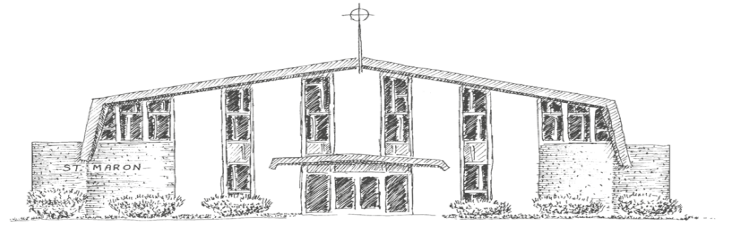


Saint Maron Catholic Church

Sunday of Our Lady of Lebanon May 04, 2025

The month of May is the time of year that we most closely associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a period when rosaries are prayed more frequently, both at home and in courtyards, when pilgrimages to shrines are more common, and when the need for special prayers to the Virgin Mary is felt more deeply. This particular devotion arises from a beautiful intertwining of nature's rebirth, with its colorful and fragrant blossoms, and the popular devotion to Mary. May, often considered the most beautiful month of the year because of the splendor of spring, is therefore fittingly consecrated to her whom the Church praises as the "All Beautiful" ("Tutta Bella"). Indeed, this is her month, a time when our hearts are especially called to open themselves to Mary with renewed affection and dedication.



In 1965, Pope Paul VI, through his Encyclical Letter *Mense Maio*, expressly reaffirmed the Church's view of May as the most fruitful month for prayer and heavenly graces. He wrote: "The month of May is almost here, a month which the piety of the faithful has long dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. Our heart rejoices at the thought of the moving tribute of faith and love which will soon be paid to the Queen of Heaven in every corner of the earth. For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne."

During May, we also celebrate Mother's Day, a fitting time to honor our earthly mothers as well as to lift our thoughts and prayers to our heavenly Mother. For many, May is seen as the most beautiful month, just as Mary is regarded as the most beautiful woman, perfect in virtue, grace, and love.

As we journey through this special month, may Mary guide each of us, both individually and as a community of Saint Maron Church, ever closer to the heart of the Risen Jesus. With Mary, we go to Jesus, that is our purpose and our joy! May this time be a season of renewed devotion, deeper faith, and abundant blessings as we walk hand in hand with our Blessed Mother toward her Son.



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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. May 4: Third Sunday after Resurrection

(Job 42:1-6, 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 24:13-25 Lit. p 315)

• 9:30 am

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

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

Liturgy for all sick people in our parish

• 11:30 am

Liturgy for the intentions of the First Communicants Giselle Bashi, Antony Dib, and Jordyn Safadi

Liturgy for the intentions of the parents of the First Communicants

Liturgy for the intentions of the Teachers of Catechism

NEXT WEEK

Sun. May 11: Fourth Sunday after Resurrection

(Gen 1:20-23; Heb 13:18-25; Jn 21:1-14 Lit. p 315)

• 9:30 am

Liturgy for all the living and deceased Mothers of Saint Maron Parish

Liturgy for Charles & Bettie Dawood

Liturgy for Christopher & Shirley Dasaro

Liturgy for all sick people in our parish

• 11:30 am

Liturgy for all the living and deceased Mothers of Saint Maron Parish

Liturgy for all sick people in our parish

Liturgy for all vocation in the World specially in our Eparchy

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

The dignity of the human person is rooted in his creation in the image and likeness of God; it is fulfilled in his vocation to divine beatitude. It is essential to a human being freely to direct himself to this fulfillment. By his deliberate actions, the human person does, or does not, conform to the good promised by God and attested by moral conscience. Human beings make their own contribution to their interior growth; they make their whole sentient and spiritual lives into means of this growth. With the help of grace they grow in virtue, avoid sin, and if they sin they entrust themselves as did the prodigal son¹ to the mercy of our Father in heaven. In this way they attain to the perfection of charity.

Man: The image of God

"Christ, . . . in the very revelation of the mystery of the Father and of his love, makes man fully manifest to himself and brings to light his exalted vocation."² It is in Christ, "the image of the invisible God,"³ that man has been created "in the image and likeness" of the Creator. It is in Christ, Redeemer and Savior, that the divine image, disfigured in man by the first sin, has been restored to its original beauty and ennobled by the grace of God.

The divine image is present in every man. It shines forth in the communion of persons, in the likeness of the union of the divine persons among themselves.

Endowed with "a spiritual and immortal" soul, The human person is "the only creature on earth that God has willed for its own sake." From his conception, he is destined for eternal beatitude.

The human person participates in the light and power of the divine Spirit. By his reason, he is capable of understanding the order of things established by the Creator. By free will, he is capable of directing himself toward his true good. He finds his perfection "in seeking and loving what is true and good."

By virtue of his soul and his spiritual powers of intellect and will, man is endowed with freedom, an "outstanding manifestation of the divine image."

Collection April 27, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,185
Online Donations	\$ 320
Candles	\$ 1,452
Donation by mail	\$ 20
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 6
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 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 MARON CHURCH

Join us to celebrate

The Great Moms
in our Parish



Sunday May 11th, 2025

Liturgies @ 9:30am & 11:30am

Life doesn't come with a manual.
It comes with a Mother.



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 5th, Office: 313-824-0196

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

