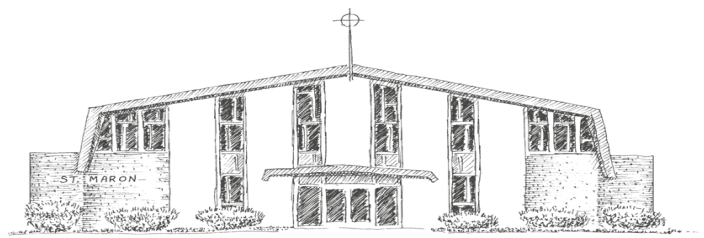


Saint Maron Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Resurrection April 21, 2024

In the Easter Season, we are hearing about the appearances of the Risen Jesus to the disciples in the Sunday readings. Jesus repeatedly appeared to the disciples, before Pentecost, to strengthen them, and to prepare them for what he hoped for them to do; to proclaim to the world that He is Risen! two things immediately strike us.

The first is that the disciples seem lost, confused, and do not know what to do. Peter says, "I am going fishing". The others say, "We will come with you". Sounds to me like a bunch of friends hanging out, with nothing much to do! Prior to meeting Jesus, the disciples were fishermen. Now, with hopes and dreams about their new life following the Messiah shattered, they are tempted to go back to their old way of life. They could only conclude that this Jesus idea was all a big mistake, three years of their life wasted, let's go home.



The other thing that strikes us about this story, is that it is very similar to how Peter first met Jesus, three years earlier. In Luke, Jesus gets into Peter's boat to preach to the crowd, after preaching he asks Peter and his companions to "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch". Peter responds by telling Jesus we've "Worked all night long but have caught nothing, yet if you say so." They lower their nets and catch a miraculous load of fish, and Jesus says, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people", then they left everything and followed Jesus.

Jesus came to bring us all salvation. But he appeared over and over to his disciples after the resurrection, to strengthen them to become what he originally called them to be: fishers of People, to be proclaimers of the Gospel, to tell the world that He is Risen, and to Believe in the Gospel and Be saved! As St. Paul tells us in Romans 10:13-15, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" *Franciscan Discernment.*

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. April 21: Fourth Sunday after Resurrection

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

- 9:30 am

Liturgy for Joseph A. Michaels, 10 years
Anniversary, by Marie Michaels & Family

Liturgy for Sam Thomas

Liturgy for all vocations in the World specially in
our Eparchy

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for Philip Gharios, 50 years anniversary, by
Hadi & Julie Gharios and Family

Liturgy for all sick people in our parish

Liturgy for Ray Mabarak

NEXT WEEK

Sun. April 28: Fifth Sunday after Resurrection

(Ez 34:11-16; Eph 2:1-10; Jn 21:15-19 Lit. p 315)

- 9:30 am

Liturgy for Rachel Dwaihy

Liturgy for Amy & Joseph Laus

Liturgy for all the intentions of our parishioners

Liturgy for all vocations in the World specially in
our Eparchy

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for Jeanette Elkassouf, 40 day Mass, by
Family

Liturgy for all the intentions of our parishioners

Liturgy for all sick people in our parish

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

IV. Interior Penance

Jesus' call to conversion and penance, like that of the prophets before him, does not aim first at outward works, "sackcloth and ashes," fasting and mortification, but at the conversion of the heart, interior conversion. Without this, such penances remain sterile and false; however, interior conversion urges expression in visible signs, gestures and works of penance.

Interior repentance is a radical reorientation of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart, an end of sin, a turning away from evil, with repugnance toward the evil actions we have committed. At the same time it entails the desire and resolution to change one's life, with hope in God's mercy and trust in the help of his grace. This conversion of heart is accompanied by a salutary pain and sadness which the Fathers called *animi cruciatus* (affliction of spirit) and *compunctio cordis* (repentance of heart).

The human heart is heavy and hardened. God must give man a new heart. Conversion is first of all a work of the grace of God who makes our hearts return to him: "Restore us to thyself, O LORD, that we may be restored!" God gives us the strength to begin anew. It is in discovering the greatness of God's love that our heart is shaken by the horror and weight of sin and begins to fear offending God by sin and being separated from him. the human heart is converted by looking upon him whom our sins have pierced:

Let us fix our eyes on Christ's blood and understand how precious it is to his Father, for, poured out for our salvation it has brought to the whole world the grace of repentance.

Since Easter, the Holy Spirit has proved "the world wrong about sin," i.e., proved that the world has not believed in him whom the Father has sent. But this same Spirit who brings sin to light is also the Consoler who gives the human heart grace for repentance and conversion.

Collection April 14, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,179
Online Donations	\$ 210
Donation by mail	\$ 1,385. ²⁰
Coffee & donuts	\$ 39
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 April 2024, in loving memory **Monsour & Jamal Derjani**, by Michel & Roberta Kabeity
- Bread and Wine for the month of April 2024, in loving memory of **Tannous & Josephine & René Kabeity**, by Michel & Roberta Kabeity
- Bread and Wine for the month of April 2024, in loving memory of **Deceased members of the Tabet and Fleifel Families**, by Nuha and Joe Tabet and Family

THE EPARCHY OF
OUR LADY OF LEBANON LOS ANGELES
is pleased to announce the ordination of

Subdeacon Elias Hazkial



*to the order of Deacon
by the imposition of hands
of His Excellency Bishop A. Elias Zaidan
Sunday, May 26 at 11:00 AM*

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Saint Maron Church

May, Month of Mary



If you are interested, you can host us to pray the rosary with your family and friends every Monday - Wednesday - Friday @ 7:00 pm

Saint Maron Church

Join us to celebrate

The great moms in our parish



"A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take."

May 12th, 2024

Liturgies @ 9:30am & 11:30am

