

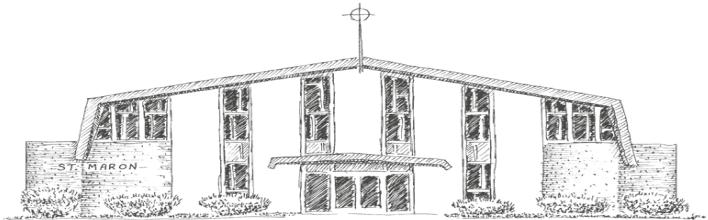
# Saint Maron Catholic Church

## Sunday of the Priests

### January 25, 2026

This Sunday, we remember the deceased priests; it is beautiful to remember priests, the servants of the altar and shepherds of God's people. Very often, the graves of priests are among the loneliest. Priests have no biological children, and many die far from the places where they were born or served for many years. That is why it is important today to remember the priests we have known, loved, and learned from, as well as those whose names we may never know but whose faithfulness built the Church we stand in today.

The priesthood is not a reward for holiness or perfection. It is a call given to weak and fragile men whom God chooses, not because they are worthy, but because He is merciful. Every priest knows in his heart that he is unworthy of such a calling. Yet God, in His wisdom, chooses to work through human weakness so that His power may be made visible.



There is an old story told in a town near Prague: all the people are buried facing east, while the priest is buried facing west. When Christ comes again in glory from the east, the people will rise and run to meet Him. The priest, facing west, rises last, not to meet Christ first, but to make sure that none of his parishioners is left behind. This image reminds us that the priest's mission is to imitate Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who lays down His life for the sheep.

The priest is a human being, subject to temptation, fear, discouragement, and fatigue like anyone else. He needs prayer, not because he is strong, but precisely because he is weak. He needs God's grace every day to remain faithful to his calling. That is why the Church asks us to pray for priests, and especially today. Twice during the Divine Liturgy, I humbly ask you, saying, "Pray to the Lord for me." This is not a formality; it is a sincere cry for help.

Today, more than ever, priests need the prayer of their communities: that they may not fall into the traps of sin, that they may not be divided or consumed by political ideologies, that they may care more for people than for buildings, and that they may keep their eyes fixed on heaven while guiding others toward it.

Let us raise our prayers to Almighty God, who established the priesthood on earth, and ask Him to bless His priests, living and deceased. May He remind them, and all of us, that they are called not to be served, but to serve.



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## LITURGY INTENTIONS

### Sun. Jan. 25: Sunday of the Priests

(Mal 2:1, 5-9; 1 Tim 4:6-16; Lk 12:42-48 Lit. p 147 )

- 9:30 am

**Liturgy for the Living and Deceased Members of the Urbani Family**, by Anthony & Marie Urbani

**Liturgy for Sam Hakim**, by Louis & Nancy Ciotti

**Liturgy for all Deceased priests who served St Maron Church**

- 11:30 am

**Liturgy for Dr. Dahir Rahi, 3 year anniversary**, by Jeanette Rahi and Family

**Liturgy for Boutros & Chafika Rahi**, by Family

**Liturgy for all Deceased priests who served St Maron Church**

## NEXT WEEK

### Sun. Feb. 1: Sunday of the Righteous and Just

(Wis 5:1-16; Heb 12:18-24; Mt 25:31-46 Lit. p 157)

- 9:30 am

**Liturgy for Sam Thomas, 7 Year Anniversary**, by Family

**Liturgy for Charlotte Khalil, Birthday Remembrance**, by Chritine Khalil & Family

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

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

- 11:30 am

**Liturgy for Elias & Souad El Khoury and George Haddad**, by Henry & Colette El Khoury and Family

**Liturgy for Archbishop Francis Zayek**, by Kathy & Gary Housey

## CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

### GOD'S SALVATION: LAW AND GRACE

#### THE MORAL LAW

##### *III. The New Law or the Law of the Gospel*

The New Law is the grace of the Holy Spirit given to the faithful through faith in Christ. It works through charity; it uses the Sermon on the Mount to teach us what must be done and makes use of the sacraments to give us the grace to do it:

If anyone should meditate with devotion and perspicacity on the sermon our Lord gave on the mount, as we read in the Gospel of Saint Matthew, he will doubtless find there . . . the perfect way of the Christian life.... This sermon contains ... all the precepts needed to shape one's life.

The Law of the Gospel "fulfills," refines, surpasses, and leads the Old Law to its perfection. In the Beatitudes, the New Law fulfills the divine promises by elevating and orienting them toward the "kingdom of heaven." It is addressed to those open to accepting this new hope with faith - the poor, the humble, the afflicted, the pure of heart, those persecuted on account of Christ and so marks out the surprising ways of the Kingdom.

The Law of the Gospel fulfills the commandments of the Law. the Lord's Sermon on the Mount, far from abolishing or devaluing the moral prescriptions of the Old Law, releases their hidden potential and has new demands arise from them: it reveals their entire divine and human truth. It does not add new external precepts, but proceeds to reform the heart, the root of human acts, where man chooses between the pure and the impure, where faith, hope, and charity are formed and with them the other virtues. the Gospel thus brings the Law to its fullness through imitation of the perfection of the heavenly Father, through forgiveness of enemies and prayer for persecutors, in emulation of the divine generosity.

The New Law practices the acts of religion: almsgiving, prayer and fasting, directing them to the "Father who sees in secret," in contrast with the desire to "be seen by men." Its prayer is the Our Father.

The Law of the Gospel requires us to make the decisive choice between "the two ways" and to put into practice the words of the Lord. It is summed up in the Golden Rule, "Whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them; this is the law and the prophets." The entire Law of the Gospel is contained in the "new commandment" of Jesus, to love one another as he has loved us.

Collection January 18, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,746
Online Donations	\$ 260
Donation by mail	\$ 10
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 58

**You can support the Church by mail or through our website donating online**  
[www.saintmarondetroit.org/donate-online](http://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 January 2026, in Loving Memory of all **Deceased Members of the Morris & Elizabeth Elias Family**, by Daughter Christine Elias-Senska
- Bread and Wine for the month of January 2026, in Loving Memory of **Jalileh Bassil Al Nashef**, by Tony & Zako Bassil
- Bread and Wine for the month of January 2026, in Loving Memory of **all Deceased Members of the Tabet Family**, by Nuha Tabet and Family

Our Congratulations and Best Wishes to  
**JOSEPH JON RANDAZZO JR.**  
 who was Baptized at St. Maron Church  
 on Sunday, January 18, 2026.  
 May God bless him to be great disciple of  
 Jesus Christ!

Our Congratulations and Best Wishes to  
**LEO CLIFFORD GILMORE**  
 who was Baptized at St. Maron Church  
 on Sunday, January 18, 2026.  
 May God bless him to be great disciple of  
 Jesus Christ!

# SAINT MARON CHURCH

## Eucharistic Adoration

*“Nowhere on earth are we more welcomed  
 or loved than by Jesus in Eucharist.”*

**LITURGY**  
 11.00 am

**ADORATION**  
 12.00 - 7.00 pm

**Friday February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
 Every First Friday of the month



## SAINT MARON CHURCH

# YEARLY TRADITION OF WASHING DISHES AND GLASSES



**Saturday January 31st  
Starting at 9:00 am**

**Monday February 2nd  
Starting at 4:00 pm**

**LET'S GET READY FOR OUR PARTY!**



**ST MARON  
FEAST DAY**

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 07, 2026**

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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**

For more information  
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