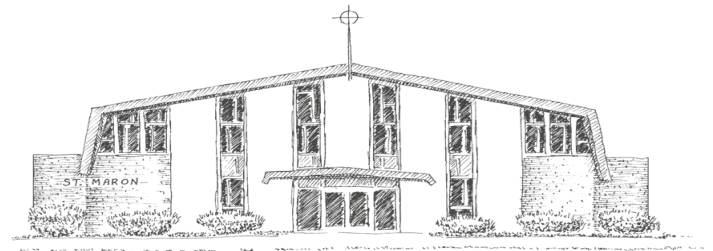
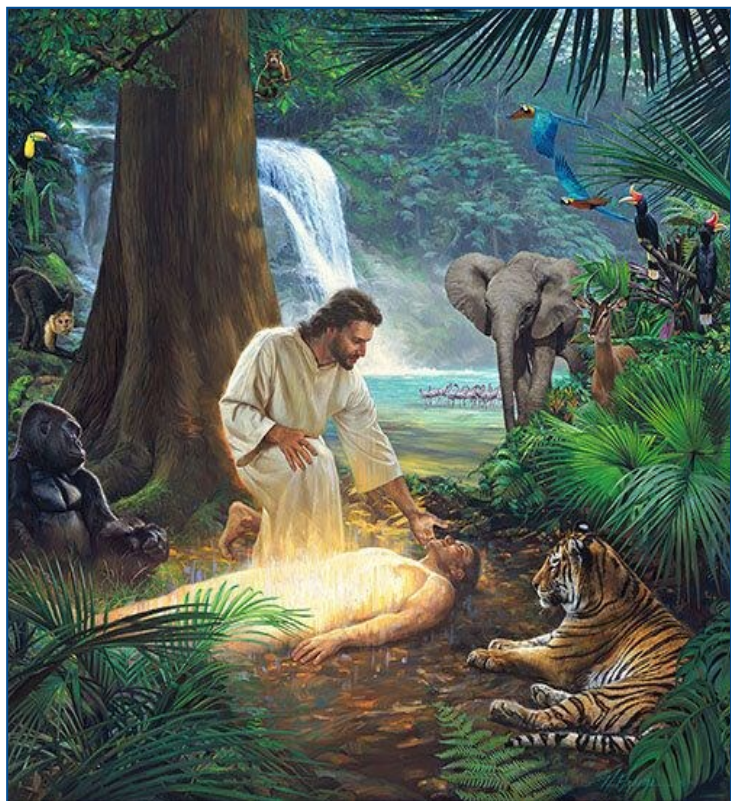


Saint Maron Catholic Church

Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost August 31, 2025

People who make a garden do so with their heart and pride. We don't just do it in our spare time, rather we set aside time dedicated to making the garden. The work required to make a garden means that it is an intentional project. We intentionally turn the soil and condition it with fertilizer and compost. We intentionally choose our plants that will go in the ground and put thought into where they will be placed. We track the way the sun hits the yard and the way the shadows move so we strategically place the plants in the best spot. We keep track of the watering needs based on dry spells or heavy rains. We put borders, fencing, or even cages around the garden to protect it from predators, to protect it from animals that might harm the plant or the fruits. We want to encourage the best growth possible.



We guard against weeds from growing and from robbing the precious nutrients which the plants need to flourish.

Those of us who make a garden are happy to show it off. When friends come over, we walk them around and point out the good and the bad. When the weather has been consistently hard on the plants, we mention the obvious misfortune in our conversation. And those who make gardens are happy to see their friends' gardens thriving, and naturally share the joys and pains of gardening. And when the plants are in season, we are filled with satisfaction and joy. When the rose bushes are full of blooms, they stand like the dignified queens of the garden. When the red tomatoes pop through the green plants, they look like holiday decorations. When the cucumber vines stretch upwards and outwards, they look like yearning for their creator filled with gratitude.

Those who garden can appreciate all these things. Even those of us who don't garden can at least understand it. This is why the ancient patriarchs (inspired by the Holy Spirit) described the Creation of mankind as being in a garden: God created us with intentionality; He placed us in certain areas strategically; He sets up protection against predators; He pulls away those things that will rob our nutrients for flourishing; He is saddened when we do not thrive as he expects us to; He rejoices in our fruitfulness and beauty. The Almighty Creator is also the Divine Gardener.

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. August 31: Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

(Gen 2:8-17; 1 Cor 3:1-11; Lk 8:1-15 Lit. p 425)

- **9:30 am**

Liturgy for Marie Michael, by Veronica Asmar

Liturgy for Abouna Naji Kiwan

Liturgy for Toubia Harb

Liturgy for Students for a Safe and Blessed Academic Year

- **11:30 am**

Liturgy for Antoine Jabbour, Birthday Remembrance, by Family

Liturgy for Terese Hazkial

Liturgy for Sameer Eid

Liturgy for Students for a Safe and Blessed Academic Year

NEXT WEEK

Sun. September 7: Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

(Deut 6:4-9; 1 Thes 2:1-13; Lk 10:38-42 Lit. p 425)

- **9:30 am**

Liturgy for Delores Mabarak, by Veronica Asmar

Liturgy for Boulos and Margaret Helou, by Cesar & Diane Helou

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

Liturgy for Marie Michaels, by John and Richard Abood and Eva Gast

- **11:30 am**

Liturgy for Emil El-Amoud, 40 Day Mass, by Tony and Mona El-Amoud

Liturgy for Fr. Joe Bitar, by the Gharios Family

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE VIRTUES

I. The Theological Virtues

Hope

The virtue of hope responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of every man; it takes up the hopes that inspire men's activities and purifies them so as to order them to the Kingdom of heaven; it keeps man from discouragement; it sustains him during times of abandonment; it opens up his heart in expectation of eternal beatitude. Buoyed up by hope, he is preserved from selfishness and led to the happiness that flows from charity.

Christian hope takes up and fulfills the hope of the chosen people which has its origin and model in the hope of Abraham, who was blessed abundantly by the promises of God fulfilled in Isaac, and who was purified by the test of the sacrifice. "Hoping against hope, he believed, and thus became the father of many nations."

Christian hope unfolds from the beginning of Jesus' preaching in the proclamation of the beatitudes. the beatitudes raise our hope toward heaven as the new Promised Land; they trace the path that leads through the trials that await the disciples of Jesus. But through the merits of Jesus Christ and of his Passion, God keeps us in the "hope that does not disappoint." Hope is the "sure and steadfast anchor of the soul . . . that enters . . . where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf." Hope is also a weapon that protects us in the struggle of salvation: "Let us . . . put on the breastplate of faith and charity, and for a helmet the hope of salvation." It affords us joy even under trial: "Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation." Hope is expressed and nourished in prayer, especially in the Our Father, the summary of everything that hope leads us to desire.

We can therefore hope in the glory of heaven promised by God to those who love him and do his will. In every circumstance, each one of us should hope, with the grace of God, to persevere "to the end" and to obtain the joy of heaven, as God's eternal reward for the good works accomplished with the grace of Christ. In hope, the Church prays for "all men to be saved." She longs to be united with Christ, her Bridegroom, in the glory of heaven:

Collection August 31, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,568
Online Donations	\$ 0
Donation by mail	\$ 113. ⁸⁵
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 63
You can support the Church by mail or through our website donating online www.saintmarondetroit.org/donate-online	

Our Congratulations and Best Wishes to
JACOB JULIAN GEORGE
who was Baptized at St. Maron Church
on Sunday, August 24, 2025.
May God bless him to be great disciple of
Jesus Christ!

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 August 2025, In Loving Memory of **Dr. Daher Rahi**, by Chrissy Kassab and Family
- Bread and Wine for the month of August 2025, In Loving Memory of **Antoine & Marie Jabbour**, by Family
- Bread and Wine for the month of August 2025, In Thanksgiving for the Recovery of **Tony Bassil**, by Zako Bassil

SAINT MARON CHURCH

Bring your bag, laptop, ipad... and get blessed

BLESSING OF STUDENTS & SCHOOL BAGS

GROUP
ACTIVITIES

INTERACTIVE
LEARNING

INDIVIDUAL
DEVELOPMENT

MATH,
BIOLOGY,
HISTORY

SUNDAY AUGUST 31ST
AT BOTH LITURGIES

St. Maron Church

Catechism Class

Faith

Bible

Church

Every Sunday 10:30am - 11:25am

Classes Start Sunday October 5th

Please fill out the form in the vestibule before October 1st

SAINT MARON CHURCH

Connect with your Maronite and Lebanese heritage

Learn to read, write, and speak Arabic

Strengthen your cultural and spiritual identity

Fun, engaging, and beginner-friendly lessons



ENROLL IN OUR ARABIC CLASS



Start Date: Sunday, October 19, 2025

Taught by instructors with experience in language and culture

Weekly classes for all ages (children, youth, and adults)



Registration is Now Open!

Sign up after Mass at the parish hall

OR contact the church office.

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St. Maron Church 60th Anniversary

If you were married or baptized at St. Maron, We warmly invite you to join us in celebrating our Church Anniversary! Come and be part of this special weekend filled with gratitude, worship, and fellowship.

- ✓ Guest Speaker + Local Tour
- ✓ Fellowship Lunch
- ✓ Thanksgiving Liturgy
- ✓ Parish Talent Spotlight

 **SATURDAY & SUNDAY**
October 11-12, 2025

Saturday 3pm-7pm
Sunday 11:30am -3:00pm





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