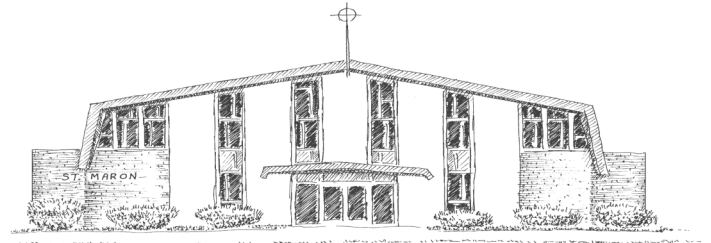


Saint Maron Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Epiphany January 15, 2023

Seeing Jesus, the Baptist had just cried out within ear shot of his own disciples, “Behold the Lamb of God!”. Two of John’s disciples hear this proclamation and begin to follow after Jesus. Our Lord says to them, “What are you looking for?” Now this Lamb, whose way the Baptist has prepared, examines what their hearts long for. They respond, “Where are you staying?” Another way of translating this question is, “Where do you remain/abide?” The evangelist fills in the significance of this term later in his Gospel through Eucharistic overtones: “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him”. Jesus’ response provides an invitation, “Come, and you will see.” Jesus longs to share with us his abode; he longs to stay with us. He yearns for hearts prepared to welcome him.

The phrase “come and see” occurs twice. When two curious disciples of John the Baptist asked Jesus where He was staying, the Lord said, “Come and see”.



After spending the day with Him, Andrew found his brother, Simon Peter, and brought him to Jesus. Later, Philip told Nathanael he had found the Messiah. To Nathanael’s skeptical reply, Philip said, “Come and see”.

When our Lord speaks to each of us, His invitation is quite similar. First, He will invite us to come with Him. We are to come to the place where Jesus is staying. Where is that? For us, it is not necessarily a physical place; rather, it is first and foremost a place of prayer. We must hear Jesus invite us to come to Him through the interior journey of personal prayer. It is there, within the depths of our soul, that we will rest with our Lord. He invites us to simply be there in His divine presence.

When we come to Him and rest with Him in His presence, another thing will happen: “and you will see.” We will see Him, come to know Him, be enlightened by Him and come to faith in Him. At first, this happens by His spoken Word. Ultimately, this takes place through an interior revelation that we can only receive in prayer.

Witnessing for Christ can be a one-time event when we speak the good news about Him to others. But it may also involve walking alongside people who are seeking help and wholeness. Our genuine interest in their spiritual welfare, our prayers, and our involvement with them say without words, “Come and see. Let’s walk together, and I’ll take you to Him.”

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. Jan. 15: Second Sunday of Epiphany

(Readings: 2 Cor 4:5-15; Jn 1:35-42 Lit. p 107)

• 9:30 am

Liturgy for Theresa Joseph Abood and deceased family members , by family

Liturgy for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Liturgy for all sick people in our parish

Liturgy for the Intentions and Donors of Catholic Extension Society

• 11:30 am

Liturgy for Badwiyeh Geagea, by Hasna and Tedy Geagea and Family

Liturgy for Sam & Thelma Abdo and their Children Mark and Marycarol abdo , by Family

Liturgy for Eddie VanAssche, Andre Tundo & Candice Tundo, by Family

Liturgy for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Liturgy for Hanna Shemmai, 13 years anniversary, by Simon and Madice Shemmai and Family

NEXT WEEK

Sun. Jan. 22: Third Sunday of Epiphany

(Readings: Gal 3:23-39; Jn 3:1-16 Lit. p 107)

• 9:30 am

Liturgy for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Liturgy for Joseph El Asmar

Liturgy for Amy & Joseph Laus

Liturgy for the Intentions and Donors of Catholic Extension Society

• 11:30 am

Liturgy for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Liturgy for the Unity of the Christians throughout the world

Liturgy for our parishioners intentions

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE LITURGY WORK OF THE HOLY TRINITY

III. The Holy Spirit and the Church in the Liturgy

In the liturgy the Holy Spirit is teacher of the faith of the People of God and artisan of "God's masterpieces," the sacraments of the New Covenant. the desire and work of the Spirit in the heart of the Church is that we may live from the life of the risen Christ. When the Spirit encounters in us the response of faith which he has aroused in us, he brings about genuine cooperation. Through it, the liturgy becomes the common work of the Holy Spirit and the Church.

In this sacramental dispensation of Christ's mystery the Holy Spirit acts in the same way as at other times in the economy of salvation: he prepares the Church to encounter her Lord; he recalls and makes Christ manifest to the faith of the assembly. By his transforming power, he makes the mystery of Christ present here and now. Finally the Spirit of communion unites the Church to the life and mission of Christ.

The Holy Spirit prepares for the reception of Christ

In the sacramental economy the Holy Spirit fulfills what was prefigured in the Old Covenant. Since Christ's Church was "prepared in marvelous fashion in the history of the people of Israel and in the Old Covenant," The Church's liturgy has retained certain elements of the worship of the Old Covenant as integral and irreplaceable, adopting them as her own:

- notably, reading the Old Testament;
- praying the Psalms;
- above all, recalling the saving events and significant realities which have found their fulfillment in the mystery of Christ (promise and covenant, Exodus and Passover, kingdom and temple, exile and return).

Collection January 08, 2023

Collection	\$ 4,356
Online Donations	\$ 140
Donation by mail	\$ 510
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 47
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 January 2023, in loving memory of **Deceased members of Ahee Family**, by Family
- Bread and Wine for the month of January 2023, in loving memory of **Beshara Mabarak and deceased family members**, by Robert Mabarak
- Bread and Wine for the month of January 2023, in loving memory of **deceased members of the Tabet and Fleifel Families**, by Nuha and Joe Tabet and family

Our Congratulations and Best Wishes to

ANTHONY CHARBEL BARRAK

who was Baptized at St. Maron Church
on Sunday January 08, 2023.

May God bless him and his family to be a great
disciple of Jesus Christ!

Intention for January

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all

**Join us to celebrate
Saint Maron's Feast Day
Saturday February 11th, 2023**

**Saint Maron, we ask you to
protect our parish and our
families. Always help us
follow Christ in our daily
life as you did!**



**Liturgy with his Excellency
Bishop A. Zaidan at 6:00 pm
followed by dinner at St Maron's Hall**

Saint Maron Church

Friday January 20th, 2023 @ 6:30pm



FAMILY NIGHT

Bring your own game!



Saint Maron MYA

Save the date

January 28: Game Night

February 25: Spiritual (Maronite History)

Board Game Night

March 19: Breakfast/Lunch after Mass

April 7: Selling Flowers to Congregation

May 19: Beers with Abouna

June 16: Cigar Night

June 23: Volleyball

