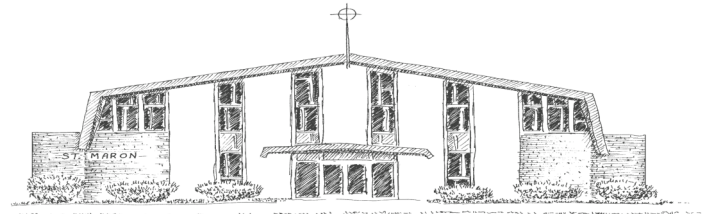


Saint Maron Catholic Church

Seventh Sunday of Holy Cross October 30, 2022

Jesus is King, and not just any king, but King of the Universe! Jesus represents a kingship that turns our worldly idea of leadership upside down. His kingship is nonviolent; it is just and peaceful. His authority is based on the rule of truth, love, and mercy. His kingdom is present until the end of time. It is present now, even in the current midst of chaos and fear happening in the world around us. The Feast of Christ the King was established as a reminder to all about who is ultimately and eternally in charge. To find it we need to look and listen for it. Chaos and fear are terrible distractions; they are not part of the heavenly kingdom.

Jesus never comes out and directly says, "I am King." Jesus speaks of a kingdom that does not belong to this world.



His kingdom, basically, is one that did not originate here or belonged to an earthly establishment.

If read carefully, Jesus never said that his kingdom is not in this world. Think back to all the Gospels when Jesus began his public ministry. He proclaimed, "The kingdom of God is at hand." With the coming of Jesus is the coming of the kingdom. The final words Jesus speaks in today's Gospel reading reveal the foundation of his kingdom, Truth. This is why Jesus came, to testify to the Truth.

"Truth is not something, it's someone." A relationship with the Truth is a relationship in Jesus Christ. In that relationship we follow and imitate him. We are to become witnesses to the Truth in our everyday lives. In this chaotic world, we like to hold on to the truth to the end of our lives. They, like us, lived in a time of fear and uncertainty, but our truth is Jesus, King of the Universe. Jesus says, "Everyone who belongs to the truth, listens to my voice." Are we listening? Or are we like Pilate listening to the worldly voices and can only muster, "what is truth?" Focus on Him, not the chaos and terror tactics that are trying to separate us from the knowledge of God as truth. Jesus will lead us to the everlasting kingdom of life.



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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. Oct. 30: Seventh Sunday of Holy Cross

(Readings: Rom 12:9-21; Mt 25:31-46 Lit. p 606)

- 9:30 am

Liturgy for Richard Milad Joseph, 45 year anniversary, by Family

Liturgy for Robert Schrader, by Family

Liturgy for Jim & Lorraine Pinette, by Family

Liturgy for Fred Sarkees Naseef, by Family

Liturgy for all deceased members of the Naseef Family, by Family

Liturgy for the Intentions and Donors of Catholic Extension Society

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for Raymond Daher, 2 year anniversary, by Eddy & Hamsa Daher

Liturgy for all children who have died from abortion

Liturgy for all the kids in our church to grow in faith and love to Jesus

NEXT WEEK

Sun. Nov. 06: Consecration of the Church

(Readings: Heb 9:1-12; Mt 16:13-20 Lit. p 7)

- 9:30 am

Liturgy for Joseph Keys, 2 year anniversary, by Cheryl Keys

Liturgy for the Intentions and Donors of Catholic Extension Society

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for Sami Abi Rached, 40 day Mass, by Family

Liturgy for Boulos and Margaret Helou, by Cesar & Diane Helou

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

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

DYING IN CHRIST JESUS

III. The Final Purification, or Purgatory

This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: "Therefore Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin." From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead:

Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.

IV. Hell

We cannot be united with God unless we freely choose to love him. But we cannot love God if we sin gravely against him, against our neighbor or against ourselves: "He who does not love remains in death. Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him." Our Lord warns us that we shall be separated from him if we fail to meet the serious needs of the poor and the little ones who are his brethren. To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means remaining separated from him for ever by our own free choice. This state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called "hell."

Jesus often speaks of "Gehenna" of "the unquenchable fire" reserved for those who to the end of their lives refuse to believe and be converted, where both soul and body can be lost. Jesus solemnly proclaims that he "will send his angels, and they will gather . . . all evil doers, and throw them into the furnace of fire," and that he will pronounce the condemnation: "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire!"

Collection October 23, 2022

Collection	\$ 3,610
Second Collection	\$ 437
Donation by mail	\$ 10
Online Donations	\$ 200
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 32
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 2022, **Special Intention**, by Michael and Maria Omlor
- Bread and Wine for the month of October 2022, in loving memory of **Antoine Jabbour**, by Jabbour Family,
- Bread and Wine for the month of October 2022, in loving memory of **Charlotte Khalil**, by Christine Khalil and Family

Our Congratulations and Best Wishes to

Georges Sakr

&

Kathy Douiah

who were married on Friday

October 21st 2022

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

Holy One, enthroned in glory over all creation, you are a shepherd to the lost and the least. Teach us to see your face among the poor— feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, and visiting those who are sick or in prison— so that we may share in your eternal realm prepared from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, who is coming indeed, to reign with justice, compassion, and love.

Saint Maron Church



**MEN'S
NIGHT**

**Friday November 18th, 2022
7:30 pm at the Parish Center**



SAINT MARON CHURCH

AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THESE LEAST BROTHERS OF MINE, YOU DID FOR ME

All together




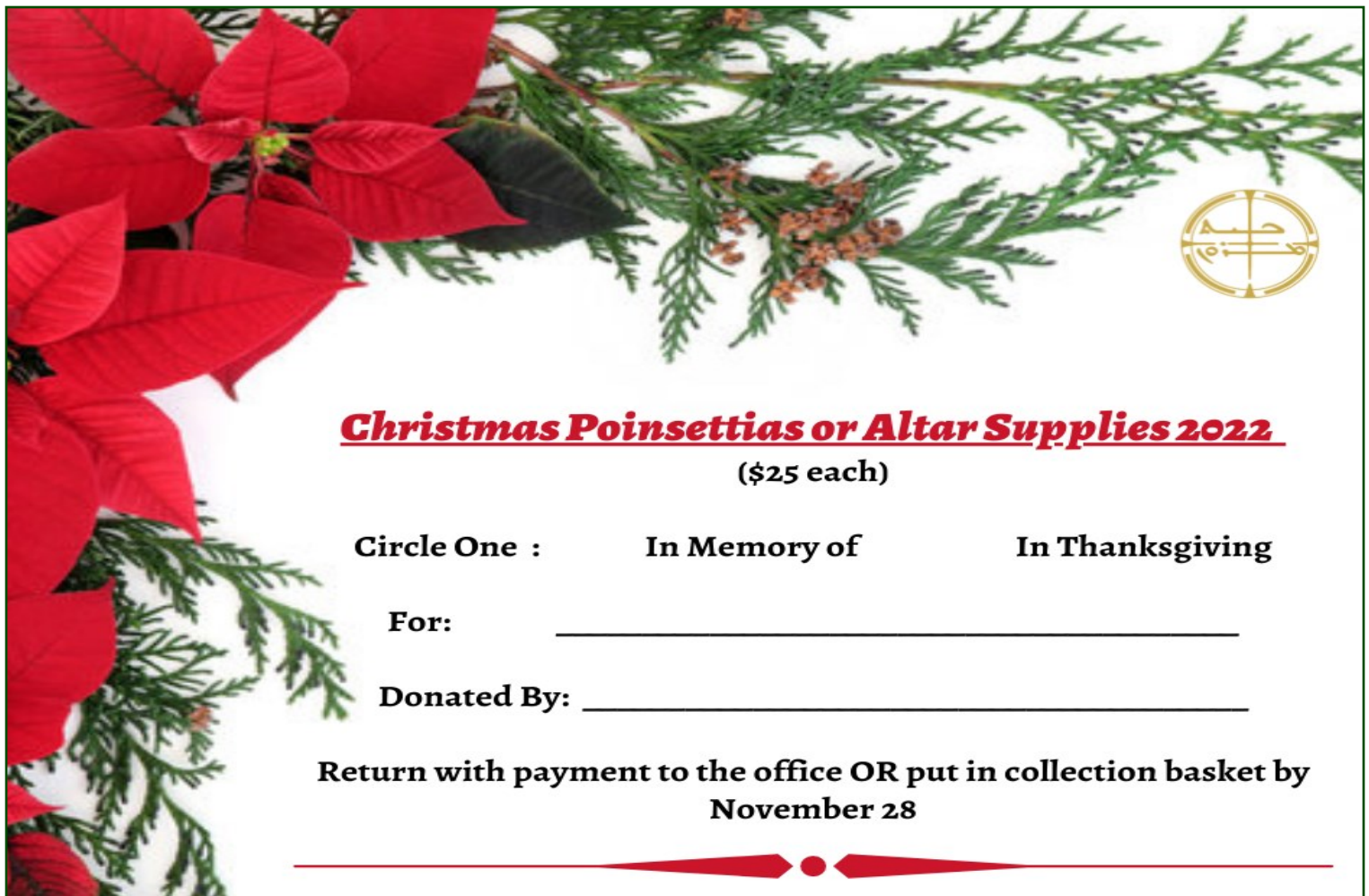
JOIN US FOR BRUNCH ON SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 13TH, 2022
AFTER 11:30 LITURGY



All money raised will
be sent to help people
in Lebanon



\$20 per Adult
\$10 per Kids under 12
RSVP by November 10th



Christmas Poinsettias or Altar Supplies 2022
(\$25 each)

Circle One : In Memory of In Thanksgiving

For: _____

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