

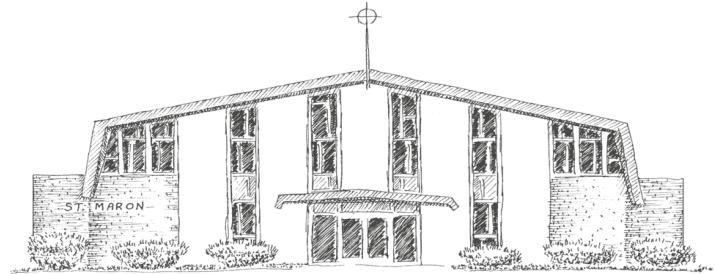
Saint Maron Catholic Church

Miracle at Cana in Galilee

February 15, 2026

There is a great wedding feast in a house in Cana of Galilee. The doors are wide open, as was customary. The courtyard is full of people, and the guests never seem to be enough for the young couple's desire to share their joy. It is a night of glowing torches, songs, dancing, laughter, and celebration. Everyone is welcome, even the colorful group of disciples and followers who had been traveling with Jesus from the lakeside villages.

The Gospel of Cana presents Jesus fully immersed in human life: singing, laughing, eating, drinking, and rejoicing with the people. He is not found in the desert, nor on Mount Sinai, nor on Mount Zion, but at a wedding table. God reveals Himself in the midst of joy, not in isolation or false austerity. The Good News is that God allies Himself with human happiness, with the simple and vital pleasure of living and loving. Cana is God's declaration of faith in human love. God believes in love, blesses it, and sustains it. Mary also takes part in the celebration. She speaks, laughs, eats, and shares in the joy, yet she remains attentive and observant. With a



mother's discreet care, she notices what others do not: the wine has run out. It is not bread that is missing, not what is necessary for survival, but the wine, a symbol of joy, abundance, and quality of life. In Scripture, wine represents gladness and blessing. Without wine, the celebration fades; without joy, life becomes heavy and empty.

In ancient Israel, wedding feasts lasted eight or nine days and running out of wine would have been a great embarrassment. Mary sees this hidden need and brings it quietly to Jesus. Her compassion opens the door for the first sign, transforming ordinary water into extraordinary wine, a sign that when human joy is exhausted, God's grace overflows.

The images of marriage and feast run throughout the Bible to express God's covenant with His people and His deep love for humanity. During the Season of Great Lent 2026, we journey from the wedding feast of Cana to the wedding feast of the Cross. At Calvary, Christ offers His blood as the new wine of the covenant. The Cross becomes the wedding of Christ with His Bride, the Church, and with all humanity. What seems to be defeat becomes the greatest act of love.

In a world burdened by anxiety, uncertainty, conflict, economic pressure, and spiritual fatigue, Lent invites us to rediscover the true source of joy. Christ is the new wine for our lives. He is both the Bridegroom and the Gift. In Him, sorrow is transformed into hope, weakness into strength, and emptiness into fullness. Jesus is the reason for our joy, yesterday, today, and in the challenges of 2026.



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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. Feb 15: Miracle at Cana in Galilee

(Is 55:1-13; Rom 14:14-23 Jn 2:1-11 Lit. p 176)

- 9:30 am

Liturgy for all couples struggling in their marriage and for all the newly married couples

Liturgy for all sick people in our parish

Liturgy for all our parishioners to prepare their heart for the Journey of Lent

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for Mariam Said Moghrabi, by Haniyeh Haddad

Liturgy for Elias & Sultana Safadi, by Family

Liturgy for all couples struggling in their marriage and for all the newly married couples

Liturgy for all our parishioners to prepare their heart for the Journey of Lent

NEXT WEEK

Sun. Feb 22: Healing of the Leper

(2 Kings 5:1-14; Rom 6:12-23 Mk 1:35-45 Lit. p 196)

- 9:30 am

Liturgy for Marie Tannous Mensour, by Christine Khalil

Liturgy for Joey Andary, 8 year anniversary, by Family

Liturgy for Mike Michael and Cathy Marr

Liturgy for all sick people in our parish

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for Ray Mabarak, by Family

Liturgy for Dr. Samir Haddad, by The Jabbour Family

Liturgy for all our parishioners intentions

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH GRACE AND JUSTIFICATION

I. Justification

Justification has been merited for us by the Passion of Christ who offered himself on the cross as a living victim, holy and pleasing to God, and whose blood has become the instrument of atonement for the sins of all men. Justification is conferred in Baptism, the sacrament of faith. It conforms us to the righteousness of God, who makes us inwardly just by the power of his mercy. Its purpose is the glory of God and of Christ, and the gift of eternal life:

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from law, although the law and the prophets bear witness to it, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, they are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as an expiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies him who has faith in Jesus.

Justification establishes cooperation between God's grace and man's freedom. On man's part it is expressed by the assent of faith to the Word of God, which invites him to conversion, and in the cooperation of charity with the prompting of the Holy Spirit who precedes and preserves his assent:

When God touches man's heart through the illumination of the Holy Spirit, man himself is not inactive while receiving that inspiration, since he could reject it; and yet, without God's grace, he cannot by his own free will move himself toward justice in God's sight.

Justification is the most excellent work of God's love made manifest in Christ Jesus and granted by the Holy Spirit. It is the opinion of St. Augustine that "the justification of the wicked is a greater work than the creation of heaven and earth," because "heaven and earth will pass away but the salvation and justification of the elect . . . will not pass away." He holds also that the justification of sinners surpasses the creation of the angels in justice, in that it bears witness to a greater mercy.

Collection February 8, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,085
Online Donations	\$ 280
Donation by Mail	\$ 10
Feast Day Collection	\$ 2,515
<p>You can support the Church by mail or through our website donating online www.saintmarondetroit.org/donate-online</p>	

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 February 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 February 2026, in Loving Memory of **Anthony & Delores Neam**, by Gerry & Judy Folk
- Bread and Wine for the month of February 2026, in Loving Memory of **Dr. Dahir Rahi**, by Chrissy Kassab and Family

MARRIAGE BANNS

Third Marriage Banns between
Alexander Agbay & Rosanna Khattar

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Third Marriage Banns between
Nicholas Dimkovski & Laura Gharios

We extend our deepest condolences to Christine Khalil on the passing of her beloved sister **Marie Tannous Mensour**. May her soul rest in eternal peace.



St. Maron MYO & MYA

LENT
SPIRITUAL RETREAT



Saint Maron Church

STATIONS & BENEDICTION OF THE CROSS



EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT @ 7:00 PM

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Thank You!



Thank you to all our parishioners and friends who supported the St. Maron Feast Day celebration with their time, talent, and treasure. We are truly blessed to have you. May God bless you abundantly and reward your generosity.

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*Lent is a time for Christians to seek renewal of
their faith and relationship with God.*



Lenten RETREAT

Jesus



Fr. Daniele Criscione

Saturday, March 14th from 11am to 4pm



RSVP by March 07, to 313-824-0196