

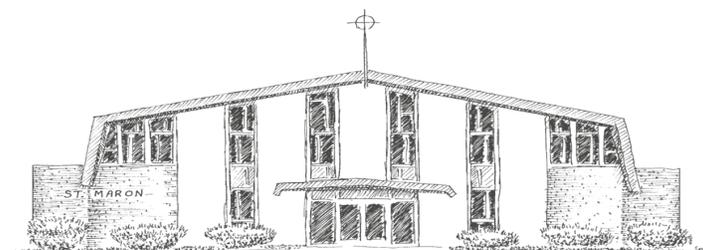
Saint Maron Catholic Church

Healing of the Blind Man

March 22, 2026

“The blind man of Jericho heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth and began to cry out, saying, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’. Bartimaeus, the blind man of Jericho, is one of the most touching figures in the Gospel. He is poor, blind, and sitting by the roadside, dependent on the mercy of others. Yet in his poverty he possesses something many others do not: he knows that he is in need. He recognizes his darkness, and instead of hiding it, he cries out to the Lord. He turns his misery into prayer.

This is already a great lesson for us. It is not easy to admit that we are poor before God. We often prefer to appear strong, self-sufficient, and in control. We hide our wounds, our fears, and even our sins. But the blind man teaches us that the beginning of salvation is honesty before the Lord. Only the one who knows he is in dark-



ness will ask for light. Only the one who knows he is weak will beg for grace.

Bartimaeus does not begin by asking for many things. First, he simply cries out: “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” He entrusts himself completely to the Lord. He believes that Jesus is good, that Jesus cares, and that Jesus can change his life. Even before receiving his sight, Bartimaeus already sees with the eyes of faith.

The crowd, however, reacts badly. “Many rebuked him and told him to be silent”. This is often the way of the world. When someone begins to seek God seriously, others may discourage, mock, or oppose him. The saints experienced this. Saint Francis of Assisi was considered foolish when he embraced poverty for Christ. True faith is often misunderstood by those who do not want to be disturbed.

But Jesus stops. This is one of the most beautiful moments in the Gospel. Jesus stops because God never remains indifferent to the cry of the humble. He says, “Call him.” The same crowd that tried to silence Bartimaeus must now encourage him: “Take courage; rise, he is calling you”.

Then Jesus says, “Go; your faith has saved you.” Bartimaeus receives his sight and begins to follow Jesus on the road. This is the final sign of true healing: not only seeing but following. The same Jesus who passed through Jericho is here among us today. Like Bartimaeus, let us cry out from the depths of our hearts: “Lord, let me see! Give me the light of faith!”

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. Mar 22: Healing of the Blind Man

(Is 42:6-18; 2 Cor 10:1-7 Mk 10:46-52 Lit. p 246)

- **9:30 am**

Liturgy for Jack Shanle, by Marion Shanle & Family

Liturgy for Yevheniya Shanle, by Marion Shanle & Family

Liturgy for all the sick people in our parish

Liturgy for Peace and Stability in the entire World

- **11:30 am**

Liturgy for Jeanette Elkassouf, 2 Year Anniversary, by Raji Elkassouf and Family

Liturgy for Randy Abud, 27 Year Anniversary, by Gary & Paulette Abud

Liturgy for all the sick people in our parish

Liturgy for Peace and Stability in the entire World

NEXT WEEK

Sun. Mar 29: Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday)

(Zech 9:9-17; 2 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 all the sick people in our parish

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

GRACE AND JUSTIFICATION

IV. Christian Holiness

In order to reach this perfection the faithful should use the strength dealt out to them by Christ's gift, so that . . . doing the will of the Father in everything, they may wholeheartedly devote themselves to the glory of God and to the service of their neighbor. Thus the holiness of the People of God will grow in fruitful abundance, as is clearly shown in the history of the Church through the lives of so many saints.

Spiritual progress tends toward ever more intimate union with Christ. This union is called "mystical" because it participates in the mystery of Christ through the sacraments - "the holy mysteries" - and, in him, in the mystery of the Holy Trinity. God calls us all to this intimate union with him, even if the special graces or extraordinary signs of this mystical life are granted only to some for the sake of manifesting the gratuitous gift given to all.

The way of perfection passes by way of the Cross. There is no holiness without renunciation and spiritual battle. Spiritual progress entails the asceticism and mortification that gradually lead to living in the peace and joy of the Beatitudes:

He who climbs never stops going from beginning to beginning, through beginnings that have no end. He never stops desiring what he already knows.

The children of our holy mother the Church rightly hope for the grace of final perseverance and the recompense of God their Father for the good works accomplished with his grace in communion with Jesus. Keeping the same rule of life, believers share the "blessed hope" of those whom the divine mercy gathers into the "holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

THE CHURCH, MOTHER AND TEACHER

It is in the Church, in communion with all the baptized, that the Christian fulfills his vocation. From the Church he receives the Word of God containing the teachings of "the law of Christ." From the Church he receives the grace of the sacraments that sustains him on the "way." From the Church he learns the example of holiness and recognizes its model and source in the all-holy Virgin Mary; he discerns it in the authentic witness of those who live it; he discovers it in the spiritual tradition and long history of the saints who have gone before him and whom the liturgy celebrates in the rhythms of the sanctoral cycle.

Collection March 15, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,837
Online Donations	\$ 200
Donation by Mail	\$ 10
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 110
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 March 2026, in Loving Memory of all **Deceased Members of the Mabarak Family**, by Robert L. Mabarak & Melissa A. Gilmore
- Bread and Wine for the month of March 2026, in Loving Memory of **Reem Safadi**, by George & Janet Safadi
- Bread and Wine for the month of March 2026, in Loving Memory of **Dr. Daher Rahi**, by Chrissy Kassab and Family

Congratulations to Andrew & Brianna El Alam on their new blessing. Welcome baby **Liam** to our parish as our youngest member. God Bless!

"The purpose of Lent is not to force on us a few formal obligations, but to 'soften' our heart..." — *Pope Saint John Paul II*

We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You, because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world

HOLY WEEK

Monday & Tuesday

March 30th & 31st, 2026

Stations & Benediction of the Cross

Wednesday

April 1st, 2026

Rite of the Lamp & Benediction of the Cross

Thursday of the Mysteries

April 2nd, 2026

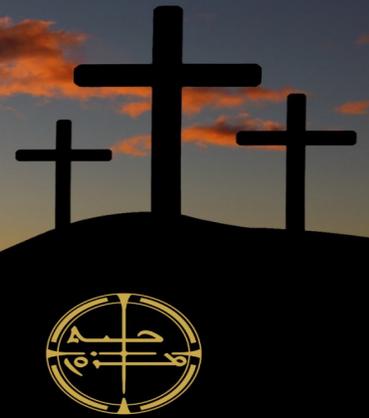
Rite of the Washing of the Feet

Great Friday of the Crucifixion

April 3rd, 2026

Rite of Adoration of the Holy Cross

Saint Maron Church



**All Services
@ 7:00 PM**



Saint Maron Church

The Glorious Resurrection

*«He has Risen, Have Faith in Him,
and He Will Always Be There For You»*



Liturgies

Saturday April 4th
@ 5:00 pm

Saturday April 4th
@ 11:00 pm

Sunday April 5th
@ 11:30 am

**SAINT MARON
CHURCH - DETROIT**

**LET'S
VISIT
FATHER
SOLANUS**

Saturday April 11th
@ 10:30 am

