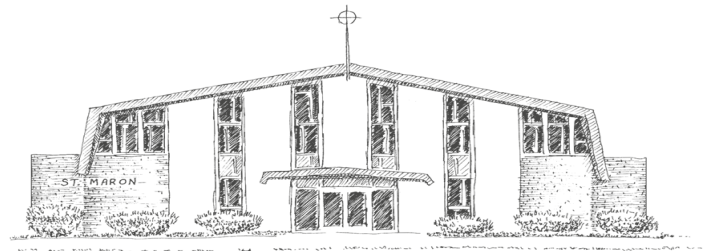


Saint Maron Catholic Church

Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

August 17, 2025

The heat of August; the dog-days of Summer. Many of us start to experience a sort of seasonal fatigue and might even agonize about the weather when the temperature reaches 90+ degrees. Naturally after the mid-way through August, our minds start to look forward to the end of Summer. There is all the commercial buzz about back-to-school, our vegetable gardens are ripe and producing, and even beginning to wilt as the plants show signs of their seasonal end. We start to think about getting in the last vacation, about going on one more trip to the beach, about the remaining projects that we did not finish or desire to begin: thinking about the things we desire to do versus the things we have to do. As we continue through Summer, our



daily routines and our crammed in projects, let us remember and recognize God in the midst of it all.

Tradition tells us that the Virgin Mary was working along when the Angel Gabriel appeared to her to announce the birth of Jesus Christ. The Gospel of Luke does not give us the background, but tradition found in other historical writings tells us that it was during her work and her toil that Mary had her greatest encounter with God. She was out drawing water from a well to bring home for their needs. Drawing water was a common routine, a necessary routine, and a fatiguing routine. The well is in a public spot and there would be many people coming and going, drawing water for themselves or merely passing by. Regardless of what she was doing or where she was, the Virgin Mary was prepared to encounter God. She must have been in prayer, in communication with God, in a spiritual connection with God in order to have received his messenger and the Holy Spirit.

Are we in communication and connection with God while we do our daily routines or our projects? Does it make sense to you to pray outside of church or outside of your bedroom? Can you offer a portion of your attention to praising God with your activity? Can you offer God thanks for the ability to complete your project or to be going on vacation? As the summer winds down, let us ramp up our connection with God and give thanks and praise at any place and at any time.



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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. August 17: Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

(Ezek 18:1,21-28-8; Eph 2:17-22; Lk 19:1-0 Lit. p 425)

- **9:30 am**

Liturgy for Marie Michaels, by Anthony Isaac

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

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

- **11:30 am**

Liturgy for Don Howard, by Dinah Agby

Liturgy for Samira Howard, by Dinah Agby

Liturgy for Thomas Monsour, by Dinah Agby

NEXT WEEK

Sun. August 24: Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

(Ruth 1:15-19a; Eph 3:1-13; Mt 15:21-28 Lit. p 492)

- **9:30 am**

Liturgy for Herbert Gast, Two Year Anniversary, by Eva Gast and Family

Liturgy for all the Donors and Supporters of St. Maron Church

- **11:30 am**

Liturgy for Julia Housey, by Family

Liturgy for Hazel Saul, by Family

Liturgy for all the Donors and Supporters of St. Maron Church

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE VIRTUES

I. The Human Virtues

Temperance is the moral virtue that moderates the attraction of pleasures and provides balance in the use of created goods. It ensures the will's mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable. The temperate person directs the sensitive appetites toward what is good and maintains a healthy discretion: "Do not follow your inclination and strength, walking according to the desires of your heart." Temperance is often praised in the Old Testament: "Do not follow your base desires, but restrain your appetites." In the New Testament it is called "moderation" or "sobriety." We ought "to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world."

To live well is nothing other than to love God with all one's heart, with all one's soul and with all one's efforts; from this it comes about that love is kept whole and uncorrupted (through temperance). No misfortune can disturb it (and this is fortitude). It obeys only (God) (and this is justice), and is careful in discerning things, so as not to be surprised by deceit or trickery (and this is prudence).

The virtues and grace

Human virtues acquired by education, by deliberate acts and by a perseverance ever-renewed in repeated efforts are purified and elevated by divine grace. With God's help, they forge character and give facility in the practice of the good. The virtuous man is happy to practice them.

It is not easy for man, wounded by sin, to maintain moral balance. Christ's gift of salvation offers us the grace necessary to persevere in the pursuit of the virtues. Everyone should always ask for this grace of light and strength, frequent the sacraments, cooperate with the Holy Spirit, and follow his calls to love what is good and shun evil.

II. The Theological Virtues

The human virtues are rooted in the theological virtues, which adapt man's faculties for participation in the divine nature: for the theological virtues relate directly to God. They dispose Christians to live in a relationship with the Holy Trinity. They have the One and Triune God for their origin, motive, and object.

Collection August 10, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,773
Online Donations	\$ 280
Donation by mail	\$ 10
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 62
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 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

Our Congratulations and Best Wishes to

MIA SOUAID

who was Baptized at St. Maron Church
on Saturday, August 9, 2025.

May God bless her to be great disciple of
Jesus Christ!

Our Congratulations and Best Wishes to

JOSEPH SARKIS DOUIAHY

who was Baptized at St. Maron Church
on Sunday, August 10, 2025.

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

I would like to thank all those

who worked hard,

volunteer committee, attended,

sponsored, or put an effort in

making the Golf Outing a successful one.

A special thank you goes to

Mr. Louis Dasaro.

God Bless our parish always!

SAINT MARON CHURCH - DETROIT

SHOW YOUR TALENT

Singing - Playing - Painting - Stand up... etc.

SUNDAY
OCT. 12, 2025
@ 1:30 PM

OPEN TO
ALL PARISHIONERS
CHILDREN | ADULTS

For registration
Mr. Raji ElKassouf 248-763-2972



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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