

### OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI

Today is the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 7 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.



# OLR MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

#### WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

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

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk

6:1-6a

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt

9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-

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Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16

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Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Eph 1:3-14

or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

#### Observances for the week of July 7, 2024

Sunday: 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions,

Martyrs

Thursday: St. Benedict, Abbot

Saturday: St. Henry

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### PRIEST SCHEDULE

Mon 7/8: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Tues 7/9: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Wed 7/10: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Fri 7/12: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Sat 7/13: 5:00pm (Fr. Suresh)

Sun 7/14: 9:30am (Fr. Suresh)

11:30am (Fr. Suresh)

Mon 7/15: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Tues 7/16: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

#### **CONFESSIONS:**

Saturday at 3:30pm

#### **INTENTIONS**

Monday 7/8 Sabri Abbisha (Deceased) requested by Hana Shina

Tuesday 7/9 Judy Lafata (Deceased) requested by Cheryl Burt

Wednesday 7/10 Mary C. Currell (Deceased) requested by John Currell

Friday 7/12 Barbara Pollack requested by Lois Sokolowski

Saturday 7/13 Fawzi Shaya (Deceased) requested the Shaya Family

Sunday 7/14 (9:30) Khang Tran requested by Stephanie Le and Family

(11:30) Our Lady of Refuge Parishioners

Monday 7/15 George Shina (Deceased) requested by Hana Shina

Tuesday 7/16 Mary Margaret Bosco requested by Bosco Family

#### LECTOR SCHEDULE

#### Saturday 7/13:

M. McIsaac C. McIsaac

#### **Sunday 7/14:**

(9:30am) C. Devine P. Riney

(11:30am) R. Goodman S. Bahu

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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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#### Why Be Registered?

Are vou registered at Our Lady of Refuge parish? Sometimes, people attend Mass at this parish for several years, but never officially register. Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of Our Lady of Refuge community.

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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### **OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

June 22 & 23, 2024

Offertory: \$7,687 Online Giving: \$2,607 Total: \$10,384

Weekly Budget: \$13,530

**YTD Budgeted: \$672,810 YTD Actual: \$684,952** 

**Under Budget: \$(12,142)** 

### FATHER SURESH

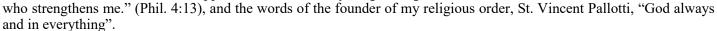
From Fr. Suresh SAC

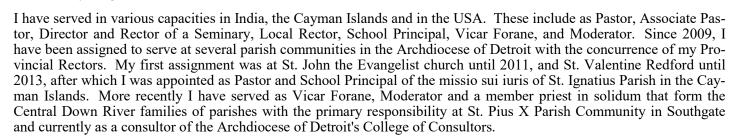
"We can do everything with the help of Him who strengthens us."

Dear Friends in Christ:

As your newly appointed Parish Priest, I would like to introduce myself to all of you. I am Fr. Suresh Rajaian, SAC, and I belong to the religious congregation of the SOCIETY OF THE CATHOLIC APOSTOLATE (also known as SAC or the Pallottine Fathers and Brothers) and a member of the Our Lady of Good Health Province, Tamil Nadu, India. I am the eldest of three children of devoted Catholic parents; my father is deceased, but my mother is well and very active in her local Church community. My two brothers are engineers and are both married with children; one is employed in the Middle East and the other manages and owns his own business in India. In my free time, I particularly enjoy playing euchre, tennis, pickleball, badminton and golf.

Last month, I started my Silver Jubilee, the 25th anniversary of my ordination to the sacred priesthood. My years as a priest have been a very rewarding and enriching experience, especially as I have had the opportunity and privilege to fulfil my priestly calling in different places and culture with people of different nationalities. Throughout my priestly life and ministry, I have held dearly to the words of St. Paul to the Philippians: "I can do everything through Christ





I now look forward to the new assignment as Moderator and a member priest in solidum that form the South Oakland Vicariate Family 7 with the primary responsibility for Our Lady of Refuge Parish Community at Orchard Lake, a faith-filled community dedicated to the propagation of the faith, rooted in the Sacraments, Sacred Scriptures, and traditions of the Catholic Church. Working together to build on the foundations laid by my predecessors, I believe that we can accomplish much towards building the Kingdom of God, not only within our parish/school but also within the community at large, all for the glory of God.

I sincerely appreciate the warm welcome I have received, and I look forward to meeting you all at one of our Masses, liturgies, or parish events.

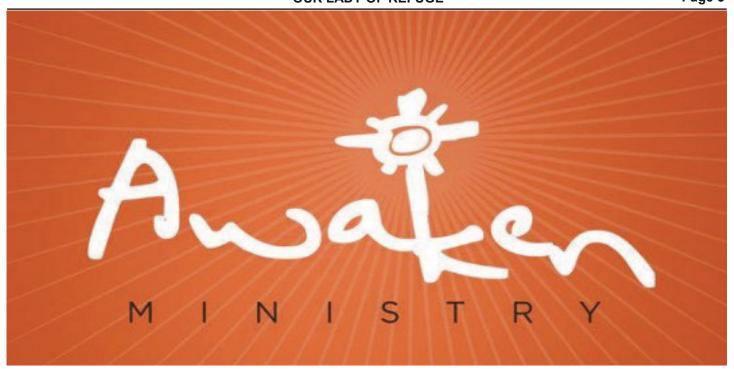
Yours in Christ,

Fr. Suresh Rajaian SAC

"What God demands of us is

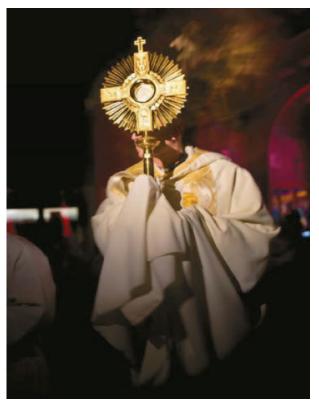
love, gratitude and cooperation."

-- St. Vincent Pallotti --



### THERE WILL BE NO AWAKEN SERVICE IN JULY!!

THE NEXT AWAKEN SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 6 @ 7:00PM!





### EVANGELIZATION

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### July 7, 2024 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

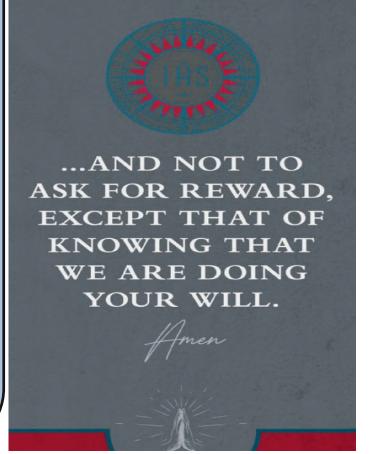
Recently I watched a bunch of YouTube videos on how to optimize willpower in the face of weakness. The message was: do not accept your weakness. Crush it. Dominate it. In one video, however, at the end of a rant by a willpower coach, the muscular stoic admitted, "You'll never actually get what you want, no matter how hard you try." Amazingly, he admitted that willpower alone is not sufficient for us weak-willed humans.

What does God want us to do with our weaknesses, if crushing them with willpower won't work? For example, what should I do with my tendency to arrogance and self-isolation? Or my procrastination? Or my intellectual and physical limitations? Or my selfishness?

The counter-intuitive answer is clear in this week's words from St Paul, "I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses in order that the power of Christ may dwell in me (2 Cor. 12:9)." Boast of our weaknesses? Paul isn't promoting weak-mindedness or laziness. Rather, he perceives that Jesus loves us not despite our weaknesses but because of them. Boasting of our weakness means claiming human will is not all we have. It means turning to God whenever we feel weak, which-let's face it-is almost all the time. When we do, we learn to love our weaknesses, because it's there that we meet the strength of Christ. This week, I challenge us to find ways to boast not in willpower but in weakness.

— Father John Muir





### LITURGICAL MUSIC

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Welcome Father Suresh Rajaian! We are grateful to have you here at Our Lady of Refuge. I look forward to understanding your vision of ministry and liturgy and working with you to bring that about at Refuge.

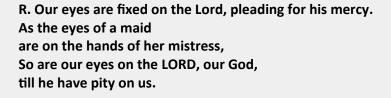
A few years ago Pope Francis proclaimed a Year of Mercy. This was a great opportunity for us composers. We all wrote a bunch of mercy songs. This weekend's Psalm is one of the great penitential "mercy" Psalms.

If you asked me what my favorite Psalm is, I think it's probably the one I'm playing at the time. So this is one of my favorite Psalms. It's a contemplative and kind of emotional setting of this Psalm. The music is floating and static. Maybe that is a good parallel because God's mercy floats all around us like air and is as essential to us as oxygen.

You can view a performance of this Psalm by scanning this QR Code.

Psalm 123:1-2, 2, 3-4

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy. To you I lift up my eyes who are enthroned in heaven — As the eyes of servants are on the hands of their masters.



R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy. Have pity on us, O LORD, have pity on us, for we are more than sated with contempt; our souls are more than sated with the mockery of the arrogant, with the contempt of the proud.





### WORSHIP

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### Experienced a Miracle?

In our world today, the news is often very negative and can be untrue. It can be difficult to know who we can trust and believe.

In our Gospel this weekend Mark shares with us two very well-known miracles. We have the woman with hemorrhages and the raising of Jairus' daughter. These miracles are true and our belief and faith in Jesus allows us to see and witness the continuation of miracles today. What miracles have you experienced?

I would like to share a miracle that occurred in my life. I was available at St. Joe's Hospital as a chaplain for late night prayer emergencies. I received a call regarding a disturbance in the CCU. The husband of a patient was so afraid of losing his wife that he was not helping with her care. When I stepped through the door I recognized the patient immediately. One of our own parishioners. I stepped over to him and let him know that I knew the love of his life well and that we pray together. I then invited him to pray with me for her. In that prayer he made a promise to God that if God were to give him more time with her that he would return to the Church. God answered his prayer.

While visiting them in their home as I was going weekly with the Eucharist, they shared that she would be able to return to Mass. It was at this point that I reminded him of the promise that he had made with God. We planned to meet that Saturday afternoon for Reconciliation so he would be ready for the Sunday Mass. That Sunday they both arrived. They continued to sit in the same pew for the next four years. He continued after her passing with gratitude for those precious years with her. What he was not aware of until that Sunday was the prayer she had shared with me prior to her heart surgery the day before we met. Her prayer to God was for him to return to the Church and attend Mass with her.

I am going to place a binder on the podium by our processional cross in the gathering space. Please feel free to share your miracles there. Miracles are happening every day! Thank you, Jesus!! Yes, we believe!!

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Before I continue the series on the 10 Commandments, I want to mention our Vacation Bible School that ran from June 25-27. We had over 30 children and more than a dozen youth volunteers! The theme was Created by God: Built for a Purpose; the kids got to explore and learn many different ways that God guides us and helps us reach our goals in life. The snack on Tuesday used marshmallows and pretzel sticks to build a model solar system. On Wednesday, their craft was to stuff toy bears to show how they can help God in his work of creation. For the final event on Thursday, we had author Rebecca Martin from Our Sunday Visitor come and read her book, Meet Sister Mary Margaret, about a real-life woman's vocation to become a nun.

The kids heard stories from the Bible like the two spies who hid in Rahab's house, the stories of creation, and how Gideon chose soldiers to fight for God. They made crafts and played games each day - all following the theme of how God made us. Youth volunteers led prayers and some dressed up as saints who came to visit us. The kids sang praise and worship songs led by our parish music director, Tim Smith.

Many thanks go to the adult volunteers: Stephanie Gordon, Julie Zawalski, Christine Blanek, Marilyn Schafer, and Danielle Sheils. Jan Mittelstaedt planned, set-up, coordinated, and led the whole 3 day program. Thank you also to the teen volunteers: Federica, Scarlett, Mackenzie, Gabriella, Mason, Sophia, Tyler, Anna, Ben, Selma, and Lucy.

We appreciate all the parents trusting their children to us for those three days, allowing us to teach them in fun ways about God's plan for their life. I'm sure the kids are already looking forward to next summer! I know I am.



### OLR EVENTS PAGE

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



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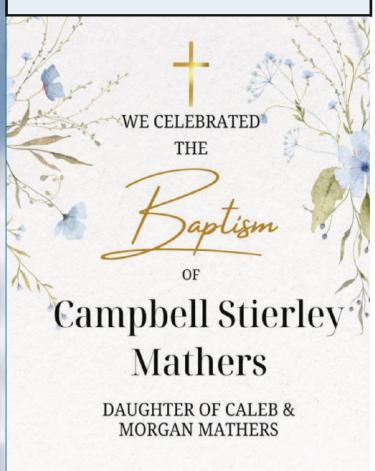
Please schedule an appointment today by visiting <a href="www.redcrossblood.org">www.redcrossblood.org</a> and entering sponsor code "OLRC." The Red Cross website is very informative if you are donating blood for the first time.

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."

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