

# Saint Maron Catholic Church

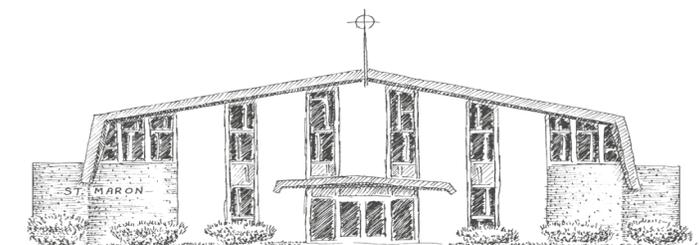
## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany

### January 11, 2026

“Lord, I come to do your will.” The refrain of the Psalm seems to anticipate the journey of Jesus toward John the Baptist (Jn 1:29) and toward a humanity in need of love and redemption. John recognizes in the man of Nazareth the Lamb of God (v. 29), the Servant in whom God will manifest His glory (Is 49:3). Both the image of the Servant and that of the Lamb point to the total availability of the Son to fulfill the will of the Father: to reveal to all that God stands on the side of His creatures, ready to save everyone and, above all, not to condemn anyone.

Because of the availability of the Lamb, John is able to grasp the marvelous plan of God’s love: to involve every person in the reality of the nearness of the Kingdom and in the transformation of history in the time of the Son.

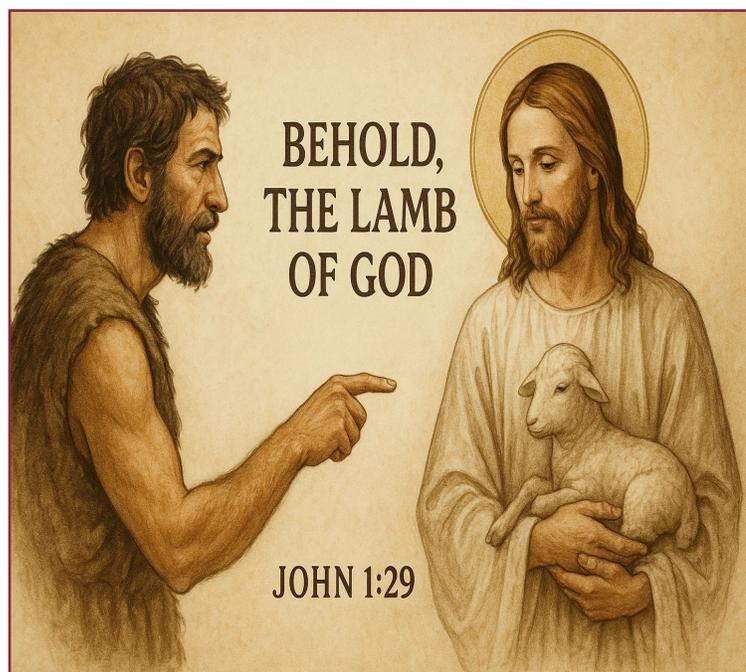
“Here is the Son of God” (Jn 1:34). Christian life is characterized by the fact that it is not an ideology, but an encounter with a Person, a personal God. It is an



“I” encountered by a “You” who turns toward humanity each day, inviting a response and a dialogue. From this dialogue-encounter faith is born, a gift offered to everyone. We can therefore say that Jesus continues to walk toward us, just as He did toward the Baptist: He is a Person who approaches us, whom we recognize by His love and His willingness to save us, because He warms our frozen hearts, hardened by hypocrisy, by criticism, and by the prejudices of those who consider themselves righteous.

Our encounter with Christ always takes place in a concrete setting, through visible signs that reveal the presence of God. This place is the Church, made up of people, Christians gathered in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These signs are expressed through gestures and elements such as water, oil, bread, and wine, which reach humanity through the action of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who, acting in the Church, makes the encounter with Christ present in the daily life of each person.

Yet this encounter must not remain confined to the altar. The peace and joy we receive must be transformed into concrete acts of love toward our neighbors, especially those in need. In other words, we are called to be witnesses of Jesus, of the Truth made flesh. Through our sincere witness, asking nothing in return, we will come to recognize the face of Christ in the many faces we encounter along our journey.



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## LITURGY INTENTIONS

### Sun. Jan. 11: First Sunday After the Epiphany

(Is 40:6-11; 2 Cor 10:1-11; Jn 1:29-34 Lit. p 107 )

• **9:30 am**

**Liturgy for Harry K. Nofar**, by Daniel Michael

**Liturgy for Sam Hakim**, by John & GERALYNN Okonowski

**Liturgy for Theresa Joseph Abood, 9 Year Anniversary**, by John and Richard Abood and Family

• **11:30 am**

**Liturgy for Jalileh Bassil Al Nashef, 40 Day Mass**, by Family

**Liturgy for Hanna Shemmai, 17 Year Anniversary**, by Simon & Madice Shemmai and Family

**Liturgy for all sick people in our Parish**

## NEXT WEEK

### Sun. Jan. 18: Second Sunday After the Epiphany

(Jer 1:4-10; 2 Cor 4:5-15; Jn 1:35-42 Lit. p 107 )

• **9:30 am**

**Liturgy for Sam Hakim**, by Antoinette & Louis Dasaro

**Liturgy for Deceased Members of Heady & Schrader Families**, by Bob & Debbie Schrader

**Liturgy for the Unity of the Christians throughout the World**

• **11:30 am**

**Liturgy for Peter Kassis, 1 Year Anniversary**, by Georges & Jamie Kassis and Family

**Liturgy for Michael & Loucine Kassis**, by Georges & Jamie Kassis and Family

**Liturgy for all Christians in the World, especially those Persecuted for their Faith**

## CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

### *GOD'S SALVATION: LAW AND GRACE*

#### *THE MORAL LAW*

##### *I. The Natural Moral Law*

The natural law is immutable and permanent throughout the variations of history; it subsists under the flux of ideas and customs and supports their progress. The rules that express it remain substantially valid. Even when it is rejected in its very principles, it cannot be destroyed or removed from the heart of man. It always rises again in the life of individuals and societies:

Theft is surely punished by your law, O Lord, and by the law that is written in the human heart, the law that iniquity itself does not efface.

The natural law, the Creator's very good work, provides the solid foundation on which man can build the structure of moral rules to guide his choices. It also provides the indispensable moral foundation for building the human community. Finally, it provides the necessary basis for the civil law with which it is connected, whether by a reflection that draws conclusions from its principles, or by additions of a positive and juridical nature.

The precepts of natural law are not perceived by everyone clearly and immediately. In the present situation sinful man needs grace and revelation so moral and religious truths may be known "by everyone with facility, with firm certainty and with no admixture of error." The natural law provides revealed law and grace with a foundation prepared by God and in accordance with the work of the Spirit.

##### *II. The Old Law*

God, our Creator and Redeemer, chose Israel for himself to be his people and revealed his Law to them, thus preparing for the coming of Christ. The Law of Moses expresses many truths naturally accessible to reason. These are stated and authenticated within the covenant of salvation.

The Old Law is the first stage of revealed Law. Its moral prescriptions are summed up in the Ten Commandments. The precepts of the Decalogue lay the foundations for the vocation of man fashioned in the image of God; they prohibit what is contrary to the love of God and neighbor and prescribe what is essential to it. The Decalogue is a light offered to the conscience of every man to make God's call and ways known to him and to protect him against evil:

God wrote on the tables of the Law what men did not read in their hearts.

**Collection January 4, 2026**

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,708
Online Donations	\$ 150
Donation by mail	\$ 510
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 48
Votive Candles	\$ 697
You can support the Church by mail or through our website donating online <a href="http://www.saintmarondetroit.org/donate-online">www.saintmarondetroit.org/donate-online</a>	

**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 January 2026, in Loving Memory of all Deceased Members of the Morris & Elizabeth Elias Family, by Daughter Christine Elias-Senska
- Bread and Wine for the month of January 2026, in Loving Memory of Jalileh Bassil Al Nashef, by Tony & Zako Bassil
- Bread and Wine for the month of January 2026, in Loving Memory of all Deceased Members of the Tabet Family, by Nuha Tabet and Family

I will be attending the Annual Clergy Retreat in Phoenix AZ, on Jan. 12 to 16 (Mon-Fri). For any emergency, you can send a text message to my cell phone. Fr. Roby!

**SAINT MARON CHURCH**

*Tarnib, Likha & Tawleh tournament*

**FAMILY NIGHT**

**FRIDAY  
JANUARY 23**

**Starting @ 6:30 pm**



# 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 February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Every First Friday of the month



# ST MARON FEAST DAY

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 07, 2026**

11466 KERCHEVAL STREET,  
DETROIT MI 48214

6:00PM LITURGY  
7:30PM HORS D'OEUVRES  
8:30PM DINNER  
9:30PM PARTY

**SINGER DORIS FARHAT**

**RSVP BY JANUARY 25TH**

For more information  
Call 313-824-0196

**DJ ABE**

