### Saint Maron Catholic Church

## Fifth Sunday of Pentecost July 03, 2022

Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Those words, written over two centuries ago, still resonate in the depths of our hearts, not simply because they are lofty ideals for which we find ourselves compelled to strive, but because they reflect an aspect of man's irrepressible desire to attain and enjoy human fulfillment.

We are called to become, by faith in Christ, members of the divine family and thus enter into the invisible and other-worldly fellowship of the kingdom of God. Jesus, as the door to eternal life, has opened the way to that divine kingdom. Life in Christ is a participation in God's own life and is therefore a substantially and qualitatively new way of living. Speaking of his salvific mission for humankind, Jesus said: "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life and have it abundantly".





Freedom, as taught by famous philosophers, by biblical wise men, and good societies through the ages, is the power to do what is right and good. Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought.

While we stop to embrace life, we are thankful for it is ever so important that we also turn to the One who is most responsible for our freedom. God Almighty has granted us with true blessings of freedom both in heaven and on earth. He liberated us from being slaves to sin and to the world. By his Cross, Jesus restored the freedom given to Adam and Eve at the beginning and restored our image as human beings created on the image and the likeness of God.

Being loved and belonging to the divine family give us happiness in our life. Jesus died for us, so we enjoy our life, and we live it in fullness. Happiness doesn't come from what we have but from who we are: sons and daughters of the almighty God, the infinite love.

God, the source of all freedom, we thank you for the bountiful blessings you have bestowed on us. Guide us in being good stewards of these gifts. Let us care for all of your beautiful creation. Make us instruments of your peace. Help us to love and care for all of our neighbors, so that we might be truly crowned with brotherhood from sea to shining sea. Amen



### **LITURGY INTENTIONS**

### Sun. July 03: Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

(Readings: Phil 3:7-14; Mt 10:1-7 Lit. p 425)

• 9:30 am

Liturgy for the safety, security, and prosperity of the United States

**Liturgy for the Intentions and Donors of Catholic Extension Society** 

• 11:30 am

**Liturgy for Thomas A. Monsour, 50 year Remembrance**, by Carol Monsour

**Liturgy for Charles Attalla,** by Antoinette Attalla and Family

**Liturgy for Said & Thelma,** by Antoinette Attalla and Family

**Liturgy for Rev. Joseph & Ann Hokayem,** by Antoinette Attalla and Family

Liturgy for Deceased members of the Attalla, Hokayem, and John's Families, by Antoinette Attalla and Family

Liturgy for the safety, security, and prosperity of the United States

### **NEXT WEEK**

#### Sun. July 10: Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

(Readings: 1Cor 12:27-30; Mt 10:16-25 Lit. p 492)

• 9:30 am

Liturgy for Roger Joseph, 40 day mass, by Family

Liturgy for Mary Dwaihy Bojalad, by her daughter Liz Abood

**Liturgy for the Intentions and Donors of Catholic Extension Society** 

• 11:30 am

Liturgy for Boutros Ghafari and deceased members of the Ghafari Family, by Family

Liturgy for all Deceased and Living members of Saint Maron Church

# CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH THE HIERARCHICAL CONSTITUTION

#### Societies of apostolic life

Alongside the different forms of consecrated life are "societies of apostolic life whose members without religious vows pursue the particular apostolic purpose of their society, and lead a life as brothers or sisters in common according to a particular manner of life, strive for the perfection of charity through the observance of the constitutions. Among these there are societies in which the members embrace the evangelical counsels" according to their constitutions.

# Consecration and mission: proclaiming the King who is corning

Already dedicated to him through Baptism, the person who surrenders himself to the God he loves above all else thereby consecrates himself more intimately to God's service and to the good of the Church. By this state of life consecrated to God, the Church manifests Christ and shows us how the Holy Spirit acts so wonderfully in her. and so the first mission of those who profess the evangelical counsels is to live out their consecration. Moreover, "since members of institutes of consecrated life dedicate themselves through their consecration to the service of the Church they are obliged in a special manner to engage in missionary work, in accord with the character of the institute."

In the Church, which is like the sacrament - the sign and instrument - of God's own life, the consecrated life is seen as a special sign of the mystery of redemption. To follow and imitate Christ more nearly and to manifest more clearly his self-emptying is to be more deeply present to one's contemporaries, in the heart of Christ. For those who are on this "narrower" path encourage their brethren by their example, and bear striking witness "that the world cannot be transfigured and offered to God without the spirit of the beatitudes."

### Collection June 26, 2022

Collection	\$ 1,306
<b>Second Collection</b>	\$ 117
Donation by mail	\$ 10
Online Donations	\$ 25
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 85
Candles	\$ 507

You can support the Church by mail or through our website donating online www.saintmarondetroit.org/donate-online

Congratulations to Dory & Oli Thomas for their new blessing, and welcome baby Daniella to our parish as our youngest member. God bless!

#### 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 July 2022, in loving memory of Adib & Afifee Saleh, by Joe & Marie Saleh
- Bread and Wine for the month of July 2022, in loving memory of **Tabet and Fleifel Families**, by Nuha and Joe Tabet and family
- Bread and Wine for the month of July 2022, in loving memory of Frederick Naseef by Bob & Marilyn Jolet

I will be out of town attending the Annual Clergy Meeting from Monday July 11<sup>th</sup> till Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>. For any emergency you can message me on my Cell phone. Fr. Roby!







