 Friday 4/19 - Jim Sarb (Deceased) requested by Juliet C. Najor  
 Saturday 4/20 - Fawzi Shaya (Deceased) requested by the Shaya family.  
 Our Lady of Refuge Parishioners  
 Sunday 4/21 - (9:30) Colin Zerki (Deceased) requested by the Zerki family  
 Helen & Nick Adams Sr. (Deceased) requested by Nick Suciui  
 Deceased members of the Harper/Klocker families  
 (11:30) Joe & Louise Majercik (Deceased) requested by Majercik family  
 Don & Amy Montgomery (Deceased) requested by Ceteste Montgomery  
 Monday 4/22 - Pat Gough (Deceased) requested by Dar Panian  
 Tuesday 4/23 - Colin Zerki (Deceased) requested by Zerki family

## LECTOR SCHEDULE

### Saturday 4/22:

L. Oras  
 L. Young

### Sunday 4/23:

(9:30am)  
 C. Armitage  
 J. Armitage

(11:30am)  
 R. Goodman  
 T. Klimmek



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Fr. Derik Peterman

**WEEKEND MASSES**  
Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday 9:30 & 11:30am

**DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**  
8:15am Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
Saturday 3:30-4:30pm

**BAPTISMS** ..... (By appointment)

**MARRIAGES** Six Months Notice By Appointment

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Being a registered parishioner makes the process much easier when it is time for baptisms, Faith Formation registration, weddings, when asked to be a baptismal or Confirmation sponsor, and even funerals.

If you would like to register in the parish, please call the Parish Secretary at (248) 682-0920. We welcome you to our parish family!



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**Total: \$16,947**  
**Weekly Budget: \$13,530**

**YTD Budgeted: \$523,980**  
**YTD Actual: \$550,912**  
**Over Budget: \$26,932**

**SVDP: \$545**  
**Flowers \$40**

# FR. PETERMAN'S PONDERINGS

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One of the more beautiful, but often hidden, aspects of the priesthood is ministering to people who are sick and dying. My job is to help get people to heaven. And I get to be there when someone is about to meet the Lord to offer them the grace of the sacraments. Since this part of our faith is not usually seen or talked about, I want to share just a few points about what are usually called the **Last Rites**.

**The Last Rites** is an umbrella term that includes all those sacraments and prayers that can be offered for those who are seriously ill. These rites include: Confession, Holy Communion or Viaticum, Anointing of the Sick, the Apostolic Pardon, and the Commendation of the Soul.

**Viaticum** is a word that means “food for the journey,” and is used to describe the last time a person receives Holy Communion. There are some beautiful prayers that go along with this rite in which we pray that the Body of Christ would guide the person into eternal life.

**The Anointing of the Sick** is also called the Sacrament of the Sick or Extreme Unction. In Mark chapter 6 we have a record of Jesus giving the apostles this sacrament; and in James chapter 5 the apostle describes its effects. It gives sanctifying grace, comfort and strength in suffering, forgives sins, and can even heal the body if God wills it. Although usually meant to aid the soul of a person preparing to die, the Church also teaches that “the faithful whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age receive this sacrament” (Pastoral Care of the Sick). In addition, “a sick person may be anointed before surgery whenever a serious illness is the reason” (PCS). A person cannot be anointed twice, unless the illness gets seriously worse or they recover and get sick again. It is important to not wait too long before having your loved one anointed, because it is better for them if they can pray along with the rites.

**The Apostolic Pardon** is a blessing given only once when a person is soon going to meet the Lord. This indulgence promises that the person who receives it with faith is freed from all punishment due to sins. Though not a replacement for confession, it is a powerful prayer!

**The Commendation of the Soul** are various prayers said by the priest and family to offer a person’s soul to God. They are comforting prayers of trust in the goodness of our loving Father and in the prayers of the saints.

On another note, I apologize that Our Lady of Refuge was not able to offer a live-streamed Mass on Sunday, April 7. There were some issues with our sound system. It looks like those problems have been addressed and we are back in business! Thank you for your understanding. God bless you!

# CHRISTIAN SERVICE

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## Project Rachel

Project Rachel is the Church's ministry which operates as a network of professional clergy, licensed counselors and volunteers trained to provide one-on-one spiritual and psychological support for individuals suffering from the trauma of abortion.

*"It's normal to grieve a pregnancy loss, including the loss of a child by abortion. It can form a hole in one's heart, a hole so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the emptiness. You are not alone..." — US Bishops' Project Rachel Ministry*

*"For many people, abortion is the most traumatic experience in their lives. Dealing with the aftermath of an abortion can be one of the most difficult journeys a person will make. You do not have to walk this journey alone.*

*"Both before and after an abortion, feelings of panic, fear, anxiety, guilt, remorse and pressure are common not only for the woman who underwent the abortion, but also for the father of the unborn child, the grandparents, close friends, and even medical personnel.*

*"The pain and loss of abortion are often intensified by a sense of alienation from God and the Church.*

*"If you find yourself in such a place, we want you to know that the Catholic Church cares deeply and wants to be there for you. We extend to you the loving embrace, mercy and compassion of the Good Shepherd Jesus Christ. The Church welcomes you home with unconditional love and the forgiveness of God who loves you with an everlasting love.*

*"Welcome Home!" — Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron*

Project Rachel is the Church's ministry which operates as a network of professional clergy, licensed counselors and volunteers trained to provide one-on-one spiritual and psychological support for individuals suffering from the trauma of abortion. This confidential helpline offers clergy and counseling referrals and Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats to help you move towards healing and reconciliation with yourself, your unborn child, your family, your church, and God.

**Contact the Project Rachel helpline at 1-888-722-4355 or [projectrachel@aod.org](mailto:projectrachel@aod.org).**



### PRAYER PLEDGE:

As a member of the Archdiocese of Detroit Project Rachel Prayer Network, I pledge to:

1. Pray a monthly Rosary for healing the Archdiocese of Detroit Project Rachel participants and future participants.
2. Offer my Holy Communion on the first Sunday of every month for the perseverance of the Archdiocese of Detroit Project Rachel volunteers and staff members to extend God's Mercy and Hope through this ministry.
3. Pray a weekly Memorare for the babies lost to abortion, particularly the children of the Archdiocese of Detroit Project Rachel participants and those unborn lives lost throughout our state.



# EVANGELIZATION

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OUR LADY OF REFUGE

## PRAYING THE ROSARY IN THE GARDEN

Monday's in May at 6:30pm



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# LITURGICAL MUSIC

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## Music Matters

We have had some adventures with the sound system. If you were at 5 PM mass last Saturday you would have heard the system crackling and banging. It has been an intermittent problem the last few weeks, but Monday the sound company found a faulty wire harness and we think the problem is solved.

The first occurrence happened the Friday before Palm Sunday. We made some adjustments that we thought fixed it. Even though the problem was still lurking and could have blown up any time, we had no problems through Holy Week and Easter Sunday. I think God was holding that wire harness together to get us through Holy Week.

Today's Responsorial Psalm is a prayer of trust and surrender. I like the image of the last verse: I can fall peacefully asleep, knowing that the Lord is watching over me and my family.

### **Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9**

**R. Lord, let your face shine on us.**

When I call, answer me, O my just God,  
you who relieve me when I am in distress;  
have pity on me, and hear my prayer!

**R. Lord, let your face shine on us.**

Know that the LORD does wonders for his faithful one;  
the LORD will hear me when I call upon him.

**R. Lord, let your face shine on us.**

O LORD, let the light of your countenance shine upon  
us!

You put gladness into my heart.

**R. Lord, let your face shine on us.**

As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep,  
for you alone, O LORD,  
bring security to my dwelling.

**R. Lord, let your face shine on us.**

Here is a QR Code for a performance of

*Lord, let your face shine on us.*





# WORSHIP

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## Save the Date!

Meet our newly baptized and confirmed members. We will celebrate with cake as we join the Knights of Columbus on May 19<sup>th</sup> following the 9:30 am Mass with their coffee and donut offering.



## Hope After Death

This was one of my phrases that I took away with me from Father Peterman's Divine Mercy homily and my father's prayer service. "Hope after death." Yes, thank you Jesus!!

I have been involved with hospital and jail ministries for many years. I have witnessed the terror of dying from a soul not nurtured with the hope of heaven. Our faith is a gift that we are all offered but must embrace and unpack individually. Either we grow or die. Be prepared to be the only Bible some people will ever read.

I want to thank my parish family for the amazing prayer service for my father, Col Burt. My Dad has been very proud of my work for the church and his support means the world to me! You honored him so beautifully! The fellow veterans that read, Father's homily of hope after death, the beautiful music – WOW!! The luncheon was soooooo yummy too. Thank you, Suzanne and your wonderful luncheon team! My Dad had three portions of chocolate every day. There was a whole table of homemade chocolate treats – Yes!

Please continue to pray for my Dad's soul. Yet another reason for my passion regarding our Catholic faith. We pray for each other living and dead. We have this profound mission to help those who have no one else to lift them up. Ave, dear parish family! I feel your love!



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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## Pray for the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces

"Dear Lord Jesus and Mary, Mother of God, hold all these brave souls in the palm of your hand; comfort them and their families. Send angels of protection, love and comfort to all the service men and women still at war, bring them home safely and comfort their families. We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen."



### Rev. Przemyslaw Nowak Army (Chaplain)

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Eugene Bizer	Coast Guard
Christopher Bowman	Coast Guard
Daniel Culbertson	Navy
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## Happy Easter! Christ is risen, alleluia! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Although Easter Sunday was March 31st, we are still celebrating the Easter season until May 19th, the Feast of Pentecost. Is there still Easter candy in your house? Are the baskets still out? Keep greeting each other with Easter joy.

This is also a gentle reminder that Catholics are required to receive communion once a year during the Easter season. Please go to confession before you receive communion. Receiving communion is a different experience when you've recently been to confession.

Our parish Confirmation candidates will receive the sacrament from Bishop Monforton at 4pm on April 20 at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, along with candidates from Prince of Peace and St. Benedict, our original Family of Parishes. First Communion masses will be celebrated on May 4 at 10am for the OLR school children and at 1pm for the parish children who do not attend the school.

Please pray for those who soon will be ordained to the priesthood: Tommy Ngo, Stephen Moening, Matthew Kurt, Nicholas Brown, and Ryan Asher.

Our own Archbishop Vigneron recently published a pastoral letter, *The Good News About God's Plan*, offering guidance for schools and parishes and still more recently, Pope Francis through the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a declaration, *Dignitas Infinita*, on human dignity. Both documents are directed towards current issues in our world, but which are perhaps more apparent in the culture of Western or "developed" countries. Perhaps inconveniently, between these two documents, the White House also offered an announcement that coincided with Easter Sunday.

The dialogue surrounding the issues of these three occurrences seems to change daily, with new studies being published and new occurrences of injustice sparking debate and even leading to legislation or judicial review. There is a worthwhile goodness in the Church being slow to react to the changes in culture when compared to the speed of the secular world and certainly to the news cycle. Still, some issues require a response, even if only to reaffirm the Church's teaching on the dignity of all human people.

The Church should not become merely reactive, giving response to every day's new outrage; the Church is not so short-sighted. It must keep its focus on the truth of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection more than 2000 years ago and at the same time look toward his future return, which we cannot know when this will happen. As a high school teacher, I would joke with my students when talking about the Second Coming, "If you really don't want it to happen tomorrow, predict that it will; since the Bible says, no one knows the day or the hour". As Catholics, we live in the tension between the past and the future, the already and the not yet. Fr. John Riccardo describes this as being in World War 2, between D-Day and V-E Day. We can see the way the war is going - perhaps inevitably going - but we also know it is not over. The Church, especially its officials, need to live in this tension and balance the past and the future against the desire for instant gratification and the attention seeking behavior of modern culture.

# OLR EVENTS PAGE

Acts 2:1 When the day of Pentecost arrived,  
they were all together in one place.



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## POWER AND PURPOSE CONFERENCE

Come experience the Holy Spirit's power and healing at the **Power and Purpose Conference** on June 14-16 at Franciscan University of Steubenville. Allow Jesus Christ to reveal the purpose of your life: to live in true freedom and joy of the Spirit. Be uplifted by the witness and fellowship of disciples like you.

You can register at [steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/ppc](http://steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/ppc), using the Ambassador Group code **24MKennedy** to join our group. Contact Michele Kennedy, [mkenedy1204@hotmail.com](mailto:mkenedy1204@hotmail.com) for more information. Please consider joining us!



**MSGR A.X.M. SHARPE  
Council #600**



Our Lady of Refuge Catholic Church  
Orchard Lake, MI

Our Lady of Refuge  
**K of C Council #600**

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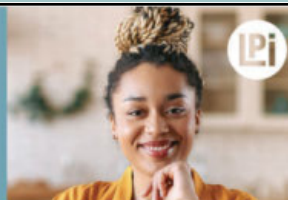
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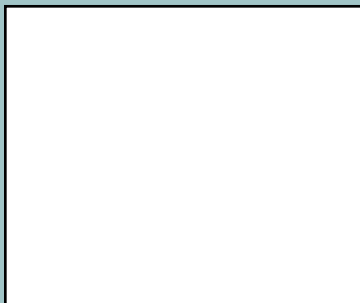
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