

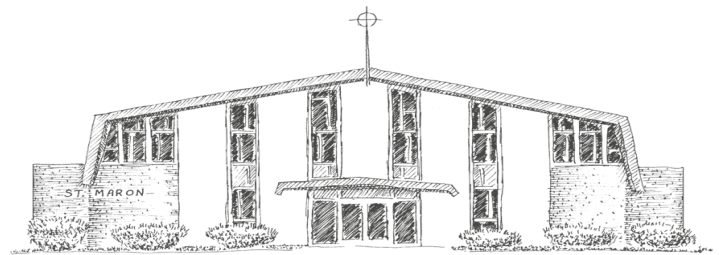
Saint Maron Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of the Resurrection

April 26, 2026

After the “scandal” of the Cross, the disciples returned to their land and to their work as fishermen, to the life they had known before meeting Jesus. They went back to their former routine, and this reveals the atmosphere of confusion, discouragement, and dispersion that had settled over their community. It was not easy for them to understand all that had happened. Their hopes had been shaken, their hearts wounded, and their faith tested.

Peter, especially, carried a deep pain within him. His path seemed marked by failure. Having denied Jesus before a servant girl had filled him with shame and sorrow. Perhaps, deep in his heart, he felt unworthy to be called a disciple any longer. So, he returned to fishing, taking up again the nets he had left three years earlier when he began that bold adventure with the Lord. The usual companions followed him, staying near him to encourage and support him. Yet, as often happens in life, disappointment was added to sorrow throughout the whole night they caught nothing, and the mood of all of them became dark and heavy.



And yet, just when everything seemed over, Jesus came once more to meet his friends. As on the road to Emmaus, it is again the Risen Lord who takes the initiative. This time he meets them at the sea, a place that recalls the struggles, uncertainties, and storms of life. He comes to them in the early morning, after a night of useless labor and exhausting effort.

In the Bible, dawn often marks the hour of God’s intervention. It is at daybreak that Mary Magdalene and the other women encounter the risen Lord near the tomb. In the same way, in this Gospel passage, the long night has passed, and to these disciples, tired and disappointed because they had caught nothing, Jesus says: “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” Humanly speaking, it makes little sense. Usually, fish are caught during the night, not in the morning, when the water has become clear. But the disciples trust the word of Jesus, and the result is an abundant and miraculous catch, so great that they are no longer able to haul in the net.

This scene speaks powerfully to our lives. At the end of every unsuccessful night, every disappointment, every season of fatigue and emptiness, the Lord is waiting for us. With patience and tenderness, he invites us, as he invited Peter, to begin again. He asks us to cast our net once more, even on the weak side of our lives. We too can become tired and discouraged when our efforts seem fruitless. But the Gospel reminds us that Jesus is never far away. He stands on the shore of our lives, close to us even when we fail to recognize him. The important thing is to listen to his voice, trust his word, and do what he asks of us.

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. April 26: Fourth Sunday of the Resurrection

(Gen 1:20-23; Heb 13:18-25; Jn 21:1-14 Lit. p 315)

• 9:30 am

Liturgy for Sam Hakim, by Mary Michaels

Liturgy for Alger P. LaHood, by Family

Liturgy for Paul & Isabel Saigh

Liturgy for all the people suffering from hunger and poverty in the entire world

• 11:30 am

Liturgy for Joseph Jreiche, by Nada & Charbel Ghantous and Family

Liturgy for all Deceased Members of the Geagea Family, by Antoine Geagea & Family

Liturgy for Philippe Gharios, 52nd Anniversary, by The Gharios Family

NEXT WEEK

Sun. May 3: Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection

(Ezek 34:11-25; Eph 2:1-10; Jn 21:15-19 Lit. p 315)

• 9:30 am

Liturgy for Jack Jacobs, by Mary Michaels

Liturgy for Margaret Helou, by Cesar & Diane Helou

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

• 11:30 am

Liturgy for all the Deceased Members of the Hellow Family, by Theresa & Ed O'Brien

Liturgy for Silvio Marchese, by Kathy & Gary Housey

Liturgy for all our volunteers who keep helping and supporting our events

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Jesus acknowledged the Ten Commandments, but he also showed the power of the Spirit at work in their letter. He preached a "righteousness [which] exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees" as well as that of the Gentiles. He unfolded all the demands of the Commandments. "You have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not kill.' . . . But I say to you that every one who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment."

When someone asks him, "Which commandment in the Law is the greatest?" Jesus replies: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. and a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the prophets." The Decalogue must be interpreted in light of this twofold yet single commandment of love, the fullness of the Law: the commandments: "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this sentence: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

The Decalogue in Sacred Scripture

The word "Decalogue" means literally "ten words." God revealed these "ten words" to his people on the holy mountain. They were written "with the finger of God," unlike the other commandments written by Moses. They are pre-eminently the words of God. They are handed on to us in the books of Exodus and Deuteronomy. Beginning with the Old Testament, the sacred books refer to the "ten words," but it is in the New Covenant in Jesus Christ that their full meaning will be revealed.

The Decalogue must first be understood in the context of the Exodus, God's great liberating event at the center of the Old Covenant. Whether formulated as negative commandments, prohibitions, or as positive precepts such as: "Honor your father and mother," the "ten words" point out the conditions of a life freed from the slavery of sin.

Collection April 19, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,011
Online Donations	\$ 235
Donation by Mail	\$ 10
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 76

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 April 2026, in Loving Memory of all **Living & Deceased Members of the Mabarak Family**, by Robert L. Mabarak & Melissa A. Gilmore
- Bread and Wine for the month of April 2026, in Loving Memory of all **The Choir Families**, by Nuha Tabet
- Bread and Wine for the month of April 2026, in Loving Memory of **Dr. Daher Rahi**, by Chrissy Kassab and Family

ST. MARON CHURCH RAFFLE



FIRST PRIZE

2.50 carat Diamond Cross pendant set in 18K white gold. Total Value: \$8,300
Donated by Edmund J. Ahee Jewelers



SECOND PRIZE

7 Night stay @ Marriott Grande Vista Orlando
3 Bedroom Villa sleeps up to 8 people. Total Value: \$4,500
Donated by Dr. & Mrs. Georges Ghafari



THIRD PRIZE

\$1,000 Cash



1 Ticket for \$20

Do not need to be present to win

Drawing to be held May 10th 2026 @ 2:00pm

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SAINT MARON CHURCH

Eucharistic Adoration

*"Nowhere on earth are we more welcomed
or loved than by Jesus in Eucharist."*

LITURGY
11:00 am

ADORATION
12:00 - 7:00 pm

Friday May 1st, 2026

Every First Friday of the month



St Maron MYO & MYA



Breakfast with us

*Sunday May 3rd
after both Liturgies*



\$10 per person