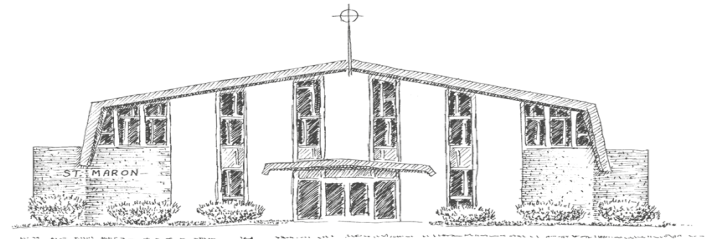
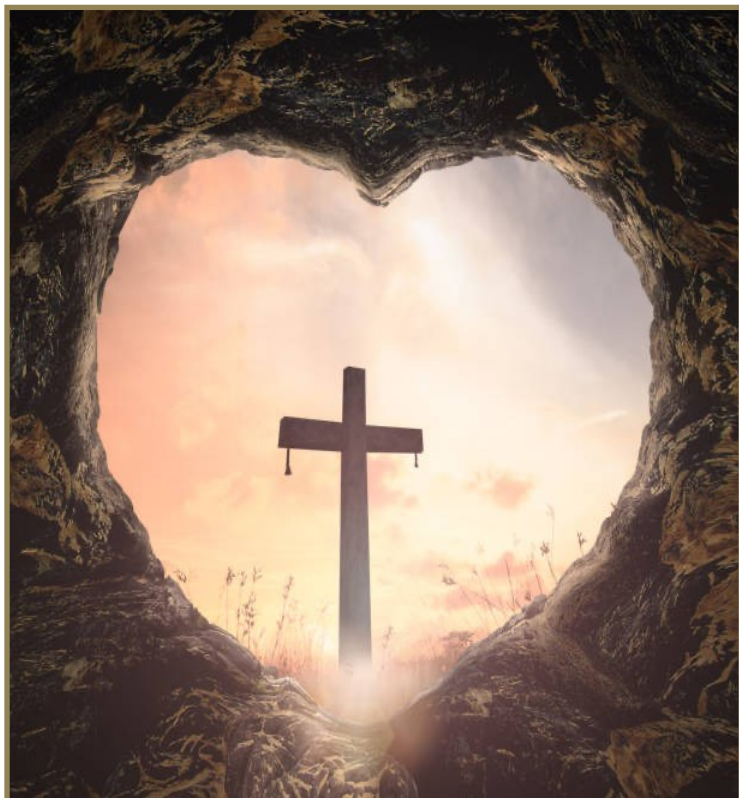


Saint Maron Catholic Church

Second Sunday after the Holy Cross September 28, 2025

“We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.” Lovers look with special affection at places or objects related to their loved one: the place where they first met, the photo of a special moment, the gift that accompanied a declaration of love... All these little reminders hold a special value. The cross is the place where Jesus has come to seek, with the greatest mercy, a humanity that has strayed. There the son of god shows his solidarity with all men and women, especially with those who are suffering or seem to have lost all hope. The cross speaks to us about Christ’s special relationship with each person who opens up their heart to his consolation and forgiveness.



During their wandering through the desert, the people of Israel looked at a bronze serpent hung from a pole to be healed. In turning our eyes to the cross, we are reminded of all that Christ has done for us, beginning with the sacrifice that restored God's life to us.

For some, the cross is silent and seems to announce only pain. But for Christians it is an invitation to be generous, to unite ourselves to Jesus, who wants to grant us the capacity to always live with love and not give in to the consequences of sin. On the cross, our lord restores wounded human nature. Christ on the cross “recreates” mankind, enabling us to receive a new life that is given to us in the sacraments. Carrying the cross is not only a matter of “patiently enduring daily tribulations, but of bearing with faith and responsibility the toil and suffering that the struggle against evil entails. Thus, the endeavor to ‘take up our cross’ becomes a participation with Christ in the salvation of the world.”

“For a Christian, exalting the Cross means entering into communion with the fullness of God’s unconditional love for mankind.” Embracing the Cross is an act of faith by which we seek to live solely from the love that Christ offers us. Hence Saint John Chrysostom reminds us that the Cross closely accompanies the Christian life, and that it is a source of joy: “Let no one, then, be ashamed of the sacred symbol of our salvation, of the sum of all goods, of that to which we owe our life and being.”

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. September 28: 2nd Sunday After the Holy Cross

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

• **9:30 am**

Liturgy for Charlotte Khalil, 6 Year Anniversary, by Christine Khalil and Family

Liturgy for Delores Mabarak, by Liz Abood

Liturgy for priestly and religious vocations in the world

• **11:30 am**

Liturgy for Saeedeh Slim Fares, by Albert & Katia Fares and Family

Liturgy for John and Tony Alibri

Liturgy for priestly and religious vocations in the world

NEXT WEEK

Sun. October 5: 3rd Sunday After the Holy Cross

(Dan 7:9-14; Phil 3:17-4:1; Mt 24:23-31 Lit. p 606)

• **9:30 am**

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

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

Liturgy for all children who have died from abortion

• **11:30 am**

Liturgy for Souad Aouad Sakr, by Jamal & Antoine Geagea and Family

Liturgy for all children who have died from abortion

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

SIN

II. The Definition of Sin

It is precisely in the Passion, when the mercy of Christ is about to vanquish it, that sin most clearly manifests its violence and its many forms: unbelief, murderous hatred, shunning and mockery by the leaders and the people, Pilate's cowardice and the cruelty of the soldiers, Judas' betrayal - so bitter to Jesus, Peter's denial and the disciples' flight. However, at the very hour of darkness, the hour of the prince of this world, The sacrifice of Christ secretly becomes the source from which the forgiveness of our sins will pour forth inexhaustibly.

III. The Different Kinds of Sins

There are a great many kinds of sins. Scripture provides several lists of them. the Letter to the Galatians contrasts the works of the flesh with the fruit of the Spirit: "Now the works of the flesh are plain: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, selfishness, dissension, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God."

Sins can be distinguished according to their objects, as can every human act; or according to the virtues they oppose, by excess or defect; or according to the commandments they violate. They can also be classed according to whether they concern God, neighbor, or oneself; they can be divided into spiritual and carnal sins, or again as sins in thought, word, deed, or omission. the root of sin is in the heart of man, in his free will, according to the teaching of the Lord: "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a man." But in the heart also resides charity, the source of the good and pure works, which sin wounds.

IV. The Gravity of Sin: Mortal and Venial Sin

Sins are rightly evaluated according to their gravity. the distinction between mortal and venial sin, already evident in Scripture, became part of the tradition of the Church. It is corroborated by human experience.

Mortal sin destroys charity in the heart of man by a grave violation of God's law; it turns man away from God, who is his ultimate end and his beatitude, by preferring an inferior good to him. Venial sin allows charity to subsist, even though it offends and wounds it.

Collection September 21, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,350
Online Donations	\$ 110
Donation by mail	\$ 10
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 63
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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 2025, in Loving Memory of **Dr. Daher Rahi**, by Chrissy Kassab and Family
- Bread and Wine for the month of September 2025, in Loving Memory of **Emile Rumia**, by Anthony Isaac
- Bread and Wine for the month of September 2025, for the Health and Recovery of **Abdallah Bassil**, by Tony & Zako Bassil

St. Maron Church - 60th Anniversary



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 2025

- 3:00 PM – Welcome
- 3:30 PM – Maronite History Presentation – Guest Speaker: Fr. Marwan abi Nader
- 4:45 PM – Departure from St. Maron to Saints Peter & Paul
- 5:00 PM – Arrival at Saints Peter & Paul – Detroit
- 5:10 PM – Tour and Prayers
- 6:30 PM – Departure back to St. Maron
- 7:00 PM – Display of Vintage Photos & Movie of 1960s



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 2025

- 11:30 AM – Mass presided by Bishop Elias A. Zaidan
- 12:30 PM – Renewal of Vows for Married Couples
- 1:00 PM – Luncheon in the hall (reservations only/\$30 per person))
- 1:45 PM – Showcase



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