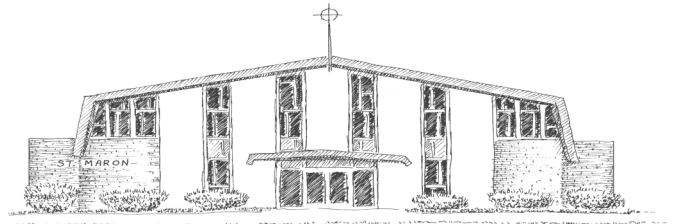


Saint Maron Catholic Church

Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost August 22, 2021

Saint Luke recounts that a woman named Martha received Jesus into her home. The Gospel account tells us that this woman had a sister called Mary. Martha soon finds herself overburdened and anxious about preparing everything needed to serve Jesus. Mary, in the meantime, is listening to Jesus' words, "not only sitting close to Jesus, but right at his feet," Saint John Chrysostom points out. "We see her eagerness and ardent desire to listen to his words and her great respect for the Lord."

Martha, who is upset, goes to Jesus with complete confidence, telling him to ask Mary to assist her. The Evangelist instead records for us an essential lesson of the Master: "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; only one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her."



Throughout the Church's history, this scene has been commented on by many, some trying to justify Martha's attitude, others give superiority to Mary and her action of listening and contemplating, but the truth is that both perspectives are needed. These are not two attitudes opposed to one another, but on the contrary, they are two essential aspects in our Christian life; aspects that can never be separated but are lived out in profound unity and harmony. First, however, Jesus wants us to understand that attentive listening to his words should come first to fulfill his commandment of love truly.

Jesus makes clear that Mary has chosen "the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." Hence he implies that Martha's portion can indeed be lost. For without contemplation, which is what gives meaning and effectiveness to all work carried out for God, sooner or later, one would end up abandoning that work itself. Saint Josemaria insisted: "Let us work. Let us work a lot and work well without forgetting that prayer is our best weapon. That is why I will never tire of repeating that we have to be contemplative souls in the middle of the world, who try to turn their work into prayer." When we are diligent in our prayer, everything becomes a place for meeting God, for a loving dialogue with him, Pope Francis expressed.



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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. Aug 22: 14th Sunday of Pentecost

(Readings: 1 Thes 2:1-13; Lk 10:38-42 Lit. p 492)

- **9:30 am**

Liturgy for Boulos and Margaret Helou, by Cesar and Diane Helou

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

Liturgy for peace and Stability in our world

Liturgy for the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension Society

- **11:30 am**

Liturgy for the living and deceased members of Saint Maron Parish

Liturgy for peace and Stability in our world

NEXT WEEK

Sun. Aug 29: 15th Sunday of Pentecost

(Readings: 1 Thes 1:1-10; Lk 7:36-50 Lit. p 425)

- **9:30 am**

Liturgy for Peter Johns Sr. 50 year anniversary, by family

Liturgy for Josephine Johns, 5 year anniversary, by Family

Liturgy for Amy and Joseph Laus

Liturgy for the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension Society

- **11:30 am**

Liturgy for Michel Besteny, 35 year remembrance, by his daughter Linda Thomas

Liturgy for all the parishioners intentions

Liturgy for all donors and benefactors to our Church

Catechism of the Catholic Church

THE MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH

The Church is in history, but at the same time she transcends it. It is only "with the eyes of faith" that one can see her in her visible reality and at the same time in her spiritual reality as bearer of divine life.

The Church - both visible and spiritual

"The one mediator, Christ, established and ever sustains here on earth his holy Church, the community of faith, hope, and charity, as a visible organization through which he communicates truth and grace to all men." The Church is at the same time:

- A "society structured with hierarchical organs and the mystical body of Christ;
- The visible society and the spiritual community;
- The earthly Church and the Church endowed with heavenly riches."

These dimensions together constitute "one complex reality which comes together from a human and a divine element":

The Church is essentially both human and divine, visible but endowed with invisible realities, zealous in action and dedicated to contemplation, present in the world, but as a pilgrim, so constituted that in her the human is directed toward and subordinated to the divine, the visible to the invisible, action to contemplation, and this present world to that city yet to come, the object of our quest.

O humility! O sublimity! Both tabernacle of cedar and sanctuary of God; earthly dwelling and celestial palace; house of clay and royal hall; body of death and temple of light; and at last both object of scorn to the proud and bride of Christ! She is black but beautiful, O daughters of Jerusalem, for even if the labor and pain of her long exile may have discolored her, yet heaven's beauty has adorned her.

Collection Sunday August 15, 2021

Collection	\$ 1757
Donation by mail	\$
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Coffee & Donuts	\$ 36
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**Church
Clean up**

**God's House
is our House !**

**Saturday
September 11,
2021**

From 10am to 12pm

The poster features a green background with a pair of yellow rubber gloves at the top right, a red spray bottle, and a blue brush at the bottom. A small circular logo with a cross and a chalice is visible in the center.

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 August 2021, in loving memory of **Boutros Ghafari**, by George & Louana Ghafari
- Bread and Wine for the month of August 2021, in loving memory of **Raymond Daher**, by Eddy & Hamsa Daher
- Bread and Wine for the month of August 2021, in loving memory of **Albert & Elsie Kaspor**, by Norman and Madeline Foster



Hiring

Starting this September we will not have anyone to clean our hall. So we are looking to hire someone that can do that job! If you are interested or know of someone to do the job, please contact the Church office!

The poster shows a person in blue jeans and a grey shirt using a mop to clean a light-colored floor. A small circular logo with a cross and a chalice is visible on the right side.



SAINT MARON FALL FEST

September 12, 2021
After 11:30 AM Liturgy
\$30 per person
\$15 Kids under 12

RSVP by September 05

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Father Roby
(216) 544-6035

Louana Ghafari
(313) 655-7498

Walid Korkmaz
(313) 522-0111

Chicken & Meat Shawarma
Salad Hummus & Baba
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Office: (313) 824 0196 Email: SaintMaronDetroit@gmail.com

Chicken Tenders & Fries
Dessert Pop & Water
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