

Saint Maron Catholic Church

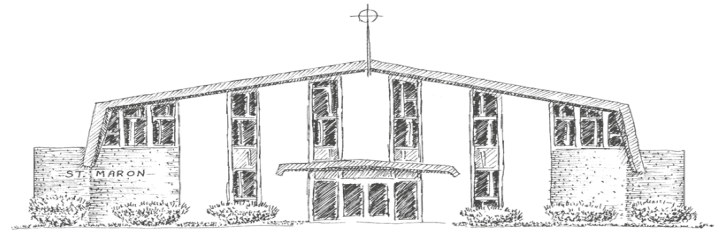
Feast Day of St. Sharbel

July 19, 2026

This Sunday, we celebrate the feast of Saint Sharbel Makhlof, hermit and great saint not only of our Maronite Church, but of the Catholic Church. Whenever we speak about Saint Sharbel, we often focus mainly on the miracles performed through his intercession, both in the past and today. Yet miracles are not the complete picture of the saint. They are the fruits of a deep spiritual life and of a profound relationship with God. We admire the flowers of his holiness but sometimes forget the roots that produced their beauty.

Saint Sharbel was not simply a famous healer capable of curing every sickness. He was first a Christian deeply in love with God, a monk who dedicated his life to prayer, silence, sacrifice, and complete trust in the Lord. Because he loved God above everything else, he became the saint whom we honor today.

Silence played a central role in his spiritual life. One of



the monks who lived with him said, “If the trees and stones of the field spoke, then Father Sharbel spoke.” His silence was not emptiness, sadness, or separation from others. It was a sacred space in which he listened to God. The purpose of the hermitage was to empty the heart of noise and distractions so that it could be filled with the divine presence that alone can satisfy our deepest thirst.

Saint Sharbel understood that earthly life is not an end in itself, but a journey toward a greater mystery. He reminds us that “we are travelers on the road to eternity.” He lived on earth as a pilgrim because he knew that his true homeland was the Kingdom of Heaven. Yet he did not reject this life. He recognized it as a precious gift from God and believed that we encounter the Lord here and now, in the ordinary moments of our daily journey.

The Eastern Fathers speak of a desert that every believer is called to enter in order to meet the Creator. This desert is not necessarily a distant place. It can exist within the heart. It is the place where we step away from noise, selfishness, and fear, and make room for God.

Saint Sharbel teaches us to create that interior silence, to trust God as the guide of our path, and to allow our lives to become a living testimony. Our world does not need people who only speak about God; it needs Christians whose prayer, love, humility, and daily actions reveal that God is truly alive within them.



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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. July 19: Feast Day of St. Sharbel

(Is 42:1-9; Rom 8:28-39; Mt 13:36-43 Lit. p 718)

- 9:30 am

Liturgy for all the living and deceased members of the Order of Saint Sharbel

Liturgy for all sick people in our Parish

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for Rev, Joseph & Ann Hokayem, by Antoinette Attalla & Family

Liturgy for Charles Attalla, by Antoinette Attalla & Family

Liturgy for Thelma & Said Attalla, by Antoinette Attalla & Family

Liturgy for Deceased Members of the Attalla, Hokayem & Johns Families, by Antoinette Attalla & Family

NEXT WEEK

Sun. July 26: Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

(2 Kings 1:2-8; 1Cor 12:1-11; Mt 12:22-32 Lit. p 492)

- 9:30 am

Liturgy for Fr. Antoun Bou Semaan

Liturgy for Deacon Georges Khoury

Liturgy for All Priesthood and Religious Vocations

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for Aida Ghafari, 1 Year Anniversary, by Family

Liturgy for Boutrus Ghafari, 40 Year Anniversary, by Family

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

I. "Him Only Shall You Serve"

The Church recognizes an exemplary value in the vows to practice the evangelical counsels:

Mother Church rejoices that she has within herself many men and women who pursue the Savior's self-emptying more closely and show it forth more clearly, by undertaking poverty with the freedom of the children of God, and renouncing their own will: they submit themselves to man for the sake of God, thus going beyond what is of precept in the matter of perfection, so as to conform themselves more fully to the obedient Christ.

The Church can, in certain cases and for proportionate reasons, dispense from vows and promises. The social duty of religion and the right to religious freedom

"All men are bound to seek the truth, especially in what concerns God and his Church, and to embrace it and hold on to it as they come to know it." This duty derives from "the very dignity of the human person." It does not contradict a "sincere respect" for different religions which frequently "reflect a ray of that truth which enlightens all men," nor the requirement of charity, which urges Christians "to treat with love, prudence and patience those who are in error or ignorance with regard to the faith."

The duty of offering God genuine worship concerns man both individually and socially. This is "the traditional Catholic teaching on the moral duty of individuals and societies toward the true religion and the one Church of Christ." By constantly evangelizing men, the Church works toward enabling them "to infuse the Christian spirit into the mentality and mores, laws and structures of the communities in which [they] live." The social duty of Christians is to respect and awaken in each man the love of the true and the good. It requires them to make known the worship of the one true religion which subsists in the Catholic and apostolic Church. Christians are called to be the light of the world. Thus, the Church shows forth the kingship of Christ over all creation and in particular over human societies.

Collection July 12, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,505
Online Donations	\$ 280
Second Collection	\$ 615
Donation by Mail	\$ 145
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 77
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 July 2026, in Loving Memory of all the **Living and Deceased Members of the Mabarak Family**, by Robert L. Mabarak and Melissa A. Gilmore
- Bread and Wine for the month of July 2026, in Loving Memory of **John Tabet and His Parents**, by Nuha Tabet & Family
- Bread and Wine for the month of July 2026, in Loving Memory of **Dr. Daher Rahi**, by Chrissy Kassab and Family

Our Congratulations and Best Wishes to

JACOB HENRY OMLOR

who was Baptized at Saint Maron Church
on Saturday, July 11th, 2026.

May God bless him to be a great disciple of
Jesus Christ!

Pope's Intention for July

Let us pray for the respect and protection of
human life in all its stages, recognizing it as
a gift from God.

BIBLE STUDY



Every 4th Thursday of the Month at 7 PM

2026 Dates
07/23 • 08/27 • 09/24 • 10/22



SAINT MARON CHURCH
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Eucharistic Adoration

Friday August 7th, 2026



LITURGY
@ 11.00 am



ADORATION
12:00pm to 7:00 pm

Come spend time with Jesus.

GOLF OUTING

MONDAY AUGUST 10TH, 2026

SAINT MARON CHURCH



SCHEDULE



8:30 am Registration



9:30 am Breakfast



10:00 am Shotgun scramble start



4:00 pm Dinner



Dinner-only Option Available



VENUE



PINE KNOB CLUB

5580 WALDON RD,
CLARKSTON, MI 48348



\$200 per Golfer

Payment is Required by July 28th



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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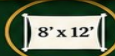


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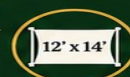
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