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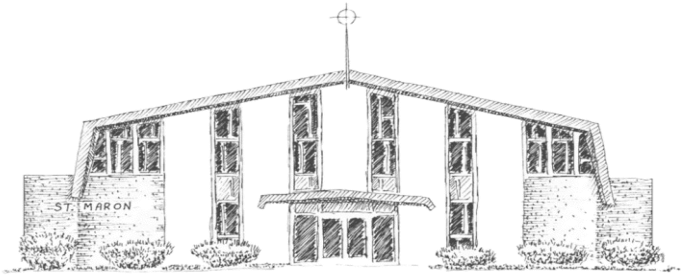
Announcement to Zechariah

Sunday November 15th, 2026

This Sunday's Gospel presents Zechariah, a priest from an important priestly family, and his wife Elizabeth, a descendant of Aaron. Both are righteous before God and faithful to His commandments. Despite their faithfulness, they carry a deep sorrow: they have no children. Zechariah's name means "God remembers." Indeed, God remembers not only the prayers of this couple, who have waited many years for a child, but also the prayers of His people, who have been waiting for the coming of the Savior. Their unexpected child, John the Baptist, will prepare the people for the coming of the Lord.

When the angel announces that Elizabeth will bear a son, Zechariah doubts and becomes mute. Surprisingly, everything around him should have strengthened his faith. He is inside the sanctuary, offering incense in a sacred place, experiencing a unique privilege in his priestly ministry. An angel even appears before him! If anyone should have been ready to receive God's message, it was Zechariah. Yet he struggles to believe.





His silence becomes an opportunity to reflect, listen, and rediscover the power of God.

During those nine months of silence, Zechariah learns three important lessons. First, God does not act only in the past, as He did with Abraham and the patriarchs; He continues to act in our lives today. Second, being religious is not enough; we must maintain a living relationship with God. Zechariah was a priest who faithfully performed his duties, yet he struggled to trust God's promises. Third, it is not enough to enter the sanctuary occasionally; we must become living sanctuaries where God can dwell and accomplish what seems impossible.

Are we not sometimes like Zechariah? We pray, attend church, and follow God's commandments, yet when difficulties arise, we begin to doubt His power. Zechariah believed that his age was an obstacle to God's plan. He underestimated what God could accomplish. But the problem was never God's limitations; it was Zechariah's limited faith.

The Gospel reminds us that God's plans are greater than our expectations. Even when we resist or doubt, God continues His work. Sometimes, He allows silence, difficulties, or unexpected experiences to awaken our faith and bring us closer to Him. As we prepare for Christmas, let us ask ourselves: Are we allowing God to surprise us? Are we listening to His voice? Like Zechariah, may we learn to trust that nothing is impossible for God, who remembers His promises and always remains faithful.

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. Nov. 15: Announcement to Zechariah

(Gen 17:15-22; Rom 4:13-25; Lk 1:1-25 Lit. p 18)

· 9:30 am

Liturgy for Paul Saigh, Birthday Remembrance

Liturgy for Kyle Herrington

Liturgy for Couples praying for the gift of Children

· 11:30 am

Liturgy for Fares & Saide Fares, by their children Albert, Asia and Camilia and their Families

Liturgy for Deceased Members of the Saul and Bertocci Families, by Cathy & Gary Housey

Liturgy for Ray Mabarak, Veteran Remembrance**,** by Lynn Mabarak Freeman

NEXT WEEK

Sun. Nov. 22: Announcement to Virgin Mary

(2 Sam 7:8-17; Gal 3:15-22; Lk 1:26-38 Lit. p 27)

· 9:30 am

Liturgy for Margaret Helou, by Cesar & Diane Helou

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

Liturgy for all Donors and Supporters of St. Maron

Liturgy for all the Sick People in Our Parish

· 11:30 am

Liturgy for the Health of Michael Abdallah, by May Abdallah

Liturgy for all Donors and Supporters of St. Maron

Liturgy for all the Sick People in Our Parish

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF

Jesus said to his disciples: "Love one another even as I have loved you."

In response to the question about the first of the commandments, Jesus says: "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' the second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." The apostle St. Paul reminds us of this: "He who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,' and any other commandment, are summed up in this sentence, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law."

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you.

He was obedient to them.

The Lord Jesus himself recalled the force of this "commandment of God." The Apostle teaches: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother,' (This is the first commandment with a promise.) 'that it may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth.'"

The fourth commandment opens the second table of the Decalogue. It shows us the order of charity. God has willed that, after him, we should honor our parents to whom we owe life and who have handed on to us the knowledge of God. We are obliged to honor and respect all those whom God, for our good, has vested with his authority.

This commandment is expressed in positive terms of duties to be fulfilled. It introduces the subsequent commandments which are concerned with particular respect for life, marriage, earthly goods, and speech. It constitutes one of the foundations of the social doctrine of the Church.

Sunday November 8, 2026

Sunday Collection	$ 3,429
Online Donations	$ 180
Donation by Mail	$ 510
Coffee & Donuts	$ 54

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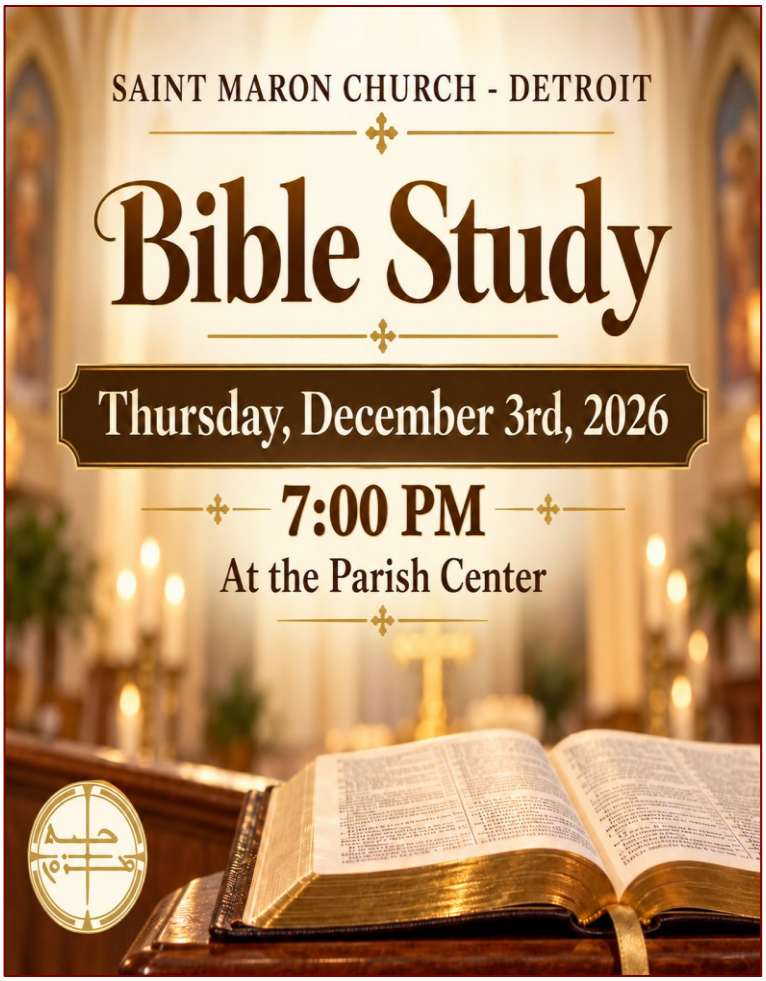
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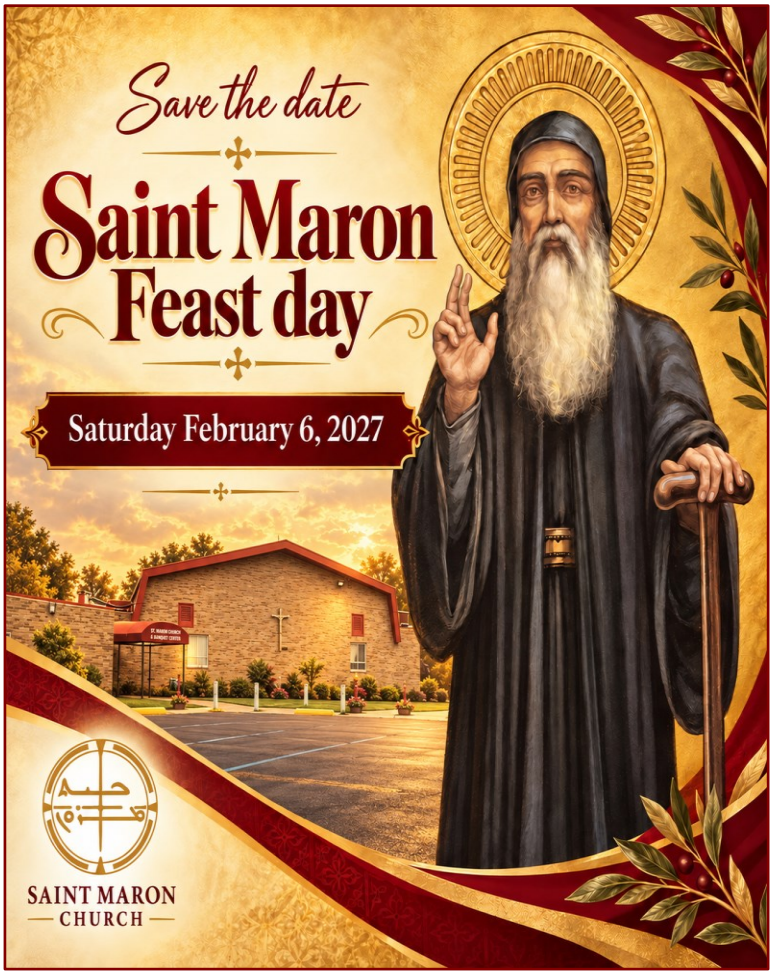
Please contact the Rectory to donate the Host and Wine for $50.00/month, we will be accepting donations from three different families each month.

- Bread and Wine for the month of November 2026, in Loving Memory **of All Deceased Members of the Mabarak Family**, by Robert L. Mabarak and Melissa A. Gilmore
- Bread and Wine for the month of November 2026, in Loving Memory **of Moufid Eid**, by Louana & George Ghafari
- Bread and Wine for the month of November 2026, in Loving Memory of **Dr. Daher Rahi**, by Chrissy Kassab and Family

Pope's intention for November: Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.




SAINT MARON CHURCH - DETROIT
Bible Study
Thursday, December 3rd, 2026
7:00 PM
At the Parish Center


Save the date
Saint Maron Feast day
Saturday February 6, 2027
SAINT MARON CHURCH


ST. MARON CHURCH – DETROIT
SAINT SHARBEL
Join us for a special screening of the new movie about Saint Sharbel, recently released in Lebanon!
Friday, December 18, 2026
8:00 PM
St. Maron Church – Detroit
11466 Kercheval Avenue, Detroit MI 48214
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CHARBEL
Tickets: $20 per person
RSVP in the Church Hall by December 13.
Advance payment required. No payments will be accepted at the door.
English subtitles


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CHRISTMAS PARTY
SUNDAY DECEMBER 13TH, 2026
AFTER 11:30AM LITURGY
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