

# Our Lady of Refuge R.C. Church

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## *Bienvenue • Welcome • Bienvenidos*

### **Parish Vision Statement**

TO GROW IN HOLINESS, TO WORSHIP GOD, AND TO SERVE  
THE WORLD.

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### **Pastoral Staff**

Pastor: Rev. Jean Yvon Pierre, MA, PhD

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Alfredo Garcia

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Onac Axenat

In Residence: Rev. Jomanas Eustache, PhD

Parish Musician: Mr. Glenn Balck

### **Office Hours • Horas de Oficina • Heures de Bureau**

Monday to Friday: 9:00AM – 5:00PM

(Closed 12:00PM – 1:00PM for lunch)

Saturday: 10:00AM – 1:00PM

Sunday: Closed

### **Faith Formation**

Religious Education for children

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of  
Adults) Director: Ms. Jennifer Baptiste

Phone: 718-974-5248

Email: [OLR1087@gmail.com](mailto:OLR1087@gmail.com)

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Every Friday after the 9am mass.

### **MASSES • MISAS • MESSSES**

#### **Daily in the Chapel**

Monday - Saturday – 9:00AM

#### **Weekend in the Church**

Saturday: 5:30PM English

Sunday: 10:30AM English

Domingo: 8:30AM Español

Dimanche: 12:00PM Haïtienne Kreyol

Jueves: 7:00PM Español

#### **Baptism • Bautismo • Bapteme**

Baptism is celebrated 3<sup>rd</sup> week of each month.

Registration required one month before baptism.

#### **Confessions/Reconciliation**

Saturday, Samedi, Sabado 4:30PM or by  
appointment.

#### **Marriage • Matrimonio • Marriage**

Call 6 months in advance. Llame 6 meses antes de la  
fecha. Appelez 6 moisal'avance.

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preparation details.



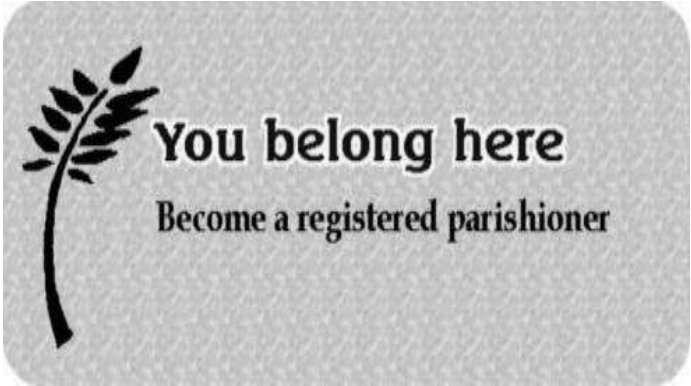


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**FIRST READING**  
**Isaiah 62:1–5**  
All shall behold your vindication.  
**1 Corinthians 12:4–11**  
The Spirit distributes gifts to each person.  
**GOSPEL READING**  
**John 2:1–11**  
Jesus transforms water into wine.

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In today’s first reading, Isaiah celebrates a transformed Jerusalem; what had been forsaken and desolate is now delightful and foreshadowing the Gospel—espoused. Paul tells the Corinthians that the Holy Spirit transforms each and every one of them, though in different ways. Finally, in the Gospel, Jesus transforms water to wine, saving the newlyweds from terrible embarrassment. May we never overlook God’s power to transform our lives.




All parishioners are encouraged to register and to use their offering envelopes as a sign of commitment. If you are not registered, we cannot issue testimonial letters in connection with sponsorship for the sacraments of Baptism, and Confirmation. We can give character references for positions, schools etc. only to those who have been registered for at least three months. Please register at the rectory office if you are new to the parish. Please also inform us of any change of address.

**\* IMPORTANT INFO \***

Our Lady of Refuge R.C. Church Food Pantry, located on East 21st Street is opened every Wednesday from 10:00AM -1:00PM. Picture ID is required.

Parishioners are encouraged to give donations of cash, and non-perishable food items. Please call or stop by the Rectory Office if you would like to donate.

  
**If you know someone who is homebound and would like a visit from our Pastoral Care Team, please contact the Rectory Office.**

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JUBILEE  
2025

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Tour Name: Jubilee 2025 – Great Shrines  
Spiritual Director: Father Jean Yvon Pierre

**Departure** Date: Oct 1st, 2025      **Return** Date: Oct 11th, 2025

Visit: Orvieto, Assisi, Manoppello, Lanciano, San Giovanni Rotondo, Vatican City, Rome

Price: \$4,450.00 per person based on Double occupancy

Single supplement surcharge: \$1,200.00

Itinerary:

**Oct 1** | New York – Rome

**Oct 2** | Arrive Rome – Orvieto the Assumption of Mary – Assisi (D)

**Oct 3** | Assisi – St Catherine of Siena – Assisi (BD)      **Oct 4** | Assisi – Saints Francis and Clare – Assisi (BD)

**Oct 5** | Assisi – Manoppello Basilica of the Holy Face – Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano – San Giovanni Rotondo (BD)      **Oct 6** | Monte Sant’Angelo – Tomb of St Padre Pio – Grotto of St Michael the Archangel (BD)

**Oct 7** | San Giovanni Rotondo – Abbey Monte Cassino – Rome (BD)

**Oct 8** | Rome – Papal Audience at the Vatican – St Peter’s Basilica – Vatican Museums – Sistine Chapel (BD)

**Oct 9** | Rome – Basilicas of Saint John Lateran – Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore—Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls – Catacombs (BD)

**Oct 10** | Rome – Day is free – Farewell Dinner (BD)

**Oct 11** | Rome – New York (B)

**Price:** Double occupancy \$4,450.00 per person (Single supplement \$1,200)

Fee includes: Air, land transportation, hotel, and meals as per program, English speaking local tour guide, medical travel insurance and all tips

**Fee excludes:** Visa application & ETIAS fees, lunches, donation to local churches and pilgrimage sites

**Insurance:** Basic travel medical insurance included. Upgrade to full coverage recommended

**Enrollment:** Complete registration form and submit with deposit of \$500.00 payable to CHINA SILK TOURS and a copy of the Passport or travel document by 2/28/2025

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**Payment:** The balance payment \$450.00 due on 6/30/2025

**Cancellations Penalty:**

90 days or more prior departure – USD500 per person

89-31 days prior to departure – USD500 per person plus any charges assessed by land suppliers and airlines

Within 30 days of departure – 100% of tour fare

**Contact information: China Silk Tours—Ms. Elsa Lo** 1-212-679-6888 or 1-646-610-3843

## ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

As we begin a new fiscal year, 2024-2025, we would like to remind you that in order to better serve you as a parishioner, we are asking you to register your family. Please do not assume because you attend Mass here you are registered in the parish. To fulfill baptism requests, arrange a wedding Mass, get a sacramental sponsor certificate, or an Immigration letter you must be registered and be an active parishioner in the parish.

## Vocation

That all those especially chosen by Christ for the unique paths of holiness as priests, deacons or in the consecrated life, will heed our Blessed Mother’s counsel to do whatever He tells them in loving obedience, we pray to the Lord.



**And homebound**

Joan Marnin, Victoria Williams, Claude M. Theophile, Louis Petrulo, Donovan Guy, Evelyn Velez, Linda Martinez, Karoline Picano, Gloria Rodriguez, Gerard Yves Jean Emile, Pierrer Point Du Jour and We pray for the resident at Ditmas Park Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. If you are sick or you know someone who is, please notify the office in order to add this person on the list.

**Stewardship Reflection**



Today’s Gospel reading from John recounts the familiar story of the wedding feast at Cana when Jesus launched His public ministry by performing His first miracle at his mother’s request.

In the midst of the feast, the Blessed Mother noticed that the wine had run out and pointed out the problem to Jesus. Then, she gave the servants instructions that are equally applicable to us modern-day stewards, saying, “Do whatever He tells you.” Jesus gives the servants a simple and seemingly mundane task, telling them to fill some stone jars with water. They did what He told them to do. And Jesus used their obedience in the accomplishment of that simple task to perform His first miracle, turning the water into the choicest wine.

Our Lord didn’t have to include those servants in order to perform this miracle — He chose to. And today, 2,000 plus years later, He still chooses to include us in the performance of His miracles through our cooperation with Him in using the gifts and talents He has given us. What a privilege! Let us take care to listen to our Blessed Mother: let’s examine our lives this week to see if we really are “doing whatever He tells us,” Cooperating with God to make the best use of the gifts He has given us for the benefit of those around us. If we all take this call seriously, He will perform miracles in our families and our parish.

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**Collection for Churches In Need**

Next week, we will take up the Collection for Churches in Need. This collection supports Churches throughout the world. Projects in Latin America & Caribbean include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Projects in Central & Eastern Europe include training seminarians and lay leaders, supporting social service programs as well as church construction and renovation and evangelization through Catholic media. Projects in Africa include outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs to help share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. Please be generous.

**Thank You Note to the Sagrado Corazon de Jesus**

Thank you to the Sagrado Corazon de Jesus Group for their generous gift of \$200 to the parish.

**Thank You Note to the Haitian Community**

Thank you to the Haitian Community for their generous gift of \$2,080 to the parish.

**The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2025**

**January: For the right to an education**

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK 

**Saturday – January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**5:30pm**– For the people enrolled in our Memorial Society

**Sunday – January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**8:30am**– Repose of the soul of Alicia Maria Tec Moguel

**10:30am**– For the people of the parish

**12:00pm**– Thanksgiving to God and all saints  
as requested by Gilda Estime and family

**Monday– January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**9:00am**– In loving memory of Yvrose Auguste  
as requested by her sister Immaculate and family

**Tuesday– January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**9:00am**– For the deceased members of the Avridor family  
as requested by the Rousseau family

**Wednesday – January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

**9:00am**– 100<sup>th</sup> birthday blessings and thanksgiving to God  
for Rose Altagrace Desravines  
as requested by her family

**Thursday – January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

**9:00am**– Birthday Blessings for Marsha Philistan  
as requested by her mother Antoinette Rosenthal

**7:00pm**– For the people of the parish

**Friday – January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**9:00am**– For the deceased members of the Basset family  
as requested by the Rousseau family

**Saturday – January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**9:00am**– For the people of the parish

**Mass Intentions**

We encourage our parishioners to come to the office to book masses for their loved ones one week ahead of the Mass date.

**Martin Luther King Day**



The rectory office will be closed on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

**International Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Since 1908, Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity from January 18 - 25. By annually observing the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU), Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." The theme for the 2022 observance is "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him" (cf. Matthew 2:2). Let us pray for Christian unity.

**Mass Attendance 01-12-25**

Mass	Adults	Children	TOTAL
5:30 PM	62	01	63
8:30 AM	201	25	226
10:30 AM	176	10	186
12:00 PM	133	08	141

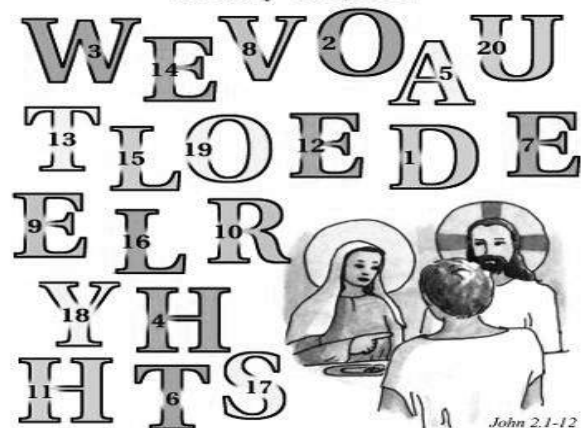
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OFFERING ON SUNDAY!**

**January 12, 2025**

**\$5,382.00**

**The Kids' Bulletin**

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 19th, 2025



Do you know what Mary said to the servants at the wedding feast at Cana?  
Sort out the letters by their numbers to find out!

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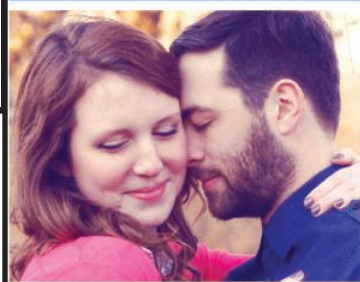
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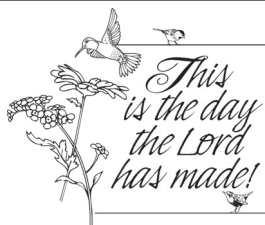


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