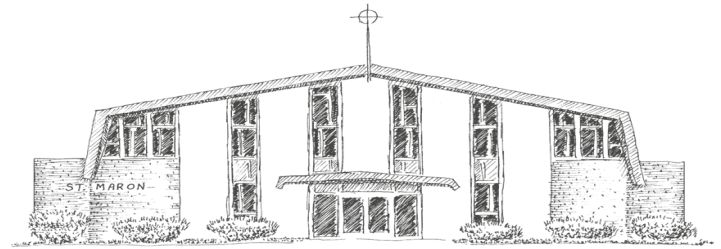


Saint Maron Catholic Church

Revelation to Joseph December 14, 2025

Matthew is eager to tell us the story of the birth of Jesus from the perspective of Joseph. For the evangelist, it is essential to show that Jesus truly descends from the line of David and therefore fulfills the promises the Lord made to His people. The narrative that Matthew presents fills us with wonder and quiet joy. Joseph, the betrothed of Mary, is the only one who knows with certainty that the child she carries is not his. According to the Law of the Lord, he would be obliged to denounce the situation and send Mary away in shame; in those days, such a public accusation could even lead to her being stoned.

Joseph spends a sleepless night wrestling with the situation. Yet his heart seeks a path of mercy. He finds a solution that protects Mary's dignity: he will separate from her quietly, saying simply that he no longer wishes to continue the engagement.



It is a beautiful and profoundly human gesture. Matthew calls Joseph “a righteous man,” and this justice is not rigid legalism but a compassion that goes beyond the strict letter of the Law. Joseph chooses mercy.

His long night ends with a dream in which an angel appears to him and reassures him: “Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife.” And what does Joseph do? He wakes up and immediately acts as the angel commanded. Joseph is righteous because he sees beyond appearances and listens with faith.

Joseph is an ordinary person—someone very much like us. Nothing in his daily life seems extraordinary. Yes, he is of the house of David, but he is no nobleman or scholar. He is a carpenter, a man with calloused hands, who sings as he works, who smiles easily, who enjoys the simple blessings of life. Yet God entrusts to this humble man the extraordinary mission of being the earthly father of His Son. God shows this clearly by giving Joseph the authority to confer the child’s name—an official and paternal duty. Joseph and Mary will always know that the child is the Son of God, yet they must welcome Him fully as their own. Joseph understands that this divine calling requires him not to distance himself from Mary but to remain beside her. Together they must embrace God’s astonishing plan.

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. Dec. 14: Revelation to Joseph

(Is 7:10-15; Eph 3:1-13; Mt 1:18-25 Lit. p 57)

- **9:30 am NO LITURGY**

- **11:30 am**

Liturgy for all the Families in our parish to prepare their hearts for Christmas

Liturgy for Therese Hazkial and all Deceased Members of the Hazkial Family, by Joseph Hazkial

Liturgy for Anne Safadi Farraj, by Family

Liturgy for all sick people in our parish

NEXT WEEK

Sun. Dec. 21: Genealogy Sunday

(Is 11:1-9; Rom 1:1-12; Mt 1:1-17 Lit. p 66)

- **9:30 am**

Liturgy for Albert Nehra Jr, by James LaHood

Liturgy for Richard Milad Joseph, Birthday Remembrance, by Family

Liturgy for Joseph Keys, Birthday Remembrance, by Cheryl Keys

- **11:30 am**

Liturgy for all the Families in our parish to prepare their hearts for Christmas

Liturgy for Philip Saleh, by Salim & Clair Saleh

Liturgy for Raymond & Dolores Mabarak

Liturgy for Cathy Marr, Amy and Joseph Laus

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

SOCIAL JUSTICE

II. Equity and the Differences Among Men

Created in the image of the one God and equally endowed with rational souls, all men have the same nature and the same origin. Redeemed by the sacrifice of Christ, all are called to participate in the same divine beatitude: all therefore enjoy an equal dignity.

The equality of men rests essentially on their dignity as persons and the rights that flow from it:

Every form of social or cultural discrimination in fundamental personal rights on the grounds of sex, race, color, social conditions, language, or religion must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God's design.

On coming into the world, man is not equipped with everything he needs for developing his bodily and spiritual life. He needs others. Differences appear tied to age, physical abilities, intellectual or moral aptitudes, the benefits derived from social commerce, and the distribution of wealth. The "talents" are not distributed equally.

These differences belong to God's plan, who wills that each receive what he needs from others, and that those endowed with particular "talents" share the benefits with those who need them. These differences encourage and often oblige persons to practice generosity, kindness, and sharing of goods; they foster the mutual enrichment of cultures:

I distribute the virtues quite diversely; I do not give all of them to each person, but some to one, some to others.... I shall give principally charity to one; justice to another; humility to this one, a living faith to that one.... and so I have given many gifts and graces, both spiritual and temporal, with such diversity that I have not given everything to one single person, so that you may be constrained to practice charity towards one another.... I have willed that one should need another and that all should be my ministers in distributing the graces and gifts they have received from me.

There exist also sinful inequalities that affect millions of men and women. These are in open contradiction of the Gospel:

Their equal dignity as persons demands that we strive for fairer and more humane conditions. Excessive economic and social disparity between individuals and peoples of the one human race is a source of scandal and militates against social justice, equity, human dignity, as well as social and international peace.

Collection December 7, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 4,946
Online Donations	\$ 220
Donation by mail	\$ 10
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 50
Second Collection	\$ 222
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 December 2025, in Loving Memory of all **Deceased Members of the Sarkees & Josephine Naseef Family**, by Daughter Beverly
- Bread and Wine for the month of December 2025, in Loving Memory of **Raymond Daher**, by Eddy Daher
- Bread and Wine for the month of December 2025, in Loving Memory of **all Deceased Members of the Mabarak Family**, by Robert L. Mabarak

As the year comes to a close, if you need a letter for tax purposes, please send us an email by the end of this month. We will prepare it and have it ready for you.

Saint Maron's Christmas Celebrations !

*Wishing you a Christmas filled with
love, joy, and peace. May Jesus fill your
heart with happiness!*



WEDNESDAY DEC. 24

CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGIES

6:00 PM (ENG) & 11:00 PM (ENG/AR)

THURSDAY DEC. 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

LITURGY @ 11:30 AM (ENG/AR)



Saint Maron Church

Christmas Novena



Dec. 15-23 @ 7:00 PM
Confessions @ 6:30 PM



ST MARON FEAST DAY

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 07, 2026

11466 KERCHEVAL STREET,
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6:00PM LITURGY
7:30PM HORS D'OEUVRES
8:30PM DINNER
9:30PM PARTY

SINGER DORIS FARHAT

RSVP BY JANUARY 25TH

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