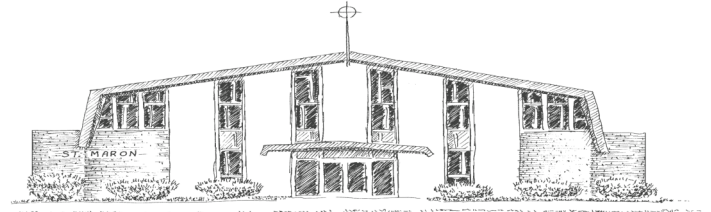


Saint Maron Catholic Church

Announcement to Zachariah November 13, 2022

This Sunday is the first of the six Sundays which relate the events preceding the coming of the Savior. It commemorates the conception of John the Baptist, the last of the Old Testament prophets who announced Christ.

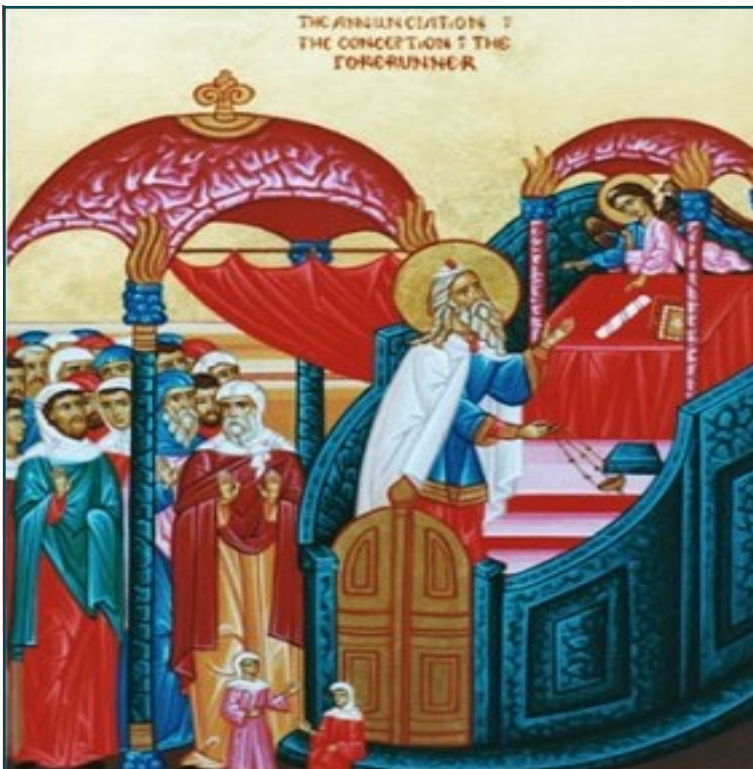
Zechariah had been chosen by lot from among the hundreds of priests available, to offer incense for the Jewish nation. Zechariah enters the Temple, into the sacred space, while the people remain outside and pray. It is time for the evening sacrifice, during which he places incense on the glowing coal. The fragrance of incense rising upwards is a symbol of prayer: "Let my prayer rise, incense before your face, the hands that I lift up, in the evening offering". He is before the Holy of Holies. We are therefore in the holiest place in all of Israel, the most sublime expression of the first Covenant



Zechariah officiates at the Temple. For him, the Temple is enough to forgive sins. He awaits "the prophet like Moses" announced by Deuteronomy, but he does not wait for the *Shekhinah* (the presence of God) to return to the Temple since he considers that it is there.

In the Temple itself, during its liturgy, the novelty begins: the interior continuity of the history of God with men is manifested in an extremely strong way. This corresponds to the end of the Gospel of Luke, where the Lord, at the moment of his Ascension into heaven, commands the disciples to return to Jerusalem to receive there the gift of the Holy Spirit and from there to carry the Gospel into the world.

Zechariah and Elizabeth form an old couple, just like Abraham and Sarah; they were ordinary Jews living by the Law, they surely did not expect these amazing things to happen to them. When they were promised a child. Surely God's ways are not our ways. And the very people who have always tried to remain totally faithful to the Lord will sometimes find themselves called to an even deeper faith - involving ever more privileged closeness to God. Each of us is a promised child of God, with a mission to prepare the way. Am I afraid of this or do I trust God to show me the way? Lord, teach me to be grateful to be a child of promise, so that I may achieve what you desire of me.



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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. Nov. 13: Announcement to Zachariah

(Readings: Rom 3:13-25; Lk 1:1-25 Lit. p 18)

- 9:30 am

Liturgy for Cathy Marr, Amy and Joseph Laus

Liturgy for Sam Thomas and Mike Michael

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

Liturgy for the Intentions and Donors of Catholic
Extension Society

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for Antoine Jabbour, by Family

Liturgy for Mounir & Soumaya Habbouche

Liturgy for Norman Foster

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

NEXT WEEK

Sun. Nov. 20: Announcement to the Virgin Mary

(Readings: Gal 3:15-22; Lk 1:26-38 Lit. p 27)

- 9:30 am

Liturgy for Josephine Saigh and Emily Michael

Liturgy for Rachel Dwaihy

Liturgy for Joseph Asmar

Liturgy for all sick people in our parish

Liturgy for the Intentions and Donors of Catholic
Extension Society

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for Tom and Melania LaHood, by family

Liturgy for Dr. Joseph and Elaine LaHood, by family

Liturgy for Rev. Francis and Wadad Obeid, by Tony
and Beline Obeid

Liturgy for a special intention

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

DYING IN CHRIST JESUS

V. The Last Judgment

The resurrection of all the dead, "of both the just and the unjust," will precede the Last Judgment. This will be "the hour when all who are in the tombs will hear [the Son of man's] voice and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment." Then Christ will come "in his glory, and all the angels with him Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left.... and they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

In the presence of Christ, who is Truth itself, the truth of each man's relationship with God will be laid bare. The Last Judgment will reveal even to its furthest consequences the good each person has done or failed to do during his earthly life:

All that the wicked do is recorded, and they do not know. When "our God comes, he does not keep silence." . . . he will turn towards those at his left hand: . . . "I placed my poor little ones on earth for you. I as their head was seated in heaven at the right hand of my Father - but on earth my members were suffering, my members on earth were in need. If you gave anything to my members, what you gave would reach their Head. Would that you had known that my little ones were in need when I placed them on earth for you and appointed them your stewards to bring your good works into my treasury. But you have placed nothing in their hands; therefore you have found nothing in my presence."

The Last Judgment will come when Christ returns in glory. Only the Father knows the day and the hour; only he determines the moment of its coming. Then through his Son Jesus Christ he will pronounce the final word on all history. We shall know the ultimate meaning of the whole work of creation and of the entire economy of salvation and understand the marvelous ways by which his Providence led everything towards its final end. the Last Judgment will reveal that God's justice triumphs over all the injustices committed by his creatures and that God's love is stronger than death.

The message of the Last Judgment proclaims the "blessed hope" of the Lord's return, when he will come "to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at in all who have believed."

Collection November 06, 2022

Collection	\$ 2,913
Online Donations	\$ 140
Donation by mail	\$ 510
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 77
Candles	\$ 498
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 November 2022, in loving memory of **Emily Michael**, by her son Joe Michael and family
- Bread and Wine for the month of November 2022, in loving memory of **Mary Joseph Jolet**, 35 year remembrance, by the Jolet family
- Bread and Wine for the month of November 2022, in loving memory of **deceased members of Tabet & Fleifel Families**, by Nuha and Joe Tabet



Save the Date
Saturday February 11, 2023
Saint Maron Feast day Party

Saint Maron Church

Christmas Party



RSVP by Dec. 10th

**Sunday
Dec. 18
after
11:30 liturgy**

Christmas Poinsettias or Altar Supplies 2022

(\$25 each)

Circle One :

In Memory of

In Thanksgiving

For:

Donated By:

**Return with payment to the office OR put in collection basket by
November 28**