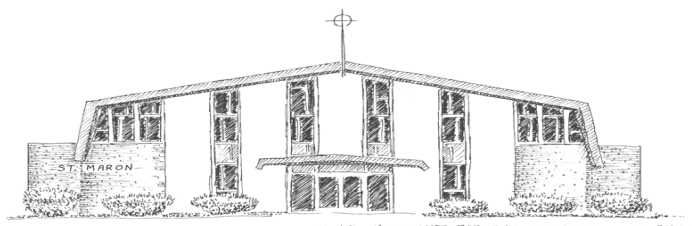


Saint Maron Catholic Church

First Sunday after Holy Cross September 17, 2023

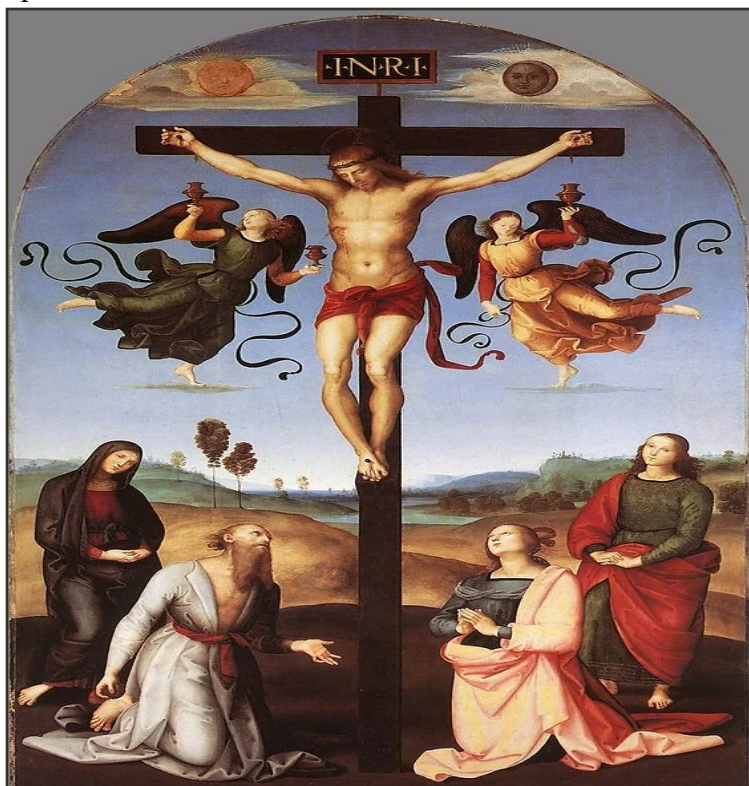
The Cross abolished idolatrous adulation, enlightened the whole universe, gathered all the nations into one Church and united them with love. The Cross is the resurrection of the dead. The Cross is the hope of Christians. The Cross is the staff for the lame. The Cross is comfort for the poor. The Cross is the deposing of the proud. The Cross is the hope of those who despair. The Cross is food for the sailors. The Cross is haven for the bestormed. The Cross is the father for orphans. The Cross is comfort for those who mourn. The Cross is the protector of children. The Cross is the glory of men. The Cross is the crown of elders. The Cross is light for those sitting in darkness. The Cross is freedom for slaves, wisdom for the ignorant. The Cross is the preaching of prophets, the fellow-traveler of apostles.



The Cross is the chastity of maidens, the joy of priests. The Cross is the foundation of the Church, the establishment of the universe. The Cross is the destruction of idolatrous temples, temptation for Jews. The Cross is the cleansing of the lepers, the rehabilitation of the enfeebled. The Cross is bread for the hungry, a fountain for the thirsty. The Cross is the good hope of monks, clothing for the naked.

By this holy armor of the Cross Christ the Lord has terminated the omniconsuming bowels of Hades and blocked the many snares in the mouth of the devil. Having seen the Cross, death trembled and released everyone whom she possessed with the first creature. Armed with the Cross, the God-bearing apostles subdued all the power of the enemy and caught all peoples in their dragnets, and gathered them for the worship of the One Crucified. Clothed in the Cross as in armor, the martyrs of Christ trampled all the plans of torturers and preached with plainness the Divine Cross-bearer. Having taken up the Cross for the sake of Christ, those who renounced everything in the world settled in deserts and on mountains, in caves and became the fasters of the earth.

By the cross the Almighty One bestowed unspeakable blessing on humanity!" If, O Christian, you will always take up the Cross of Christ on yourself as a help, then 'evil shall not come towards you, nor any scourge come near your habitation': for the opposition power seeing it trembles and leaves." *St Ephrem*



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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. Sept. 17: First Sunday of Holy Cross

(Deut 17:14-20; 2 Tm 2:1-10; Mk 10:35-45 Lit. p 606)

- 9:30 am

Liturgy for Herb Gast, by Marie & Mary Michaels

Liturgy for all Vocations in the world

Liturgy for stability and peace in the entire world especially in the Middle East

Liturgy for the Intentions and Donors of Catholic Extension Society

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for Sr. Marie Marthe Hokayem, by Liz Abood

Liturgy for all Vocations in the world

Liturgy for the Couples in the world struggling with their commitment and for all the newly married couples

NEXT WEEK

Sun. Sept. 24: Second Sunday of Holy Cross

(Joel 2:1,10-16; 1 Cor 15:19-34; Mt 24:1-14 Lit. p 606)

- 9:30 am

Liturgy for Laura Joseph, 40 day Mass, by Family

Liturgy for Herb Gast, by Liz Abood

Liturgy for the Intentions and Donors of Catholic Extension Society

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for all deceased and living members of St Laba Hasroun Society

Liturgy for Marie Therese Homsy, by Therese Homsy

Liturgy for Michael Homsy, by Therese Homsy

Liturgy for Peter Barker by Therese Homsy

Liturgy for Marie Anna Abi Samra, by Therese Homsy

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

An indelible spiritual mark . . .

Incorporated into Christ by Baptism, the person baptized is configured to Christ. Baptism seals the Christian with the indelible spiritual mark (character) of his belonging to Christ. No sin can erase this mark, even if sin prevents Baptism from bearing the fruits of salvation. Given once for all, Baptism cannot be repeated.

Incorporated into the Church by Baptism, the faithful have received the sacramental character that consecrates them for Christian religious worship. The baptismal seal enables and commits Christians to serve God by a vital participation in the holy liturgy of the Church and to exercise their baptismal priesthood by the witness of holy lives and practical charity.

The Holy Spirit has marked us with the seal of the Lord ("Dominicus character") "for the day of redemption." "Baptism indeed is the seal of eternal life." The faithful Christian who has "kept the seal" until the end, remaining faithful to the demands of his Baptism, will be able to depart this life "marked with the sign of faith," with his baptismal faith, in expectation of the blessed vision of God - the consummation of faith - and in the hope of resurrection.

IN BRIEF

- Christian initiation is accomplished by three sacraments together: Baptism which is the beginning of new life; Confirmation which is its strengthening; and the Eucharist which nourishes the disciple with Christ's Body and Blood for his transformation in Christ.
- The fruit of Baptism, or baptismal grace, is a rich reality that includes forgiveness of original sin and all personal sins, birth into the new life by which man becomes an adoptive son of the Father, a member of Christ and a temple of the Holy Spirit. By this very fact the person baptized is incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ, and made a sharer in the priesthood of Christ.
- Baptism imprints on the soul an indelible spiritual sign, the character, which consecrates the baptized person for Christian worship. Because of the character Baptism cannot be repeated
- In case of necessity, any person can baptize provided that he have the intention of doing that which the Church does and provided that he pours water on the candidate's head while saying: "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Collection September 10, 2023

Collection	\$ 1,901
Online Donations	\$ 540
Donation by mail	\$ 10
Coffee & donuts	\$ 8
Second Collection	\$ 332
You can support the Church by mail or through our website donating online www.saintmarondetroit.org/donate-online	

I would like to thank all those who worked hard, volunteered, attended, sponsored or put an effort in making the Fall Festival a successful one. A Special thank you goes to Joseph Douaihy and the committee. **God Bless our parish always!**

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 September 2023, in loving memory of **Hanna Rizk**, by Charbel & Nada Ghantous
- Bread and Wine for the month of September 2023, in loving memory of **The Ghafari deceased family member**, by Tony & Rima Jasser
- Bread and Wine for the month of September 2023, in loving memory of **The Jasser deceased family member**, by Tony & Rima Jasser

CATECHISM CLASSES

Another year of catechism begins. We are ready to start the class on October 1, at 10:30 am. Please sign up by completing the forms in the vestibule of the church.

Saint Maron Church

THE ROSARY A PATH TO HOLINESS

Feast of The Holy Rosary
We will pray the Rosary
Sunday October 01, 2023
at 9:00am & 11.00 am.

"The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times."

Saint Padre Pio



SAINT MARON' MYO APPLE PICKING

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2023
FROM 11:00AM TO 2:00PM



2391 REID RD, FLINT, MI, 48507



Saint Maron Church

It's
**Ladies
Night**

7:00PM ROSARY
7:30PM DINNER
ST MARON PARISH CENTER



Friday

October 20th, 2023

