Saint Maron Catholic Church

Consecration of the Church November 2, 2025

On this Sunday of the Consecration of the Church, the Bride, the Church, re-consecrates herself and her children, the faithful, to Christ. The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that the Temple in Jerusalem and its rituals were only a temporal preparation for the "new order" that would be established in Christ and His Church.

From now on, the children of God would worship Him in spirit and truth, both on earth and in the Heavenly Jerusalem. For it is not God's will to dwell among stones, but rather in the caring hearts of His faithful people, and among them to establish His Kingdom. The community of believers becomes this new and living Temple.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus establishes Peter—who consecrates himself to Christ through faith—and the Church as the vital link between God's Kingdom on earth and its fulfillment in Heaven. Just as God sealed His covenant of promise with Abraham and his





descendants in the past, now Christ seals His new covenant with Peter, the guardian of the Church, and with all the faithful who follow in that lineage of faith.

In the Hoosoyo, we hear the voice of Christ echoing deep within His Church, confirming His eternal promise of unwavering love: "Behold, I am with you until the end of time." The Church's consecration to Christ, therefore, is a response to His first act of love and consecration to her. As Saint John reminds us, "We love because He first loved us".

Our Sunday Communion becomes a living expression of this mutual consecration—between Christ and His Church, and between Christ and each of us, her children. Saint Paul, in his teaching, invites married couples to live this same spirit of consecration: "Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her".

Like the Church who renews her dedication to Christ, this is an opportune time for all married couples and families to re-consecrate themselves to one another and to the Lord. It is the right season to forgive, to seek forgiveness, and to renew our love and commitment. It is also the time to remember the saints and the faithful departed who have entered eternal communion with God and await our union with them in glory.

In what ways have I welcomed the call of Christ in my life? What efforts can I make this week to build and strengthen the Community of Christ?

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. November 2: Consecration of the Church

(Is 54:1-10; Heb 9:1-12; Mt 16:13-20 Lit. p 7)

• 9:30 am

Liturgy for Joe Keys, 5 Year Anniversary, by Cheryl Keys

Liturgy for Marie Michaels, by Ed & Theresa O'Brien Liturgy for June Clare Mabarak, by Mary Michaels Liturgy for Kyle Herrington, by Mary Michaels

• 11:30 am

Liturgy for Charbel Bou Khalil, 5 Year Anniversary, by Marwan & Zalfa Bou Khalil and Family

Liturgy for Raymond Daher, **5 Year Anniversary**, by Eddy Daher

Liturgy for all Deceased Members of Saint Maron Church

NEXT WEEK

Sun. November 9: Renewal of the Church

(2 Mac 10:1-8; Heb 9:11-15; Jn 10:22-42 Lit. p 7)

• 9:30 am

Liturgy for Wadih & Rosa Helou, by Souad & Georges Movdovanaki

Liturgy for Marie & Youssif Leba, by Souad & Georges Movdovanaki

Liturgy for Thanksgiving for Our Family, by Souad & Georges Movdovanaki

Liturgy for Rachel T. Nader Dwaihy, 6 Year Anniversary, by Liz Abood

• 11:30 am

Liturgy for Ray Mabarak, Veteran Remembrance, by Lynn and Alan Mabarak

Liturgy for Delores Mabarak, Birthday Remembrance, by Lynn and Alan Mabarak

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH THE PERSON AND SOCIETY

I. The Communal Character of the Human Vocation

God has not willed to reserve to himself all exercise of power. He entrusts to every creature the functions it is capable of performing, according to the capacities of its own nature. This mode of governance ought to be followed in social life. the way God acts in governing the world, which bears witness to such great regard for human freedom, should inspire the wisdom of those who govern human communities. They should behave as ministers of divine providence.

The principle of subsidiarity is opposed to all forms of collectivism. It sets limits for state intervention. It aims at harmonizing the relationships between individuals and societies. It tends toward the establishment of true international order.

II. Conversion and Society

Society is essential to the fulfillment of the human vocation. To attain this aim, respect must be accorded to the just hierarchy of values, which "subordinates physical and instinctual dimensions to interior and spiritual ones:"

Human society must primarily be considered something pertaining to the spiritual. Through it, in the bright light of truth, men should share their knowledge, be able to exercise their rights and fulfill their obligations, be inspired to seek spiritual values; mutually derive genuine pleasure from the beautiful, of whatever order it be; always be readily disposed to pass on to others the best of their own cultural heritage; and eagerly strive to make their own the spiritual achievements of others. These benefits not only influence, but at the same time give aim and scope to all that has bearing on cultural expressions, economic, and social institutions, political movements and forms, laws, and all other structures by which society is outwardly established and constantly developed.

The inversion of means and ends, which results in giving the value of ultimate end to what is only a means for attaining it, or in viewing persons as mere means to that end, engenders unjust structures which "make Christian conduct in keeping with the commandments of the divine Law-giver difficult and almost impossible."

Collection October 26, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,189
Online Donations	\$ 300
Donation by mail	\$ 710
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 34

You can support the Church by mail or through our website donating online

www.saintmarondetroit.org/donate-online

Our Congratulations and Best Wishes to

Christopher Saleh

&

Alexis Damouni

who were married at St. Maron on Saturday, October 25th, 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.

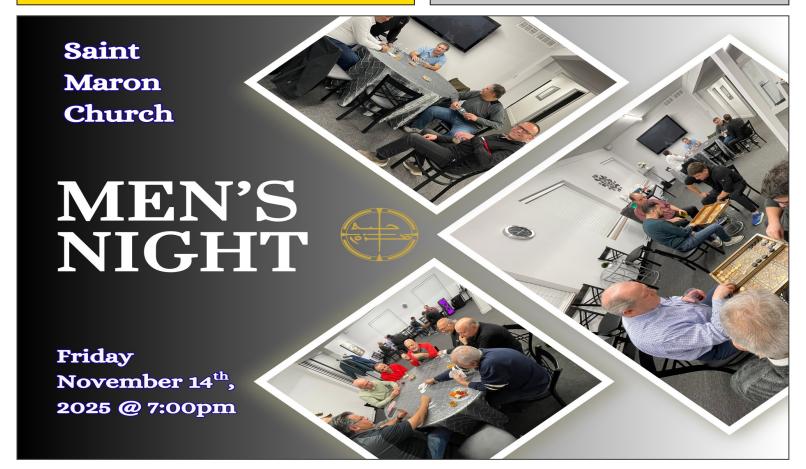
- Bread and Wine for the month of November 2025, in Loving Memory of all Deceased Members of the Agby Family, by Dinah Agby
- Bread and Wine for the month of November 2025, in Loving Memory of Aida Ghafari, by Nuha Tabet and Family
- Bread and Wine for the month of November 2025, in Loving Memory of all Deceased Members of the Mabarak Family, by Robert Mabarak

Our deepest condolences go out to

Beverly Baca on the passing of her brother,

Gary Naseef. May his soul rest in eternal

peace!





ST MARON CHURCH
GIVING TREE

Bars of soap Shampoo Conditioner Lotion Chapstick

Deodorant

Winter hats

Vaseline packets Disposable razors

Cough drops

Socks & underwear

Winter gloves

Hand warmers

Foot warmers

Thick boot socks Chocolate

PLEASE RETURN ANY ITEMS YOU WISH TO DONATE <u>UNWRAPPED</u> UNDER THE GIVING TREE IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE BY <u>DECEMBER 7, 2025</u>.



