

Saint Maron Catholic Church

Third Sunday After the Holy Cross

Sunday October 4th, 2026

“What a great thing it is to possess the Cross! He who possesses it possesses a treasure” The Son of God became vulnerable, assuming the condition of a slave, obedient even to death, death on a cross. By his Cross we are saved. The instrument of torture which, on Good Friday, manifested God’s judgement on the world, has become a source of life, pardon, mercy, a sign of reconciliation and peace. “In order to be healed from sin, gaze upon Christ crucified!” said Saint Augustine. By raising our eyes towards the Crucified one, we adore him who came to take upon himself the sin of the world and to give us eternal life. And the Church invites us proudly to lift up this glorious Cross so that the world can see the full extent of the love of the Crucified one for mankind, for every man and woman. She invites us to give thanks to God because from a tree which brought death, life has burst out anew.



On this wood Jesus reveals to us his sovereign majesty, he reveals to us that he is exalted in glory. Yes, “Come, let us adore him!” In our midst is he who loved us even to giving his life for us, he who invites every human being to draw near to him with trust.

This is the great mystery that Mary also entrusts to us, inviting us to turn towards her Son. The sign of the Cross is a kind of synthesis of our faith, for it tells how much God loves us; it tells us that there is a love in this world that is stronger than death, stronger than our weaknesses and sins. The power of love is stronger than the evil which threatens us. Mary invites all people of good will, all those who suffer in heart or body, to raise their eyes towards the Cross of Jesus, so as to discover there the source of life, the source of salvation.

The Church has received the mission of showing all people this loving face of God, manifested in Jesus Christ. Are we able to understand that in the Crucified One of Golgotha, our dignity as children of God, tarnished by sin, is restored to us? Let us turn our gaze towards Christ. It is he who will make us free to love as he loves us, and to build a reconciled world. For on this Cross, Jesus took upon himself the weight of all the sufferings and injustices of our humanity. He bore the humiliation and the discrimination; the torture suffered in many parts of the world by so many of our brothers and sisters for love of Christ. **Pope benedict XVI**

11466 Kercheval Street, Detroit, MI 48214-330

Office: 313-824-0196

Website: www.saintmarondetroit.org

Email address: SaintMaronDetroit@gmail.com



LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. Oct. 4: Third Sunday after Holy Cross

(Dan 7:9-14; Phil 3:17-4:1; Mt 24:23-31 Lit. p 606)

• 9:30 am

Liturgy for Couples praying for the gift of Children, for all infants lost to miscarriage and stillbirth

Liturgy for Msgr. Bill Bonczewski, Deacon Georges Khoury and all Deceased Priests of our Eparchy

• 11:30 am

Liturgy for Sister Marie Marthe Hokayem

Liturgy for Couples praying for the gift of Children, for all infants lost to miscarriage and stillbirth

NEXT WEEK

Sun. Oct. 11: Third Sunday after Holy Cross

(Gen 41:38-44; 1 Thes 5:1-11; Mt 24:45-51 Lit. p 606)

• 9:30 am

Liturgy for the Living and Deceased Members of the Order of St. Sharbel

Liturgy for all the Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Maron Church

Liturgy for all the sponsors and supporters of St. Maron Church

• 11:30 am

Liturgy for the Living and Deceased Members of the Order of St. Sharbel

Liturgy for all the Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Maron Church

Liturgy for all the sponsors and supporters of St. Maron Church

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

III. The Christian Name

God calls each one by name. Everyone's name is sacred. the name is the icon of the person. It demands respect as a sign of the dignity of the one who bears it.

The name one receives is a name for eternity. In the kingdom, the mysterious and unique character of each person marked with God's name will shine forth in splendor. "To him who conquers . . . I will give a white stone, with a new name written on the stone which no one knows except him who receives it." "Then I looked, and Lo, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads."

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work; but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work. The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath; so, the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.

I. The Sabbath Day

The third commandment of the Decalogue recalls the holiness of the sabbath: "The seventh day is a sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the LORD."

In speaking of the sabbath Scripture recalls creation: "For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore, the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it."

Scripture also reveals in the Lord's day a memorial of Israel's liberation from bondage in Egypt: "You shall remember that you were a servant in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out thence with mighty hand and outstretched arm; therefore, the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day."

Sunday September 27, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,723
Online Donations	\$ 410
Donation by Mail	\$ 650
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 45
Votive Candles	\$ 658
You can support the Church by mail or through our website donating online www.saintmarondetroit.org/donate-online	

BREAD AND WINE

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.

- Bread and Wine for the month of October 2026, in Loving Memory of **Samira Howard**, by Carol, Chris & Riva Monsour and Family
- Bread and Wine for the month of October 2026, in Loving Memory of **Anne Safadi**, by Hanna & Raghda Safadi
- Bread and Wine for the month of October 2026, in Loving Memory of **Dr. Daher Rahi**, by Chrissy Kassab and Family



SAINT MARON
CHURCH

“

*Reading is to
the mind what
exercise is to
the body.*

— Joseph Addison



join us to our first



Book Club



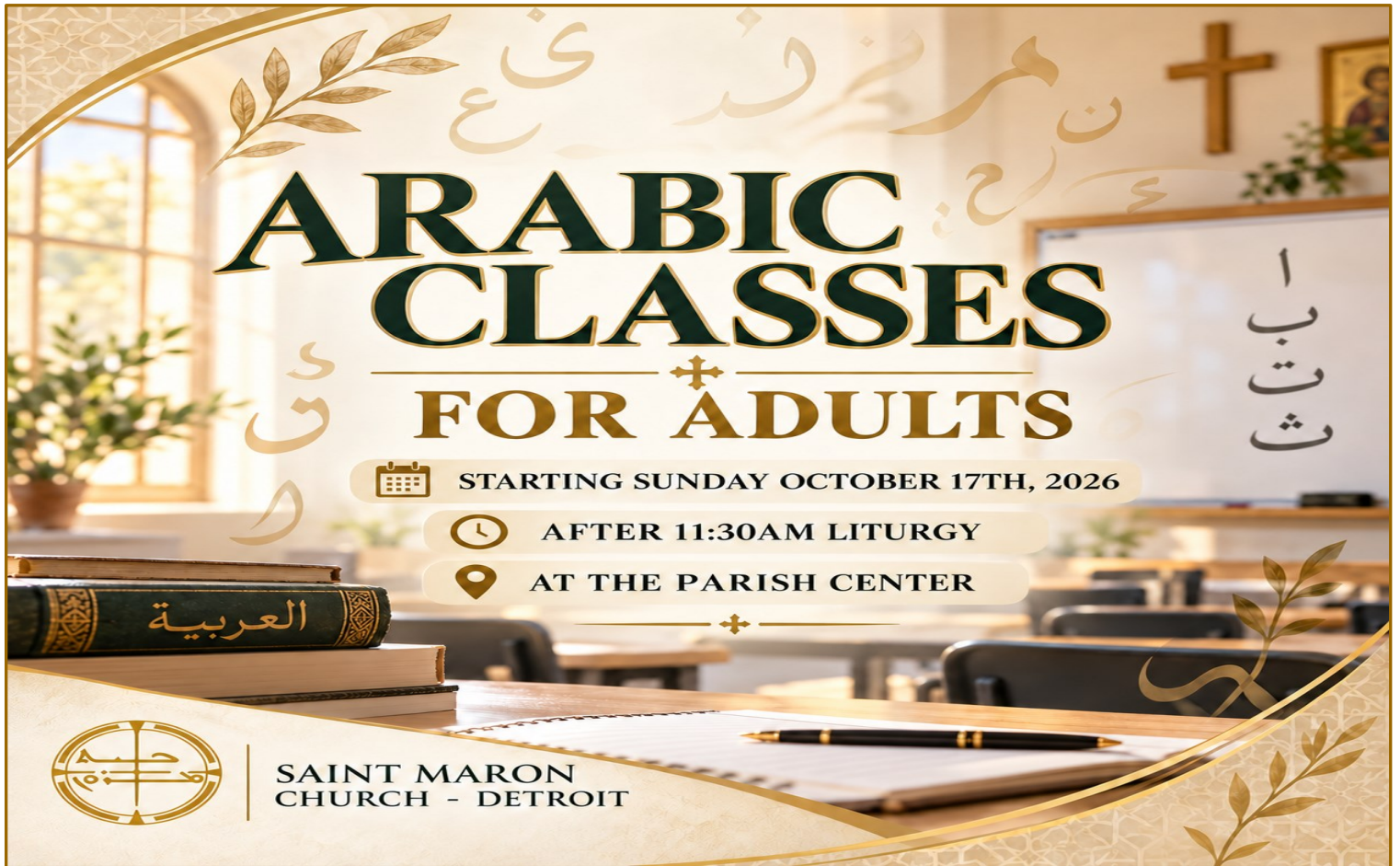
WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 14



@ 7:00 PM

AT THE PARISH CENTER



ARABIC
CLASSES
FOR ADULTS

STARTING SUNDAY OCTOBER 17TH, 2026

AFTER 11:30AM LITURGY

AT THE PARISH CENTER

العربية

SAINT MARON
CHURCH - DETROIT

The poster features a warm, golden-toned background with a blurred image of a church interior. In the foreground, there are stacks of books, one with the word 'العربية' (Arabic) on its spine, and a pen resting on a notebook. Decorative elements include gold leaves and a cross in the upper right corner. The text is in a mix of English and Arabic, with the title 'ARABIC CLASSES FOR ADULTS' in large, bold, serif font.



Faith
Friendship
Sisterhood

SAINT MARON CHURCH - DETROIT

Ladies
Night

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 30TH, 2026

STARTING @ 7:00pm

You
Belong
Here

Be Blessed
Be You
Be Loved

An evening of Faith, Fellowship & Fun!

The poster has a soft pink background with a bokeh light effect. It features a heart-shaped logo in the top left corner containing the words 'Faith Friendship Sisterhood'. The title 'Ladies Night' is written in a large, elegant, cursive script. Below the title, the date and time are listed in a clean, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there is an illustration of three women sitting at a table, a lit candle in a glass holder, and a pink shopping bag with a heart-shaped tag that says 'You Belong Here'. A small card at the bottom right reads 'Be Blessed Be You Be Loved'. The overall theme is warm and inviting, with a focus on community and faith.