

Saint Maron Catholic Church

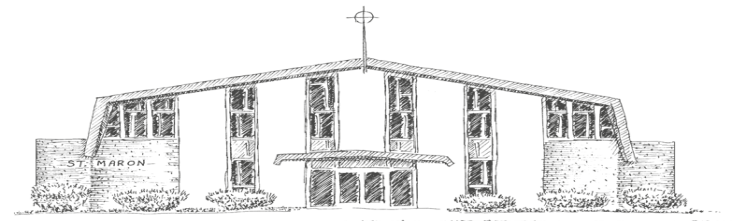
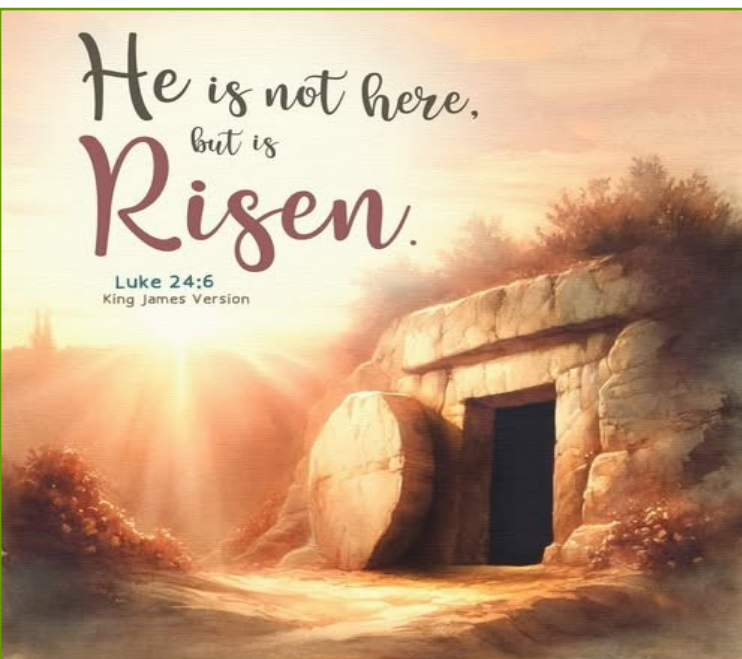
Resurrection Sunday

April 20, 2025

Christ is Risen! This is our faith, and to bear witness to His Resurrection is our mission. The Resurrection is the foundation of our faith; Jesus is the only one who has conquered death and risen to eternal life. Through the Resurrection of Christ, death has been overcome. Death has always been seen as a failure, a reminder of human limitation: "I am not God." But the Resurrection gives us the strength to face death as an entrance into eternal life.

Some of you may say, "Jesus is not the first to rise from the dead." Indeed, last Saturday we celebrated the raising of Lazarus. Someone before Jesus was brought back to life. This is true, but Lazarus eventually died again. He is no longer living. In contrast, Jesus has been alive for two thousand years and will live forever.

In the Resurrection, the biblical truth is fulfilled: *Love is stronger than death*. Jesus experienced, in His Resurrection, the love of the Father, a love that is more powerful than death.



As Gabriel Marcel once said: "*To love someone is to tell him he will not die.*" Yet, man alone could not attain eternity through love. The Resurrection of Christ makes it possible to conquer death through love. The final word does not belong to the world or to death. The final word belongs to the God of life and salvation, the God of life and love.

Without the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, there would be no Christianity. Without the Resurrection, Christianity would have no foundation, for it would be based on a falsehood. That is why, at the beginning of Christianity, the only feast celebrated was Easter, the Resurrection of Christ.

The Resurrection is the pinnacle of revelation and the core of the Christian faith: "*If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain, and your faith is in vain*". The Resurrection of Jesus is the climax of divine revelation and the key to Christian credibility. It affirms that Jesus is the Son of God.

In the New Testament, the Resurrection is attributed to the Father. It validates Jesus' claim and mission. Though Christ was crucified, the Resurrection proves that His message is true, that He is the Messenger of the Father. The Gospel writers assert that Jesus was already the Christ and the Lord, the Son of God, even before the Resurrection, but the Resurrection revealed this truth fully. The crucifixion seemed to signify failure, but the Resurrection reveals His victory. It is the Father's response to humanity's rejection, the ultimate confirmation that Jesus is indeed His Son.

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sat. April 19: The Glorious Resurrection

(Jon 2:1-11; 1 Cor 15:12-26; Mk 16:1-8 Lit. p 315)

- 6:00 pm

Liturgy for all the living and deceased members of Saint Maron Church

Liturgy for peace in the entire world specially Lebanon and Middle East

- 11:00 pm

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Sun. April 20: The Glorious Resurrection

(Jon 2:1-11; 1 Cor 15:12-26; Mk 16:1-8 Lit. p 315)

- 9:30 am **NO LITURGY**
- 11:30 am

Liturgy for all the living and deceased members of Saint Maron Church

Liturgy for peace in the entire world specially Lebanon and Middle East

NEXT WEEK

Sun. April 27: The New Sunday

(Is 52:7-12; 2 Cor 5:11-21; Jn 20:26-31 Lit. p 386)

- 9:30 am

Liturgy for Peter Sparkes, 1 year anniversary, by Family

Liturgy for all the donors and supporters of Saint Maron Church

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for all MYO & MYA Members

Liturgy for Alger P. LaHood, by Family

Liturgy for all the donors and supporters of Saint Maron Church

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

LIFE IN CHRIST

"Christian, recognize your dignity and, now that you share in God's own nature, do not return to your former base condition by sinning. Remember who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Never forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of the Kingdom of God."

The Symbol of the faith confesses the greatness of God's gifts to man in his work of creation, and even more in redemption and sanctification. What faith confesses, the sacraments communicate: by the sacraments of rebirth, Christians have become "children of God," "partakers of the divine nature." Coming to see in the faith their new dignity, Christians are called to lead henceforth a life "worthy of the gospel of Christ." They are made capable of doing so by the grace of Christ and the gifts of his Spirit, which they receive through the sacraments and through prayer.

Christ Jesus always did what was pleasing to the Father, and always lived in perfect communion with him. Likewise Christ's disciples are invited to live in the sight of the Father "who sees in secret," in order to become "perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Incorporated into Christ by Baptism, Christians are "dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus" and so participate in the life of the Risen Lord. Following Christ and united with him, Christians can strive to be "imitators of God as beloved children, and walk in love" by conforming their thoughts, words and actions to the "mind . . . which is yours in Christ Jesus," and by following his example.

"Justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God," "sanctified . . . (and) called to be saints," Christians have become the temple of the Holy Spirit. This "Spirit of the Son" teaches them to pray to the Father and, having become their life, prompts them to act so as to bear "the fruit of the Spirit" by charity in action. Healing the wounds of sin, the Holy Spirit renews us interiorly through a spiritual transformation. He enlightens and strengthens us to live as "children of light" through "all that is good and right and true."

Collection April 13, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,209
Online Donations	\$ 200
Donation by mail	\$ 10
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 0
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 2025, In Loving Memory of **Living and Deceased Members of the Mabarak Family**, by Robert L. Mabarak
- Bread and Wine for the month of April 2025, In Loving Memory of **Deceased members of the Derjani Family**, by Michel & Roberta Kabeity and Family
- Bread and Wine for the month of April 2025, In Loving Memory of **Deceased members of the Kabeity Family**, by Michel & Roberta Kabeity and Family

Our Congratulations and Best Wishes to **JORDYN AND JOSEPH II SAFADI** who were baptized at St. Maron Church on Saturday April 12, 2025. May God bless them to be great disciples of Jesus Christ!

Our deepest condolences goes out to **Walid Korkmaz and his family** on the passing of his mother, Nayla Serafim Korkmaz. May her soul rest in eternal peace!

SUPPORT OUR MYA & MYO
BREAKFAST
SUNDAY
APRIL 27TH

\$10 DONATION

Saint Maron Church

May, Month of Mary

Rosary @ Homes

Every Monday - Wednesday - Friday
@ 7:00 pm

SAINT MARON CHURCH

Join us to celebrate

The Great Moms
in our Parish



Sunday May 11th, 2025

Liturgies @ 9:30am & 11:30am

Life doesn't come with a manual.
It comes with a Mother.

