

Saint Maron Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday After the Holy Cross

Sunday October 11th, 2026

Every human being has a responsibility, whether in the family, the Church, or society. In Sunday's Gospel, the servant is asked to be faithful to three things: God, the people entrusted to him, and the duty he has received. Wisdom is recognizing that I have a responsibility, and that one day the Lord will ask me not only what I did, but also what I failed to do. Sometimes we say, "I am not doing anything bad," but the question is: am I doing anything good? So how can we be God's servants? I believe the Gospel gives us two very practical ways.

First, treat every person with dignity. This week, make a real effort to notice the people you usually ignore. Greet someone you do not normally speak to. Avoid judging people by their money, education, nationality, age, or appearance. At home, give the same respect to the person who agrees with you and the person who does



not. In church, do not create little groups that make others feel unwelcome. Every person in front of us is a child of God. Being a servant begins by making people feel seen, respected, and valued.

Second, do one concrete act of service instead of only saying, "Someone should help." If you know someone who is sick, call them. If a family is struggling, bring a meal. If someone is discouraged, send a message of encouragement. If the parish needs help, volunteer instead of waiting for someone else. Maybe the choir needs members, the youth ministry needs support, or an elderly parishioner needs a ride. We do not have to do everything, but each one of us can do something.

Jesus warns us that He can come at any time, and He will ask what we did with the responsibility He gave us. I may know that people around me need help and close my eyes. I may know that the parish needs volunteers and close my ears. I may know that our young people need guidance and examples, and yet I do nothing.

Dear brothers and sisters, the Gospel is not meant to frighten us. It is Good News. God loves us, and because He loves us, He keeps reminding us: pay attention to how you live. During this season of the Holy Cross, we remember that waiting for Jesus is not enough. We must prepare. Our task this week is simple: choose one person to treat with greater dignity and choose one concrete act of service to do before next Sunday.

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. Oct. 11: Fourth Sunday after Holy Cross

(Gen 41:38-44; 1 Thes 5:1-11; Mt 24:45-51 Lit. p 606)

- 9:30 am

Liturgy for all Living and Deceased Members of the Order of St. Sharbel

Liturgy for all Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Maron Church

Liturgy for all the sponsors and supporters of St. Maron Church

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for Najla Sawan, by Alaoui Family

Liturgy for all Living and Deceased Members of the Order of St. Sharbel

Liturgy for all Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Maron Church

Liturgy for all the sponsors and supporters of St. Maron Church

NEXT WEEK

Sun. Oct. 18: Fifth Sunday after Holy Cross

(Song 5:2-8; Phil 2:12-18; Mt 25:1-13 Lit. p 606)

- 9:30 am

Liturgy for Marie Michaels

Liturgy for all sick people in our parish

Liturgy for all the children who have died from abortion

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for Samira Howard, Birthday Remembrance, by Carol, Chris & Riva Monsour and Family

Liturgy for Ray & Delores Mabarak

Liturgy for all sick people in our parish

Liturgy for all children who have died from abortion

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

I. The Sabbath Day

God entrusted the sabbath to Israel to keep as a sign of the irrevocable covenant. The sabbath is for the Lord, holy and set apart for the praise of God, his work of creation, and his saving actions on behalf of Israel.

God's action is the model for human action. If God "rested and was refreshed" on the seventh day, man too ought to "rest" and should let others, especially the poor, "be refreshed." The sabbath brings everyday work to a halt and provides a respite. It is a day of protest against the servitude of work and the worship of money.

The Gospel reports many incidents when Jesus was accused of violating the sabbath law. But Jesus never fails to respect the holiness of this day. He gives this law its authentic and authoritative interpretation: "The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath." With compassion, Christ declares the sabbath for doing good rather than harm, for saving life rather than killing. The sabbath is the day of the Lord of mercies and a day to honor God. "The Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

II. The Lord's Day

This is the day which the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The day of the Resurrection: the new creation

Jesus rose from the dead "on the first day of the week." Because it is the "first day," the day of Christ's Resurrection recalls the first creation. Because it is the "eighth day" following the sabbath, it symbolizes the new creation ushered in by Christ's Resurrection. For Christians it has become the first of all days, the first of all feasts, the Lord's Day Sunday:

We all gather on the day of the sun, for it is the first day [after the Jewish sabbath, but also the first day] when God, separating matter from darkness, made the world; and on this same day Jesus Christ our Savior rose from the dead.

Sunday October 4, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,666
Online Donations	\$ 240
Donation by Mail	\$ 10
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 80
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 October 2026, in Loving Memory of **Samira Howard**, by Carol, Chris & Riva Monsour and Family
- Bread and Wine for the month of October 2026, in Loving Memory of **Anne Safadi**, by Hanna & Raghda Safadi
- Bread and Wine for the month of October 2026, in Loving Memory of **Dr. Daher Rahi**, by Chrissy Kassab and Family



 **Saint Maron Church** 
Consulate General of Lebanon
in Detroit

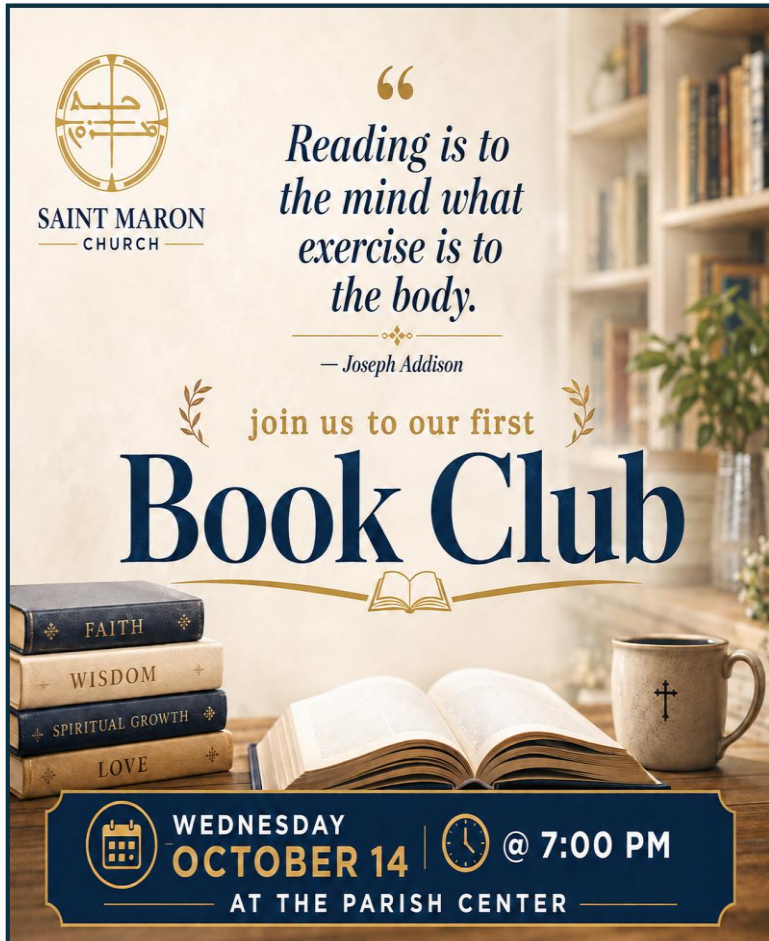
Are you of Lebanese origin
but have not yet registered your
marriage or your children's births?

*Would you like assistance with the process
of registering your vital events?*

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

 **Sunday,
November 8** |  **After the
11:30 AM Liturgy**

Attend our meeting to discuss the matter and find a way.



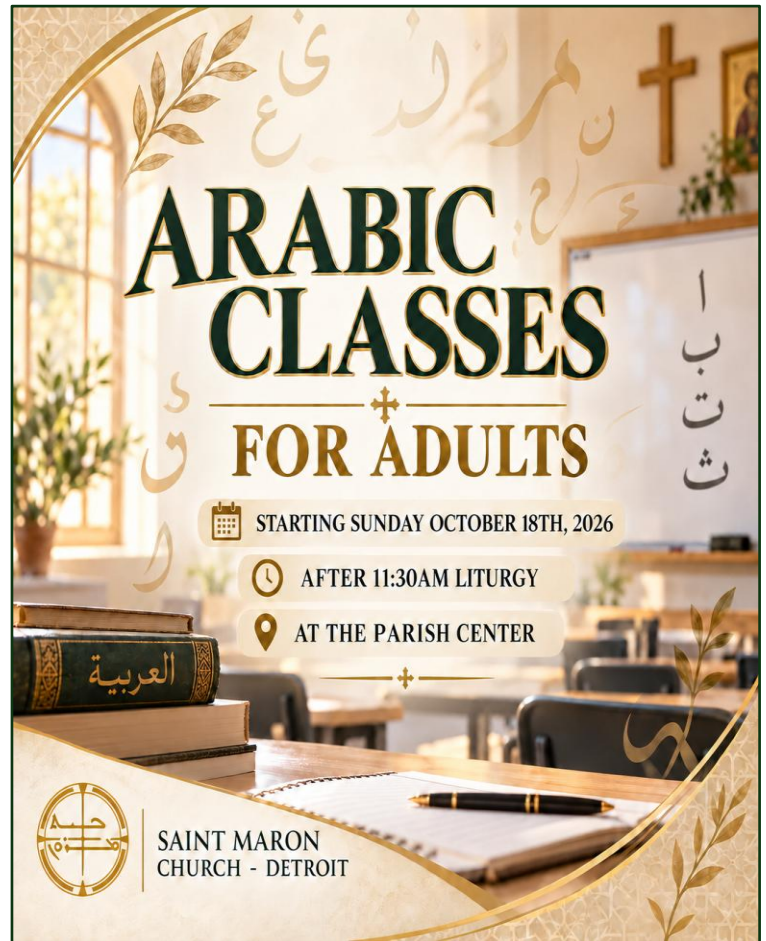

SAINT MARON
CHURCH

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*Reading is to
the mind what
exercise is to
the body.*
— Joseph Addison

join us to our first

Book Club

 **WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 14** |  **@ 7:00 PM**
AT THE PARISH CENTER



ARABIC CLASSES FOR ADULTS

 STARTING SUNDAY OCTOBER 18TH, 2026

 AFTER 11:30AM LITURGY

 AT THE PARISH CENTER

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Ladies Night

 **FRIDAY
OCTOBER 30TH, 2026**

 **STARTING @ 7:00pm**

An evening of Faith, Fellowship & Fun!

You Belong Here

*Be Blessed
Be You
Be Loved*



TRUNK OR TREAT

St. Maron Church

 **SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 1ST**

 **AFTER
11:30 AM LITURGY**

**CANDY
FUN
FRIENDS
FAITH**

 *All are welcome!*