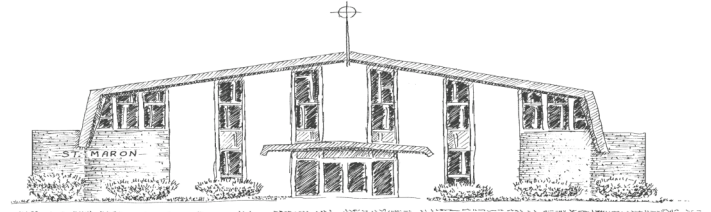


Saint Maron Catholic Church

Healing of the Paralytic/ St Joseph March 19, 2023

St. Joseph was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood. It is precisely in this way that, as the Church's Liturgy teaches, he "cooperated in the fullness of time in the great mystery of salvation" and is truly a "minister of salvation." His fatherhood is expressed concretely "in his having made his life a service, a sacrifice to the mystery of the Incarnation and to the redemptive mission connected with it; in having used the legal authority which was his over the Holy Family in order to make a total gift of self, of his life and work; in having turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of self, an oblation of his heart and all his abilities into love placed at the service of the Messiah growing up in his house."



In recalling that "the beginnings of our redemption" were entrusted "to the faithful care of Joseph," The Liturgy specifies that "God placed him at the head of his family, as a faithful and prudent servant, so that with fatherly care he might watch over his only begotten Son." Leo XIII emphasized the sublime nature of this mission: "He among all stands out in his august dignity, since by divine disposition he was guardian, and according to human opinion, father of God's Son. Whence it followed that the Word of God was subjected to Joseph, he obeyed him and rendered to him that honor and reverence that children owe to their father."

Since it is inconceivable that such a sublime task would not be matched by the necessary qualities to adequately fulfill it, we must recognize that Joseph showed Jesus "by a special gift from heaven, all the natural love, all the affectionate solicitude that a father's heart can know."

Besides fatherly authority over Jesus, God also gave Joseph a share in the corresponding love, the love that has its origin in the Father "from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named".

Joseph is the one whom God chose to be the "overseer of the Lord's birth," the one who has the responsibility to look after the Son of God's "ordained" entry into the world, in accordance with divine dispositions and human laws. All of the so-called "private" or "hidden" life of Jesus is entrusted to Joseph's guardians



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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. March 19: Healing of the Paralytic - St Joseph

(Readings: 1 Tm 5:24-6:5; Mk 2:1-12 Lit. p 237)

- 9:30 am

Liturgy for Jack Shanle and Joseph Keys

Liturgy for Charlie & Virginia Heady and their son
Chuck, by Family

Liturgy for all people who died without confession
and receiving the last sacrament

Liturgy for the Intentions and Donors of Catholic
Extension Society

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for all MYA & MYO group Members

Liturgy for Marie Cherfan, 2 years anniversary, by
Family

Liturgy for Dr. Daher Rahi, by Ed & Therese
O'Brian

NEXT WEEK

Sun. March 26: Healing of the Blind Man

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

- 9:30 am

Liturgy for Mary Thomas

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

Liturgy for the Intentions and Donors of Catholic
Extension Society

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for Moufid Eid

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

Liturgy for the Couples in the world struggling with
their commitment and for all the newly married
couples.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE PASCHAL MYSTERY IN THE CHURCH'S SACRAMENTS

V. The Sacraments of Eternal Life

The Church celebrates the mystery of her Lord "until he comes," when God will be "everything to everyone." Since the apostolic age the liturgy has been drawn toward its goal by the Spirit's groaning in the Church: Marana tha! The liturgy thus shares in Jesus' desire: "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you . . . until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." In the sacraments of Christ the Church already receives the guarantee of her inheritance and even now shares in everlasting life, while "awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Christ Jesus." The "Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come . . . Come, Lord Jesus!'"

St. Thomas sums up the various aspects of sacramental signs: "Therefore a sacrament is a sign that commemorates what precedes it - Christ's Passion; demonstrates what is accomplished in us through Christ's Passion - grace; and prefigures what that Passion pledges to us - future glory."

VI. Who Celebrates?

Liturgy is an "action" of the whole Christ (Christus totus). Those who even now celebrate it without signs are already in the heavenly liturgy, where celebration is wholly communion and feast

The book of Revelation of St. John, read in the Church's liturgy, first reveals to us, "A throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne": "the Lord God." It then shows the Lamb, "standing, as though it had been slain": Christ crucified and risen, the one high priest of the true sanctuary, the same one "who offers and is offered, who gives and is given." Finally it presents "the river of the water of life . . . flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb," one of most beautiful symbols of the Holy Spirit.

"Recapitulated in Christ," these are the ones who take part in the service of the praise of God and the fulfillment of his plan: the heavenly powers, all creation (the four living beings), the servants of the Old and New Covenants (the twenty-four elders), the new People of God (the one hundred and forty-four thousand), especially the martyrs "slain for the word of God," and the all-holy Mother of God (the Woman), the Bride of the Lamb, and finally "a great multitude which no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes, and peoples and tongues."

Collection March 12, 2023

Collection	\$ 2,755
Second Collection	\$ 571
Online Donations	\$ 140
Donation by mail	\$ 210
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 39
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 2023, in loving memory of **Beshara Mabarak and deceased family members**, by Robert Mabarak
- Bread and Wine for the month of March 2023, in loving memory of **Daher B. Rahi**, by Family
- Bread and Wine for the month of March 2023, in loving memory of **Paul Saigh and deceased members of the Saigh Family**, by Anonymous

"Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation."

MARRIAGE BANNS

**First Marriage Banns between
George Basil & Courtney Withun**



The poster features a green background with palm fronds. At the top, a dark green banner contains the text "SAINT MARON CHURCH" in gold, stylized font. Below this is a large, dark green cross. To the right of the cross, the text "Sunday April 2nd, After 11:30 Liturgy" is written in white. In the center, the words "Palm Sunday" are written in a large, elegant, dark green script, with "Luncheon" in a bold, gold, sans-serif font below it. At the bottom, a dark green banner contains the text "\$20 for Adults", "\$10 for Kids under 12", and "RSVP by March 26" in white. A small circular logo with Arabic calligraphy is visible on the left side.

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SAINT MARON CHURCH

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday

April 2nd, 2023

Liturgy @ 11:30 AM

Monday & Tuesday

April 3rd & 4th 2023

Stations & Benediction of the Cross

Wednesday

April 5th, 2023

Rite of the Lamp

Thursday of the Mysteries

April 6th, 2023

Rite of the Washing of the Feet

Great Friday of the Crucifixion

April 7th, 2023

Rite of Adoration of the Holy Cross



All Services @ 7:00 PM

SAINT MARON CHURCH



THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

Liturgies

Saturday April 08th
@ 6:00 pm

Saturday April 08th
@ 11:00 pm

Sunday April 09th
@ 11:30 am

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

