

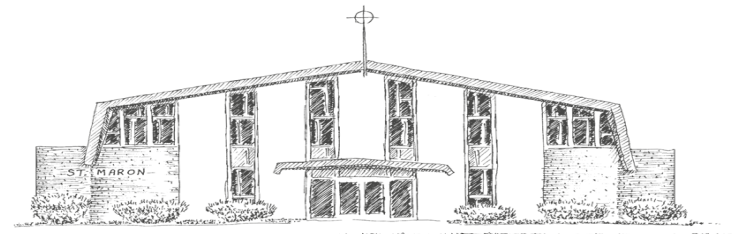
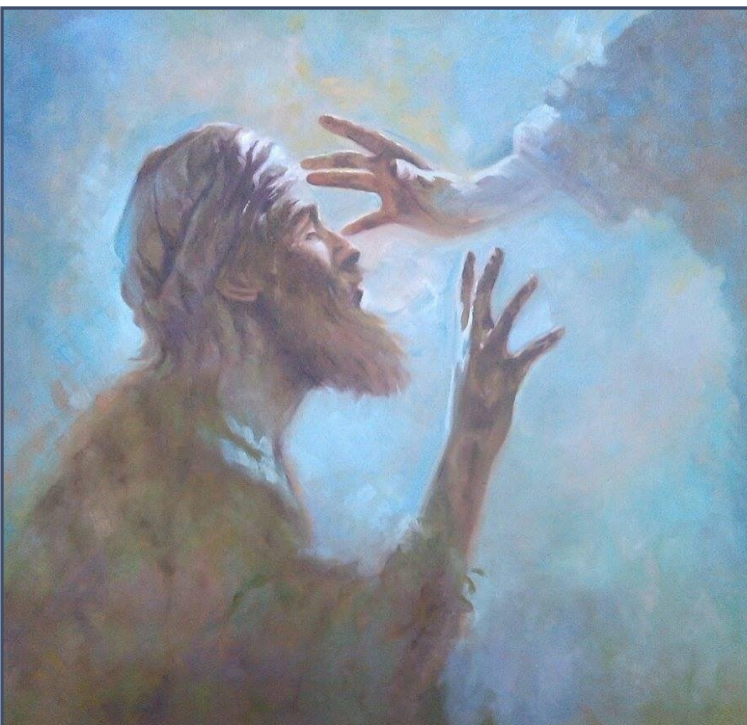
# Saint Maron Catholic Church

## The Healing of the Blind Man

April 06, 2025

The blind man of Jericho heard that Jesus the Nazarene was passing by and began to cry out, “Son of David, Jesus, have mercy on me!” This blind man recognized his poverty and had the courage to cry out, turning his need into a prayer. It is difficult for every human being to admit and recognize that we need the life that only God can give. We must approach God with humility. As human beings, we are often filled with pride, unwilling to admit our need for help in any area of life. We convince ourselves: “I know everything, and I can figure it out on my own.”

Yet, the blind man of Jericho overcame this pride. Though he had nothing, he became the richest man in the world, the man who found God. Notice that at first, he does not ask for anything specific. Instead,



mercy because he recognizes in Jesus a goodness that deserves absolute faith.

The reaction of the crowd to his faith was harsh: “Many rebuked him, telling him to be silent.” This often happens when someone chooses to live their faith seriously, others mock them. When Francis of Assisi chose poverty, people called him a madman. This is the fate of the saints, and it happens every time we make a genuine choice for the Lord.

But Jesus did not ignore the blind man’s cry. “Jesus stopped and said, ‘Call him.’” Then they called the blind man, saying, “Take courage; get up! He is calling you!” Jesus stopped because God does not ignore the cry of the humble. Then Jesus said to him, “Go, your faith has saved you.” Immediately, the blind man regained his sight and followed Jesus along the road. Yet, in truth, he had already begun to “see” before his physical eyes were healed. The miracle was merely a sign—a reward for his faith and a call to awaken the disbelief of others. Whoever believes already possesses true sight.

The same Jesus who walked through Jericho is here among us today. Our physical eyes perceive the world, but our spirit, illuminated by faith, allows us to see the Lord and call upon Him. Like Bartimaeus, let us also cry out: “Lord, let me see! Give me the light of faith!”

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## LITURGY INTENTIONS

### Sun. April 06: The Healing of the Blind

(Is 46:6-18; 2 Cor 10:1-7; Mk 10:46-52 Lit. p 246)

• **9:30 am**

**Liturgy for Joe Shiha**, by Christine Khalil and Family

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

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

• **11:30 am**

**Liturgy for Emil Eid, 40 day mass**, by William Eid and Family

**Liturgy for Dr. Daher Rahi**, by Family

**Liturgy for all sick people in our parish specially Stephanie, Milad, and Tony**

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

## NEXT WEEK

### Sun. April 13: Hosanna Sunday

(Zec 9:1-12; Phil 1:1-13; Jn 12:12-22 Lit. p 284)

• **9:30 am NO LITURGY**

• **11:30 am**

**Liturgy for all the kids in our parish to grow in faith and love to Jesus**

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

**Liturgy for Salim Hayek**, by Dr. Sami Makhoul

**Liturgy for all the donors and supporters of Saint Maron Church**

## CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

#### *Popular piety*

Besides sacramental liturgy and sacramentals, catechesis must take into account the forms of piety and popular devotion among the faithful. The religious sense of the Christian people has always found expression in various forms of piety surrounding the Church's sacramental life, such as the veneration of relics, visits to sanctuaries, pilgrimages, processions, the stations of the cross, religious dances, the rosary, medals, etc.

These expressions of piety extend the liturgical life of the Church, but do not replace it. They "should be so drawn up that they harmonize with the liturgical seasons, accord with the sacred liturgy, are in some way derived from it and lead the people to it, since in fact the liturgy by its very nature is far superior to any of them."

Pastoral discernment is needed to sustain and support popular piety and, if necessary, to purify and correct the religious sense which underlies these devotions so that the faithful may advance in knowledge of the mystery of Christ. Their exercise is subject to the care and judgment of the bishops and to the general norms of the Church.

At its core the piety of the people is a storehouse of values that offers answers of Christian wisdom to the great questions of life. The Catholic wisdom of the people is capable of fashioning a vital synthesis.... It creatively combines the divine and the human, Christ and Mary, spirit and body, communion and institution, person and community, faith and homeland, intelligence and emotion. This wisdom is a Christian humanism that radically affirms the dignity of every person as a child of God, establishes a basic fraternity, teaches people to encounter nature and understand work, provides reasons for joy and humor even in the midst of a very hard life. For the people this wisdom is also a principle of discernment and an evangelical instinct through which they spontaneously sense when the Gospel is served in the Church and when it is emptied of its content and stifled by other interests.

**Collection March 30, 2025**

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,848
Online Donations	\$ 350
Donation by mail	\$ 10
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 56
Candles	\$ 821
You can support the Church by mail or through our website donating online <a href="http://www.saintmarondetroit.org/donate-online">www.saintmarondetroit.org/donate-online</a>	

*Faith is believing what we do not see, and the reward for this kind of faith is to see what we believe. **Saint Augustin***

**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

**MARRIAGE BANNS**  
Second Marriage Banns between  
**Daniel Handilah & Maria Matouk**

**Saint Maron Church**  
**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Monday & Tuesday**

**April 14th & 15th, 2025**

**Stations & Benediction of the Cross**

**Wednesday,**

**April 16th, 2025**

**Rite of the Lamp & Benediction of the Cross**

**Thursday of the Mysteries**

**April 17th, 2025**

**Rite of the Washing of the Feet**

**Great Friday of the Crucifixion**

**April 18th, 2025**

**Rite of Adoration of the Holy Cross**



**All Services @ 7:00 PM**

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# GOOD FRIDAY

Outdoor Stations  
of the Cross

Friday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

@ 6:20pm

Please bring a cross from home to the Stations of the Cross. At the end, all crosses will be blessed.



Join Our MYO for

# EASTER

egg decorating and games!

Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>  
from 11 AM to 1 PM

St. Maron Hall

Ages 12-18!



# Saint Maron Church

## The Glorious Resurrection

Liturgies

Saturday April 19  
@ 6:00 pm

Saturday April 19  
@ 11:00 pm

Sunday April 20  
@ 11:30 am



**Christ is Risen,  
He is Truly Risen!**

