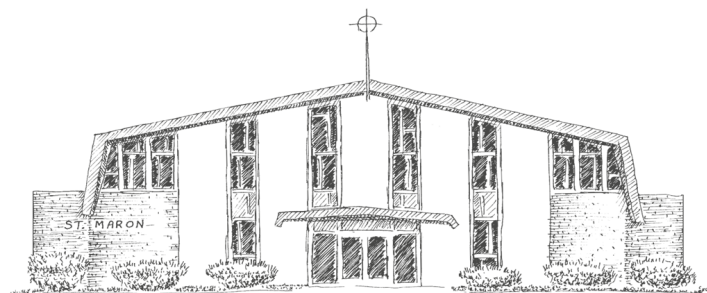


Saint Maron Catholic Church

Sunday of the Righteous and Just February 1, 2026

Forty days after His Birth, Jesus is carried by Mary and Joseph to the Temple to be presented to the Lord. This moment, celebrated today in the Feast of the Presentation, fulfills the Mosaic Law and reveals something much deeper: God entering His Temple as a child, welcomed by a believing and expectant people. As Simeon proclaims, He is “a light for revelation to the nations and glory for His people Israel.”

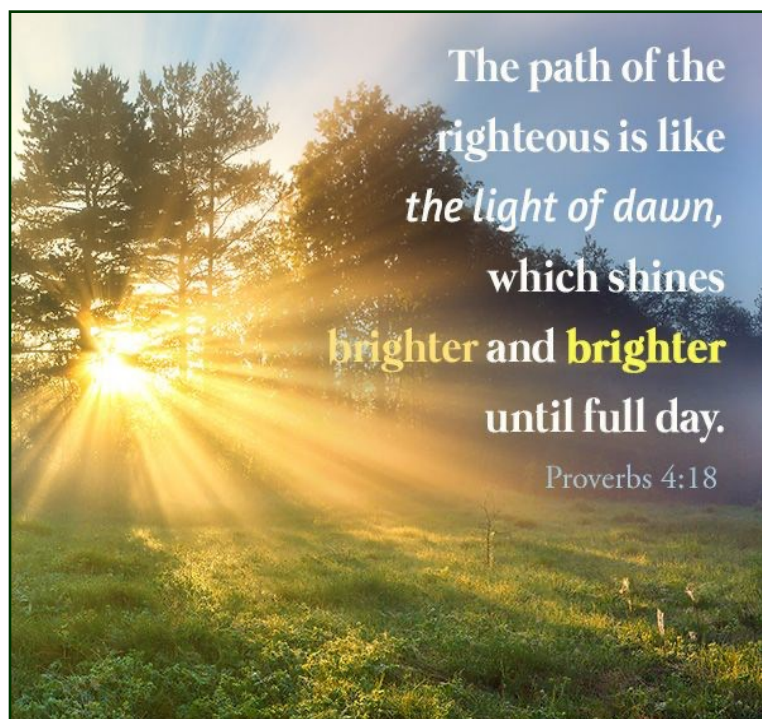
According to the Law, the firstborn male was to be presented to the Lord, and the mother was to offer a sacrifice, either a lamb or, for the poor, a pair of doves. Saint Luke carefully notes that Mary and Joseph offered the sacrifice of the poor, reminding us that Jesus was born into a humble, simple, yet deeply faithful family. The Holy Family belongs to the “poor of Israel,” those who trusted God completely and lived in quiet righteousness.



This Sunday also, our Maronite Church celebrates the Sunday of the Righteous and the Just, honoring those faithful men and women who lived lives of justice, faith, and love, though they were never formally canonized. These are the righteous who fought the good fight, persevered in faith, and now belong to the glorified Church in heaven. They glorified God through their lives, and now God glorifies them in eternal life.

We, the pilgrim Church on earth, continue the journey they have completed. Their lives speak to us clearly: “*We have run the race; now it is your turn.*” Their holiness was not extraordinary in appearance but rooted in everyday faithfulness, courage, service, and love. Their golden rule was simple and demanding: to love and serve others without conditions. They loved as Jesus loved, without discrimination, without calculation, without limits. Sometimes we are the little ones in need of love; at other times, we are called to be that love for others. This is the law of the Kingdom: treat others as you wish to be treated.

Today’s message is clear and powerful: live and love. Through love, we witness our faith, give meaning to our traditions, and walk toward heaven. Without love, heaven remains closed. Love is our passport, our visa, to eternal life.



The path of the
righteous is like
the light of dawn,
which shines
brighter and brighter
until full day.

Proverbs 4:18

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. Feb. 1: Sunday of the Righteous and Just

(Wis 5:1-16; Heb 12:18-24; Mt 25:31-46 Lit. p 157)

- 9:30 am

Liturgy for Sam Thomas, 7 Year Anniversary, by Family

Liturgy for Charlotte Khalil, Birthday Remembrance, by Chritine Khalil & Family

Liturgy for Margaret Helou, by Cesar & Diane Helou

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

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for Elias & Souad El Khoury and George Haddad, by Henry & Colette El Khoury and Family

Liturgy for Archbishop Francis Zayek, by Kathy & Gary Housey

Liturgy for Dr. Daher Rahi, by Jeanette Rahi and Family

NEXT WEEK

Sat. Feb. 7: Feast of St. Maron

(2 Tim 3:10-17; Jn 12:23-30 Lit. p 678)

- 6:00 pm

Liturgy for all Living and Deceased Members of Saint Maron Church

Liturgy for all Donors and Supporters of Saint Maron Church

Sun. Feb. 8: Sunday of the Faithful Departed

(Ezek 37:1-10; 1 Thes 5:1-11; Lk 16:19-31 Lit. p 166)

- 9:30 am No Liturgy

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for all Deceased Members of Saint Maron Church

Liturgy for all Donors and Supporters of Saint Maron Church

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

GOD'S SALVATION: LAW AND GRACE

THE MORAL LAW

III. The New Law or the Law of the Gospel

To the Lord's Sermon on the Mount it is fitting to add the moral catechesis of the apostolic teachings, such as Romans 12-15, 1 Corinthians 12-13, Colossians 3-4, Ephesians 4-5, etc. This doctrine hands on the Lord's teaching with the authority of the apostles, particularly in the presentation of the virtues that flow from faith in Christ and are animated by charity, the principal gift of the Holy Spirit. "Let charity be genuine.... Love one another with brotherly affection.... Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality." This catechesis also teaches us to deal with cases of conscience in the light of our relationship to Christ and to the Church.

The New Law is called a law of love because it makes us act out of the love infused by the Holy Spirit, rather than from fear; a law of grace, because it confers the strength of grace to act, by means of faith and the sacraments; a law of freedom, because it sets us free from the ritual and juridical observances of the Old Law, inclines us to act spontaneously by the prompting of charity and, finally, lets us pass from the condition of a servant who "does not know what his master is doing" to that of a friend of Christ - "For all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you" - or even to the status of son and heir.

Besides its precepts, the New Law also includes the evangelical counsels. the traditional distinction between God's commandments and the evangelical counsels is drawn in relation to charity, the perfection of Christian life. the precepts are intended to remove whatever is incompatible with charity. the aim of the counsels is to remove whatever might hinder the development of charity, even if it is not contrary to it.

The evangelical counsels manifest the living fullness of charity, which is never satisfied with not giving more. They attest its vitality and call forth our spiritual readiness. the perfection of the New Law consists essentially in the precepts of love of God and neighbor. the counsels point out the more direct ways, the readier means, and are to be practiced in keeping with the vocation of each:

(God) does not want each person to keep all the counsels, but only those appropriate to the diversity of persons, times, opportunities, and strengths, as charity requires; for it is charity, as queen of all virtues, all commandments, all counsels, and, in short, of all laws and all Christian actions that gives to all of them their rank, order, time, and value.

Collection January 25, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$ 517
Online Donations	\$ 25
Donation by mail	\$ 10
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 24
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 February 2026, in Loving Memory of all **Deceased Members of the Mabarak Family**, by Robert L. Mabarak & Melissa A. Gilmore
- Bread and Wine for the month of February 2026, in Loving Memory of **Anthony & Delores Neam**, by Gerry & Judy Folk
- Bread and Wine for the month of February 2026, in Loving Memory of **Dr. Daher Rahi**, by Chrissy Kassab and Family

MARRIAGE BANNS

First Marriage Banns between
Alexander Agbay & Rosanna Khattar

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First Marriage Banns between
Nicholas Dimkovski & Laura Gharis

Saint Maron Church

February 16th, 2026

Ash Monday

Liturgies @
10:00 am & 7:00 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 6th, 2026
Every First Friday of the month



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

RSVP BY JANUARY 25TH

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