

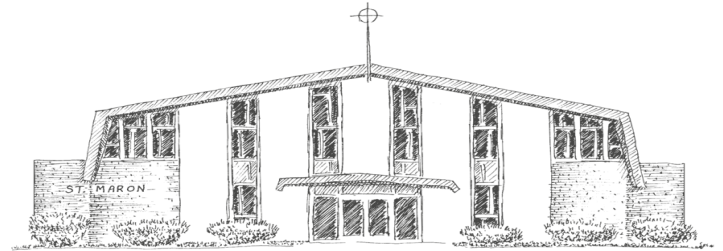
Saint Maron Catholic Church

Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

September 6, 2026

How do we pray? This is an important question because, in many ways, the quality of our prayer reveals the quality and depth of our spiritual life. Good deeds alone cannot measure the depth of our relationship with God. Many people who do not believe in God still do wonderful and generous things. Even knowing in our minds that God exists and that He loves us is not enough. Spiritual life begins when this knowledge becomes a relationship, when God is no longer simply an idea in our mind but a real presence in our daily life.

We may believe in God, yet sometimes we do not pray. We do not give God enough space in our lives. At times we know what is good but do not do it. We may carry anger, resentment, jealousy, or even the desire for revenge. So we have to ask ourselves: what truly distinguishes us as believers? One important answer is prayer—not simply saying words but opening our hearts honestly before God.



Jesus gives us a beautiful example in the prayer of the tax collector. His prayer was short and simple, but it came from the heart: “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.” True prayer begins when we come before God as we really are. We bring Him our past, our present, our fears, our failures, our hopes, and our future. We do not need to pretend before God because He already knows us better than we know ourselves.

Prayer is also an act of trust. The tax collector knew the reality of his life, but he also trusted that God was greater than his sins and failures. He believed that God could forgive him, heal him, and change his life. This is why prayer is never hopeless. When we pray, we place our difficult situations before a God who can bring light out of darkness and new beginnings out of failure.

Finally, prayer means choosing God above everything else. The tax collector may have had money, possessions, and a certain position in society, but he understood that none of these could give lasting peace. The peace offered by the world can disappear quickly. Success, possessions, and comfort may satisfy us for a moment, but they cannot completely fill the human heart. The tax collector discovered the fountain of true happiness. He understood that only God could give his heart what it was truly searching for. May our prayer also become honest, trusting, and humble, so that every time we stand before God, we leave His presence changed.

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. Sept. 6: Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

(Amos 5:21-24; Rom 8:18-27; Lk 18:9-14 Lit. p 492)

- 9:30 am

Liturgy for Margaret Helou, by Cesar & Diane Helou

Liturgy for Margaret & Boulus Helou and Victoria, Charbel, and Katrine Fares, by Cesar & Diane Helou

Liturgy to Honor the Hard Work and Sacrifice of Laborers Across the Country

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for Rev. Ronald G. DesRosiers SM, Repose of his soul, by Kathy & Gary Housey

Liturgy to Honor the Hard Work and Sacrifice of Laborers Across the Country

Liturgy for all Our Parishioners Intentions

NEXT WEEK

Sat. Sept. 12: Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

(Mic 6:6-9a; Rom 13:8-14; Lk 10:25-37 Lit. p 425)

- 5:00 pm

Liturgy for all Parishioners Intentions

Liturgy for all Donors and Supporters of St. Maron

Sun. Sept. 13: Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

(Mic 6:6-9a; Rom 13:8-14; Lk 10:25-37 Lit. p 425)

- 9:30 am **NO LITURGY**

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for Georgette Youssef Saleh, by her children Clair and Charbel Saleh and Families

Liturgy for Archbishop Francis Zayek, 16 Year Anniversary, by Kathy & Gary Housey

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

IV. "You Shall Not Make For Yourself a Graven Image..."

The Christian veneration of images is not contrary to the first commandment which proscribes idols. Indeed, "the honor rendered to an image passes to its prototype," and "whoever venerates an image venerates the person portrayed in it." The honor paid to sacred images is a "respectful veneration," not the adoration due to God alone:

Religious worship is not directed to images in themselves, considered as mere things, but under their distinctive aspect as images leading us on to God incarnate. the movement toward the image does not terminate in it as image, but tends toward that whose image it is.

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

You have heard that it was said to the men of old, "You shall not swear falsely. . But I say to you, Do not swear at all.

I. The Name of the Lord is Holy

The second commandment prescribes respect for the Lord's name. Like the first commandment, it belongs to the virtue of religion and more particularly it governs our use of speech in sacred matters.

Among all the words of Revelation, there is one which is unique: the revealed name of God. God confides his name to those who believe in him; he reveals himself to them in his personal mystery the gift of a name belongs to the order of trust and intimacy. "The Lord's name is holy." For this reason man must not abuse it. He must keep it in mind in silent, loving adoration. He will not introduce it into his own speech except to bless, praise, and glorify it.

Collection August 30, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,320
Online Donations	\$ 400
Donation by Mail	\$ 1,010
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 56
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 September 2026, in Loving Memory of **Wanda Agby**, by Dinah Agby
- Bread and Wine for the month of September 2026, for the Healing of the **Sick People in our Family**, by Nuha Tabet and Family
- Bread and Wine for the month of September 2026, in Loving Memory of **Dr. Daher Rahi**, by Chrissy Kassab and Family

Our deepest condolences to **Clair Saleh and Charbel Saleh** and their families on the passing of their mother, **Georgette Youssef Saleh**. A Mass will be celebrated in her memory on **Sunday, September 13, at 11:30 a.m.** at Saint Maron Church. May her soul rest in peace.

St. Maron Church

Catechism Class

Faith – Bible - Church



Every Sunday 10:30am - 11:25am



Classes Start Sunday October 4



Please fill out the form before September 27





Saint MARON

FALL FESTIVAL



**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 12, 2026**



5 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.



FOOD



FUN



**MUSIC WITH
DJ ABE**

\$30 PER PERSON



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Feast of the Holy Cross

“The cross is the school of love!”

St. Maximilian Kolbe

SAINT MARON CHURCH DETROIT



**Monday
September 14th, 2026**



**Liturgy at
7:00 pm**



**Followed by an
outdoor procession
and Bonfire**

