

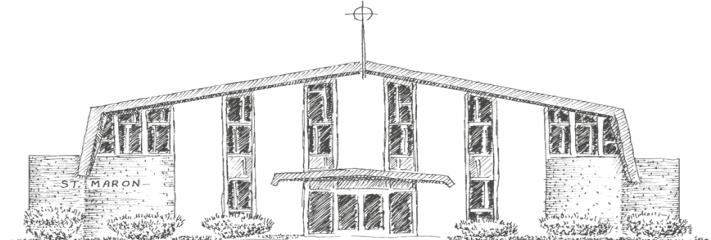
Saint Maron Catholic Church

Genealogy Sunday

December 21, 2025

We begin the final countdown toward Christmas. Only a few days separate us from the celebration of the great mystery of a God who makes Himself present, who comes among us, and who allows Himself to be encountered. We gather today because we need God to be born anew in our hearts. Every Christmas is not merely the remembrance of a past event, but a living reality that is renewed in us and in our lives.

The liturgy invites us to remember—to go back in time—not out of nostalgia, but to recognize the traces of God's loving plan unfolding throughout human history. The genealogy with which Matthew opens his Gospel, more theological than historical, has a clear purpose: to proclaim the fidelity of God to His people. From Abraham, the first seeker of God, all the way to Jesus, God patiently weaves a relationship with humanity, remaining faithful even when humanity is not.



In today's Gospel, Jesus is presented as a real historical person, firmly rooted in a long list of names from which He descends. Matthew wants us to understand that Jesus is not outside history but fully part of it. He belongs to the story of the chosen people and brings that story to fulfillment. Matthew gives Him titles filled with messianic meaning: Son of David, heir of the promises, the One in whom history finds its true direction and salvation. He is also the Son of Abraham, the fulfillment of God's promise that from a small and fragile people would arise a nation as countless as the sand of the sea. In Christ, history finds its meaning and purpose.

This long genealogy fills us with wonder. Well-known figures stand beside unknown ones; saints appear alongside sinners; kings are listed next to failures; Jews and foreigners are named together. God shows no favoritism. He does not choose only the righteous or the heroic. Instead, He enters into the concrete, sometimes messy and imperfect stories of real people. God makes Himself present even in lives that are far from exemplary.

The coming of Jesus is truly for everyone. He is the Messiah of the poor and the rich, of sinners and the just, of men and women alike. As we prepare for Christmas, let us reflect on our own small history and recognize how, through many events and people, everything has led us to encounter the Lord.

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was the
father of
Isaac, and
Isaac the
father of Jacob,
and Jacob the
father of Judah and
his brothers, and
Judah the father of Perez
and Zerah by Tamar, and
Perez the father of Hezron,
and Hezron the father of Ram,
and Ram the father of
Amminadab, and Amminadab the
father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the
father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of
Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of
Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse,
and Jesse the father of David the king. And
David was the father of Solomon by the wife of
Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and
Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of
Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and
Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of
Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the
father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah
the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos,
and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his
brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the
deportation to Babylon, Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and
Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud,
and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the
father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud,
and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan
the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph
the husband
of Mary, of
whom was
born

JESUS
who is called Christ.

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. Dec. 21: Genealogy Sunday

(Is 11:1-9; Rom 1:1-12; Mt 1:1-17 Lit. p 66)

- 9:30 am

Liturgy for Albert Nehra Jr., by James LaHood

Liturgy for Joseph Keys, Birthday Remembrance, by Cheryl Keys

Liturgy for Richard Milad Joseph, Birthday Remembrance, by Family

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for Philip Saleh, by Salim & Clair Saleh

Liturgy for Raymond & Dolores Mabarak

Liturgy for Cathy Marr, Amy and Joseph Laus

Wed Dec. 24: The Glorious Birth of our Lord

(Is 8:23,9:1-6; Heb 1:1-12; Lk 2:1-20 Lit. p 76)

- 6:00 pm & 11:00 pm

Liturgy for our Parishioners Intentions

Liturgy for Deceased and Living members of Saint Maron Parish

Thurs Dec. 25: The Glorious Birth of our Lord

(Is 8:23,9:1-6; Heb 1:1-12; Lk 2:1-20 Lit. p 76)

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for our Parishioners Intentions

Liturgy for Deceased and Living members of Saint Maron Parish

NEXT WEEK

Sun. Dec. 28: Sunday after the Birth of our Lord

(Is 11:1-19; Rom 1:1-12; Mt 1:1-17 Lit. p76)

- 9:30 am

Liturgy for Reem Safadi, 12 Year Remembrance, by Family

Liturgy for Mitchel & Josephine Warminski, by Family

Liturgy for Charlotte Khalil, by Family

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for John Makhoul, One Year Anniversary, by Dr. Sami Makhoul and Family

Liturgy for Pierre Tamer, 2 Year Anniversary, by Inaam Tamer

Liturgy for Melhem & Hasna Tamer, by Inaam Tamer

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

SOCIAL JUSTICE

III. Human Solidarity

The principle of solidarity, also articulated in terms of "friendship" or "social charity," is a direct demand of human and Christian brotherhood.

An error, "today abundantly widespread, is disregard for the law of human solidarity and charity, dictated and imposed both by our common origin and by the equality in rational nature of all men, whatever nation they belong to. This law is sealed by the sacrifice of redemption offered by Jesus Christ on the altar of the Cross to his heavenly Father, on behalf of sinful humanity."

Solidarity is manifested in the first place by the distribution of goods and remuneration for work. It also presupposes the effort for a more just social order where tensions are better able to be reduced and conflicts more readily settled by negotiation.

Socio-economic problems can be resolved only with the help of all the forms of solidarity: solidarity of the poor among themselves, between rich and poor, of workers among themselves, between employers and employees in a business, solidarity among nations and peoples. International solidarity is a requirement of the moral order; world peace depends in part upon this.

The virtue of solidarity goes beyond material goods. In spreading the spiritual goods of the faith, the Church has promoted, and often opened new paths for, the development of temporal goods as well. and so throughout the centuries has the Lord's saying been verified: "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well":

For two thousand years this sentiment has lived and endured in the soul of the Church, impelling souls then and now to the heroic charity of monastic farmers, liberators of slaves, healers of the sick, and messengers of faith, civilization, and science to all generations and all peoples for the sake of creating the social conditions capable of offering to everyone possible a life worthy of man and of a Christian.

GOD'S SALVATION: LAW AND GRACE

Called to beatitude but wounded by sin, man stands in need of salvation from God. Divine help comes to him in Christ through the law that guides him and the grace that sustains him:

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Collection December 14, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 3,597
Online Donations	\$ 390
Donation by mail	\$ 10
<p>You can support the Church by mail or through our website donating online</p> <p>www.saintmarondetroit.org/donate-online</p>	

As the year comes to a close, if you need a letter for tax purposes, please send us an email by the end of this month. We will prepare it and have it ready for you.

We extend our deepest condolences to Tony and Abdallah Bassil on the passing of their beloved sister **Jalileh Bassil Al Nashef**. A 40 Day Mass will be offered on January 11, 2026 at 11:30 am. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

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 December 2025, in Loving Memory of all **Deceased Members of the Sarkees & Josephine Naseef Family**, by Daughter Beverly Baca
- Bread and Wine for the month of December 2025, in Loving Memory of **Raymond Daher**, by Eddy Daher
- Bread and Wine for the month of December 2025, in Loving Memory of **all Deceased Members of the Mabarak Family**, by Robert L. Mabarak

I would like to thank all of those who sponsored, worked and put an effort in making the Christmas party a successful one. Without your participation this event wouldn't have happened. May God bless our parish always.

Saint Maron's Christmas Celebrations !

Wishing you a Christmas filled with love, joy, and peace. May Jesus fill your heart with happiness!



WEDNESDAY DEC. 24

**CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGIES
6:00 PM (ENG) & 11:00 PM (ENG/AR)**



THURSDAY DEC. 25

**CHRISTMAS DAY
LITURGY @ 11:30 AM (ENG/AR)**





SAINT MARON CHURCH

NEW YEAR DAY MASS

Thursday January 1st, 2026

| 11:30 am |

Feast of The Circumcision of the Lord

**ST MARON
FEAST DAY**

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 07, 2026

11466 KERCHEVAL STREET,
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6:00PM LITURGY
7:30PM HORS D'OEUVRES
8:30PM DINNER
9:30PM PARTY

SINGER DORIS FARHAT

DJ ABE

RSVP BY JANUARY 25TH

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