

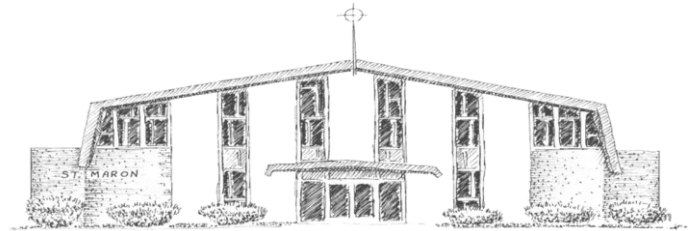
Saint Maron Catholic Church

Sunday of Christ the King *Sunday October 25th, 2026*

This Sunday's Gospel continues the message of the past few weeks: while we wait for the Lord, we are not meant to sit around doing nothing. Christian waiting is active. God asks us to make good use of the gifts He has placed in our hands.

In the parable of the talents, the master entrusts his servants with enormous sums of money. A single talent represented roughly sixteen years of wages. Imagine someone trusting you with that much! The master gives each servant a different amount, according to his ability, and then leaves them free to decide what to do. He does not control every move. He trusts them.

God treats us in a similar way. Each of us has received gifts, although we sometimes find it easier to recognize our weaknesses than our strengths. We may look at someone else and say, "Why did God give that person five talents and me only two?"



But the real question is not how much we have received. It is what we are doing with what we have.

Talents are not limited to singing, painting, or being good at sports. Your family can be a gift. Your work, your time, your faith, your ability to listen, forgive, or encourage someone can all become ways of serving God. Even a small act of kindness can make a difference.

The first two servants take a risk and put their talents to work. The third servant, however, is afraid. He buries what he has received and does nothing with it. His greatest problem is not that he earned nothing, but that fear kept him from even trying. How often does the same thing happen to us? We are afraid of failing, afraid of change, afraid of what others might think if we openly live our faith. Sometimes we bury our gifts because staying comfortable seems safer than taking a chance.

But God does not ask us to compare ourselves with others or to produce spectacular results. He asks us to be faithful, generous, and willing to try. Success is not always measured by what we gain, but also by the love and effort we give. Our life on earth is a journey toward our true home in heaven. Every day offers us another opportunity to use what God has entrusted to us. So, this week, ask yourself one simple question: What gift have I been keeping buried? Then take one courageous step to use it. Faith grows when we trust God more than our fears.

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. Oct. 25: Sunday of Christ the King

(Job 29:1-16; Rom 12:9-21; Mt 25:14-30 Lit. p 606)

• **9:30 am**

Liturgy for Tom & Melania LaHood, by Family

Liturgy for Dr. Joseph & Elaine LaHood, by Family

Liturgy for Alger P. LaHood, by Family

• **11:30 am**

Liturgy for Abdallah Bassil, 40 Day Mass, by Family

Liturgy for Mounir, Samir and Antoine Haddad, by Jabbour Family

NEXT WEEK

Sun. Nov. 1: Consecration of the Church

(Is 54:1-10; Heb 9:1-12; Mt 16:13-20 Lit. p 7)

• **9:30 am**

Liturgy for Joe Keys, Six-Year Anniversary, by Cheryl Keys

Liturgy for all Deceased Members of St. Maron Church

Liturgy for Couples praying for the gift of Children, for all infants lost to miscarriage and stillbirth

• **11:30 am**

Liturgy for Toufic Barrak, 40 Day Mass, by his children Tony, Josephine, and Naji and their Families

Liturgy for Olga El-Khoury, 40 Day Mass, by her daughter Sonia Barrak and Family

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

II. The Lord's Day

This practice of the Christian assembly dates from the beginnings of the apostolic age. The Letter to the Hebrews reminds the faithful "not to neglect to meet together, as is the habit of some, but to encourage one another."

Tradition preserves the memory of an ever-timely exhortation: Come to Church early, approach the Lord, and confess your sins, repent in prayer.... Be present at the sacred and divine liturgy, conclude its prayer and do not leave before the dismissal.... We have often said: "This day is given to you for prayer and rest. This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."

"A parish is a definite community of the Christian faithful established on a stable basis within a particular church; the pastoral care of the parish is entrusted to a pastor as its own shepherd under the authority of the diocesan bishop." It is the place where all the faithful can be gathered together for the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. the parish initiates the Christian people into the ordinary expression of the liturgical life: it gathers them together in this celebration; it teaches Christ's saving doctrine; it practices the charity of the Lord in good works and brotherly love:

You cannot pray at home as at church, where there is a great multitude, where exclamations are cried out to God as from one great heart, and where there is something more: the union of minds, the accord of souls, the bond of charity, the prayers of the priests.

The Sunday obligation

The precept of the Church specifies the law of the Lord more precisely: "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass." "The precept of participating in the Mass is satisfied by assistance at a Mass which is celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the holy day or on the evening of the preceding day."

Sunday October 18, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,979
Online Donations	\$ 360
Donation by Mail	\$ 1,010
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 62
Second Collection	\$ 242
You can support the Church by mail or through our website donating online www.saintmarondetroit.org/donate-online	

Our Congratulations and Best Wishes to
Isabel Douiahy
who was baptized at St. Maron Church on
Sunday, October 18th, 2026.
May God bless her to be a great disciple of
Jesus Christ!

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

Our Congratulations and Best Wishes to
Antonino Jamal Jasser
who was baptized at St. Maron Church on
Saturday, October 17th, 2026.
May God bless him to be a great disciple of
Jesus Christ!

SAINT MARON CHURCH

Eucharistic Adoration
Every First Friday of the month

Friday November 6th, 2026

LITURGY @ 11:00 am
ADORATION FROM 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm



