

# Saint Maron Catholic Church

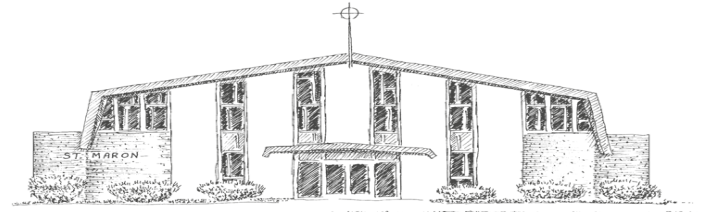
## Fifth Sunday after Resurrection

May 18, 2025

How many times a day do we say, “I love you”? I love the Lions! I love the Pistons! I love my car! And so on... In English, the word love is used loosely, sometimes even carelessly. But in Greek, there are two distinct terms for love: *Agapao*, which refers to unconditional, selfless love, and *Phileo*, which means brotherly or affectionate love. So, what kind of love is today’s Gospel talking about?

Jesus continues to surprise us, not just by what He does, but by how He speaks. Last week, we saw Him serving His disciple’s breakfast. Today, we follow the story further with His intimate conversation with Peter. Three times Jesus asks, “Do you love me?” Peter answers three times, “You know that I love you.” And each time, Jesus responds: “Feed my sheep.”

What is so moving about this passage is that Jesus remains faithful to the promise He made to Peter:



“You are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my Church. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven”. Even though Peter had broken his promise to never betray Jesus, even if it meant dying for Him, Jesus offers him restoration. The triple question from Jesus is a direct response to Peter’s three denials during the Passion. It is an act of healing. It’s as if Jesus is saying: “Simon, do you love me? If love feels too heavy, give me your affection. If love feels frightening, offer me your friendship. Peter, are you, my friend? That will be enough, because the desire to love is already love.”

God always gives us a second chance, and often a third, a fourth, and even an infinite number of chances. With God, no game is ever over. We can always start again. He never erases us from His book because of a single mistake. And what happened to Peter? Jesus’s forgiveness transformed him. He became new, strong, faithful, and courageous, even unto death.

The dialogue between Jesus and Peter speaks directly into our lives. Commenting on this passage, Saint Augustine wrote, “In questioning Peter, Jesus also questioned each one of us.” The question “Do you love me?” is not only for Peter, but also for all disciples. Christianity is not merely a set of doctrines and practices; it is something far more intimate and profound. It is a relationship of love and friendship with the person of Jesus Christ. A Christian is not someone who simply knows about Jesus; a Christian is someone who loves Him.

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## LITURGY INTENTIONS

### Sun. May 18: Fifth Sunday after Resurrection

(Ez 34:11-16; Eph 2:1-10; Jn 21:15-19 Lit. p 315)

• 9:30 am

**Liturgy for Isabel Saigh, 1 year anniversary, by Family**

**Liturgy for Paul, Peter & Josephine Saigh**

**Liturgy for Laura Shannon, by Family**

**Liturgy for all donors and supporters of Saint Maron Church**

• 11:30 am

**Liturgy for Chuck Kamel, 1 year anniversary, by Tonine & Tim Cowper**

**Liturgy for Samira Howard, by Carol Monsour**

**Liturgy for all Donors and Supporters of Saint Maron Church**

## NEXT WEEK

### Sun. May 25: Sixth Sunday after Resurrection

(Dt. 31:1-9; Rom 10:1-13; Lk 24:36-48 Lit. p 315)

• 9:30 am

**Liturgy for Joseph A. Michaels, birthday remembrance, by Marie Michaels and Family**

**Liturgy for Sam Thomas, birthday remembrance, by Marie Michaels and Family**

**Liturgy for Theresa Joseph Abood, birthday remembrance, by Family**

• 11:30 am

**Liturgy for Nayla Korkmaz, 40 Day Mass, by Walid & Annie Korkmaz and Family**

**Liturgy for Marie Haddad Jabbour, birthday remembrance, by Family**

**Liturgy for our Parishioners Intentions**

## CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OUR VOCATION TO BEATITUDE

### *I. The Beatitudes*

The Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' preaching. They take up the promises made to the chosen people since Abraham. The Beatitudes fulfill the promises by ordering them no longer merely to the possession of a territory, but to the Kingdom of heaven:

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.*

The Beatitudes depict the countenance of Jesus Christ and portray his charity. They express the vocation of the faithful associated with the glory of his Passion and Resurrection; they shed light on the actions and attitudes characteristic of the Christian life; they are the paradoxical promises that sustain hope in the midst of tribulations; they proclaim the blessings and rewards already secured, however dimly, for Christ's disciples; they have begun in the lives of the Virgin Mary and all the saints.

### *II. The Desire for Happiness*

The Beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness. This desire is of divine origin: God has placed it in the human heart in order to draw man to the One who alone can fulfill it:

We all want to live happily; in the whole human race there is no one who does not assent to this proposition, even before it is fully articulated.

How is it, then, that I seek you, Lord? Since in seeking you, my God, I seek a happy life, let me seek you so that my soul may live, for my body draws life from my soul and my soul draws life from you.

### *God alone satisfies.*

The Beatitudes reveal the goal of human existence, the ultimate end of human acts: God calls us to his own beatitude. This vocation is addressed to each individual personally, but also to the Church as a whole, the new people made up of those who have accepted the promise and live from it in faith.



## Collection May 11, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,127
Online Donations	\$ 240
Donation by mail	\$ 10
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 50
You can support the Church by mail or through our website donating online <a href="http://www.saintmarondetroit.org/donate-online">www.saintmarondetroit.org/donate-online</a>	



Our Congratulations and Best Wishes to  
**Daniel Handilah & Maria Matouk**

who were married on  
Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

We pray that the Lord God may grant this  
couple happiness and joy in their lives  
together as husband and wife!

## 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 May 2025, In Loving Memory of **Living and Deceased Members of the Mabarak Family**, by Robert L. Mabarak
- Bread and Wine for the month of May 2025, In Loving Memory of **Peter Kassis**, by George & Jamie Kassis
- Bread and Wine for the month of May 2025, In Loving Memory of **our mother Theresa Joseph Abood, Bahia Joseph and all mothers around the world**, by Richard and John Abood and Family

**Saint Philip Neri:** "My children, if you desire perseverance, be devout to our Blessed Lady. Believe me, there is no more powerful means to obtain God's grace than to employ the intercessions of the Holy Virgin."

# Scotch, Wine & Cigar Night

## Patio of St Maron's Rectory

### Friday June 13th, 2025 @ 7:30pm



**Donation \$60 Per Person - \$100 Per Couple**  
**RSVP by June 5<sup>th</sup>, Office: 313-824-0196**



# St. Maron Church



## Father's Day

**Sunday June 15th at 9:30 & 11:30 am Liturgies**

# Saint Maron Church

**Graduation Mass for  
class of**

# 2025

**Sunday June 29th @ 11:30 am**

**Please submit your name & graduation info  
via email before June 16th  
[SaintMaronDetroit@gmail.com](mailto:SaintMaronDetroit@gmail.com)**

