

Saint Maron Catholic Church

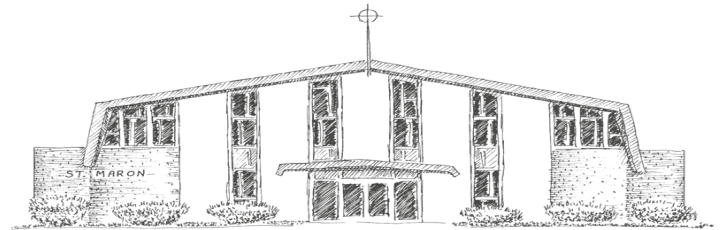
Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

July 12, 2026

In Sunday's Gospel, we see a strong contrast between three ways of looking at Jesus: the way of the Pharisees, the way of the crowd, and the way of God.

The Pharisees gather together and begin to plan how they might destroy Jesus. This comes after Jesus heals the man with the withered hand and exposes the hardness of their hearts. Instead of rejoicing that a suffering person has been restored, they choose anger. Their decision reveals a broken relationship between Jesus and the religious authorities. They choose the logic of violence, a way that rejects mercy and refuses to see the presence of God at work.

The crowds continue to follow Jesus. They bring to him the sick, the wounded, the poor, and the excluded. Some come because they need healing. Others come because they are amazed by his miracles. Some are searching for hope, and perhaps others dream of a leader who will free Isreal from Roman occupation. Their hearts are not



Perfect but they know that Jesus welcomes those whom society forgets. In him, the weak and rejected find a place of compassion.

But above both of these stands the logic of God the Father. It is neither the violence of the Pharisees nor merely the self-interest of the crowd. God reveals the true mission of Jesus through the words of the prophet Isaiah: he is the beloved Servant, gentle and humble. He does not shout in the streets. He does not break the bruised reed or quench the smoldering wick. His power is not shown through noise or force, but through peace, love, silence, and service.

Matthew wants his community to recognize that Jesus fulfills the Old Testament prophecies. Even if he does not look like the Messiah many expected, he is truly the One sent by God. His compassion is not weakness. His silence is not fear. His humility is not failure. It is the way of God, attentive especially to the weakest and most wounded.

After healing the people, Jesus asks them not to make him known. He does this because faith needs time to mature. Before speaking about Jesus, they must first come to know him. True friendship requires knowledge, knowledge requires listening, and listening requires silence. Only when they discover not only the miracle worker, but the suffering, dead, and risen Lord, can they truly proclaim him. Christ is the Servant of God, and every disciple of Christ is also called to serve God's plan of salvation with humility, mercy, and love.



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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. July 12: Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

(Is 42:1-8; 2 Rom 8:1-11 Mt 12:14-21 Lit. p 492)

- 9:30 am

Liturgy for Marie Michaels, 1 Year Anniversary,
by Family

Liturgy for Mitchell Warminski, 100th Birthday
Remembrance, by Family

Liturgy for all the living and deceased members
of the Order of Saint Sharbel

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for Edmund T. Ahee, 27th Anniversary, by
Family

Liturgy for Dr. Daher Rahi, Birthday
Remembrance, by Family

Liturgy for all the sponsors and supporters of
Saint Maron Church

NEXT WEEK

Sun. July 19: Feast Day of St. Sharbel

(Is 42:1-9; Rom 8:28-39; Mt 13:36-43 Lit. p 718)

- 9:30 am

Liturgy for all the living and deceased members of
the Order of Saint Sharbel

Liturgy for all sick people in our Parish

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for Rev, Joseph & Ann Hokayem, by
Antoinette Attalla & Family

Liturgy for Charles Attalla, by Antoinette Attalla &
Family

Liturgy for Thelma & Said Attalla, by Antoinette
Attalla & Family

Liturgy for Deceased Members of the Attalla,
Hokayem & Johns Families, by Antoinette Attalla &
Family

Liturgy for Wilfred & Martha Ganem, 68 Year
Wedding Anniversary Remembrance, by Family

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

I. "Him Only Shall You Serve"

Sacrifice

It is right to offer sacrifice to God as a sign of adoration and gratitude, supplication and communion: "Every action done so as to cling to God in communion of holiness, and thus achieve blessedness, is a true sacrifice."

Outward sacrifice, to be genuine, must be the expression of spiritual sacrifice: "The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit...." The prophets of the Old Covenant often denounced sacrifices that were not from the heart or not coupled with love of neighbor. Jesus recalls the words of the prophet Hosea: "I desire mercy, and not sacrifice." The only perfect sacrifice is the one that Christ offered on the cross as a total offering to the Father's love and for our salvation. By uniting ourselves with his sacrifice we can make our lives a sacrifice to God

Promises and vows

In many circumstances, the Christian is called to make promises to God. Baptism and Confirmation, Matrimony and Holy Orders always entail promises. Out of personal devotion, the Christian may also promise to God this action, that prayer, this almsgiving, that pilgrimage, and so forth. Fidelity to promises made to God is a sign of the respect owed to the divine majesty and of love for a faithful God.

"A vow is a deliberate and free promise made to God concerning a possible and better good which must be fulfilled by reason of the virtue of religion," A vow is an act of devotion in which the Christian dedicates himself to God or promises him some good work. By fulfilling his vows he renders to God what has been promised and consecrated to Him. the Acts of the Apostles shows us St. Paul concerned to fulfill the vows he had made.

Collection July 5, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,925
Online Donations	\$ 225
Votive Candle	\$ 467
Donation by Mail	\$ 10
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 36
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 July 2026, in Loving Memory of all the **Living and Deceased Members of the Mabarak Family**, by Robert L. Mabarak and Melissa A. Gilmore
- Bread and Wine for the month of July 2026, in Loving Memory of **John Tabet and His Parents**, by Nuha Tabet & Family
- Bread and Wine for the month of July 2026, in Loving Memory of **Dr. Daher Rahi**, by Chrissy Kassab and Family



GOLF OUTING

MONDAY AUGUST 10TH, 2026

SAINT MARON CHURCH

🕒 SCHEDULE

- 📅 8:30 am Registration
- ☕ 9:30 am Breakfast
- 🏌️ 10:00 am Shotgun scramble start
- 🍴 4:00 pm Dinner
- 🍽️ Dinner-only Option Available

📍 VENUE



PINE KNOB CLUB

5580 WALDON RD,
CLARKSTON, MI 48348



\$200 per Golfer

Payment is Required by July 28th

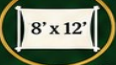
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SPONSORSHIP



HOLE SPONSOR:
\$200



8X12FT. BANNER:
\$500



12X14FT. BANNER:
\$1,000

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BIBLE STUDY



Every 4th Thursday of the Month at 7 PM

2026 Dates

07/23 • 08/27 • 09/24 • 10/22



SAINT MARON CHURCH
DETROIT

SAINT MARON CHURCH

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday August 7th, 2026



LITURGY
@ 11.00 am



ADORATION
12:00pm to 7:00 pm

Come spend time with Jesus.