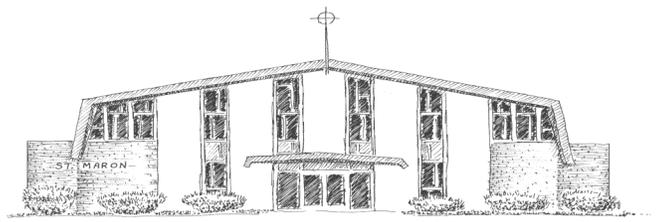


# Saint Maron Catholic Church

## Assumption of the Virgin Mary August 15, 2021

Catholics and many other Christians celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary **on August 15**. This important feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God

Venerable Pope Pius XII confirmed this belief about the Virgin Mary as the perennial teaching of the Church when he defined it formally as a dogma of Catholic faith in 1950, invoking papal infallibility to proclaim, “that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.”



To express the richness of the spiritual dimension of this assumption to us, I would like to borrow these words from Pope Francis. It reads:

“Mary, who is a human creature, one of us, reaches eternity in body and soul.” This is why we invoke her as the “Gate of Heaven.” “There she awaits us, just as a mother waits for her children to come home.” Thus, the Pope continues saying; we are like pilgrims on our way home to Heaven. Seeing that “in paradise, together with Christ, the New Adam, there is also her, Mary, the new Eve, gives us comfort and hope in our pilgrimage down here.

For those who are afflicted with doubts and sadness, “and live with their eyes turned downwards,” the Feast of the Assumption is a call to “look upwards” and see “the sky is open,” continued Pope Francis. It is no longer distant, and we need no longer be afraid: “because on the threshold of Heaven, there is a Mother waiting for us.” Mary constantly reminds us that we are precious in the eyes of God and that we are made for the great joys of Heaven. “Every time we take the Rosary in our hands and pray to her,” he said, “we take a step forward towards our life’s great goal.”

“Let us be attracted by true beauty,” said the Pope, “let us not be drawn in by the petty things in life, but let us choose the greatness of Heaven.”

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## LITURGY INTENTIONS

### Sun. Aug 15: Assumption of the Virgin Mary

(Readings: Rom 12:9-15; Lk 1:46-55 Lit. p 594)

• **9:30 am**

**Liturgy for Josephine Saigh**, by Isabel & Paul Saigh

**Liturgy for Emily Michael birthday anniversary**, by her son Joe Michael

**Liturgy for the living and deceased members of Saint Maron Parish**

**Liturgy for peace and Stability in our world**

**Liturgy for the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension Society**

• **11:30 am**

**Liturgy for the repose of the soul of Antoine Jabbour**, by family

**Liturgy for the living and deceased members of Saint Maron Parish**

**Liturgy for all the sponsors and supporters of Saint Maron Church**

## NEXT WEEK

### Sun. Aug 22: 14th Sunday of Pentecost

(Readings: 1 Thes 2:1-13; Lk 10:38-42 Lit. p 492)

• **9:30 am**

**Liturgy for Boulos and Margaret Helou**, by Cesar and Diane Helou

**Liturgy for Charbel, Victoria and Katrine Fares**, by Cesar and Diane Helou

**Liturgy for peace and Stability in our world**

**Liturgy for the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension Society**

• **11:30 am**

**Liturgy for the living and deceased members of Saint Maron Parish**

**Liturgy for more vocations in the world**

**Liturgy for peace and Stability in our world**

## Catechism of the Catholic Church

### THE CHURCH'S ORIGIN, FOUNDATION AND MISSION

#### *The Church - revealed by the Holy Spirit*

"When the work which the Father gave the Son to do on earth was accomplished, the Holy Spirit was sent on the day of Pentecost in order that he might continually sanctify the Church." Then "the Church was openly displayed to the crowds and the spread of the Gospel among the nations, through preaching, was begun." As the "convocation" of all men for salvation, the Church in her very nature is missionary, sent by Christ to all the nations to make disciples of them.

768 So that she can fulfill her mission, the Holy Spirit "bestows upon [the Church] varied hierarchic and charismatic gifts, and in this way directs her." "Henceforward the Church, endowed with the gifts of her founder and faithfully observing his precepts of charity, humility and self-denial, receives the mission of proclaiming and establishing among all peoples the Kingdom of Christ and of God, and she is on earth the seed and the beginning of that kingdom."

#### *The Church - perfected in glory*

"The Church . . . will receive its perfection only in the glory of heaven," at the time of Christ's glorious return. Until that day, "the Church progresses on her pilgrimage amidst this world's persecutions and God's consolations." Here below she knows that she is in exile far from the Lord, and longs for the full coming of the Kingdom, when she will "be united in glory with her king." The Church, and through her the world, will not be perfected in glory without great trials. Only then will "all the just from the time of Adam, 'from Abel, the just one, to the last of the elect,' . . . be gathered together in the universal Church in the Father's presence."

**Collection Sunday August 08, 2021**

Collection	\$ 1,065
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Please contact the Rectory to donate the Host and Wine for \$50.00/month, we will be accepting donations from three different families each month.

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- Bread and Wine for the month of August 2021, in loving memory of **Raymond Daher**, by Eddy & Hamsa Daher
- Bread and Wine for the month of August 2021, in loving memory of **Albert & Elsie Kaspor**, by Norman and Madeline Foster

**Hiring**

Starting this September we will not have anyone to clean our hall. So we are looking to hire someone that can do that job! If you are interested or know of someone to do the job, please contact the Church office!

**Thank You**

I would like to thank all those who worked hard, volunteered, attended, sponsored or put an effort in making the Golf Outing a successful one. A Special thank you goes to Louis & Antoinette Dasaro and family. God Bless our parish always!

**Pope Francis's Intention for this Month**

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

**SAINT MARON FALL FEST**

September 12, 2021  
 After 11:30 AM Liturgy  
 \$30 per person  
 \$15 Kids under 12

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**RSVP by September 05**

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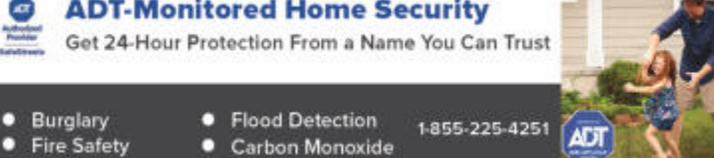
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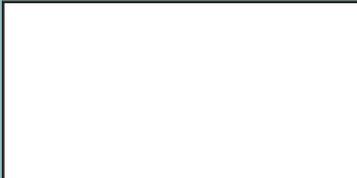
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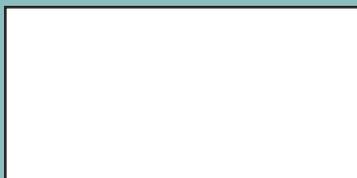


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