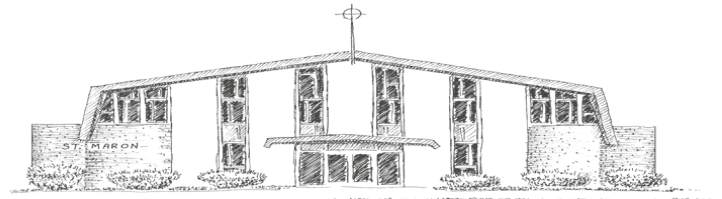


Saint Maron Catholic Church

The Healing of the Paralytic March 10, 2024

This Sunday we have before us a man who is paralyzed, and who has friends that care for him and bring him to the Lord to be healed.

They're lowering into the room a paralyzed man living on a pallet, suspended from on high. They seem to be destroying human culture; actually, they're perfecting it. They are endeavoring to assist another human being in his need. That is to say, they are doing a moral and unselfish thing. Even as they remove the roof from this room, they are uncovering a truth at the very heart of this room. These are men of compassion and mercy. They are not acting from self-interest. They are succoring another human being. They are turning this room into a hospital, and what could be nobler than this? What could be more human?



Here, first of all, we have to notice that Christ works a miracle of forgiveness of sins for the paralytic, according to "their" faith; that, is, according to the faith of the four who had brought in the sick man. This is the mighty "conciliar faith" about which the Lord subsequently said, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

Christ encourages the sick man himself and has mercy upon him with the authoritative word: Son, thy sins are forgiven thee. Be bold in your faith and hope; do not be afraid of the extraordinariness of this condition you've found yourself in, nor of this crowd of people surrounding you. You are sinful, but your sins are forgiven, by the faith of those who pity you and love you, and by your own faith as well.

So, a tormented man who had to be carried to Jesus walked away bearing his own stretcher and free as a lark. It would never have happened, though, if his faith-filled friends had not cared enough to risk ridicule and disappointment to bring him to Jesus. So, when's the last time you invited someone to church?

Is our faith bold enough to carry a friend onto a rooftop? Dig a hole in it? Disrupt a packed crowd by lowering our friend into it? To go to these great lengths, you'd really have to believe that whatever was inside that building would be worth it. Many of us know that Jesus is worth that kind of effort, but how often do we pray as though that is the case?

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. Mar. 10: The Healing of the Paralytic

(Is 35:1-10; 1 Tm 5:24-6:5; Mk 2:1-12 Lit. p 237)

- **9:30 am**

Liturgy for Marie Michaels, Birthday Blessings, by her Family

Liturgy for Sam Thomas, 5 year remembrance, by Family

Liturgy for Mary Tomas, 1 year remembrance, by Family

Liturgy for the Intentions and Donors of Catholic Extension Society

- **11:30 am**

Liturgy for Marie Kattar

Liturgy for Ousama Safar

Liturgy for all people who died without confession and receiving the last sacrament

Liturgy for Couples struggling in their marriage

NEXT WEEK

Sun. Mar. 17: The Healing of the Blind Man

(Is 46:6-8,16-18; 2 Cor 10:1-7; Mk 10:46-52 Lit. p 246)

- **9:30 am**

Liturgy for Anne Safadi Farraj

Liturgy for Jack Shanle and Joseph Keys

Liturgy for Couples struggling in their marriage

Liturgy for the Intentions and Donors of Catholic Extension Society

- **11:30 am**

Liturgy for Angel Isakof and her Daughter Vera, by Katia & Albert Fares and Family

Liturgy for Randy Abud, 25 year Anniversary, by Gary & Paulette Abud

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

The Fruits of Holy Communion

As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens our charity, which tends to be weakened in daily life; and this living charity wipes away venial sins. By giving himself to us Christ re-vives our love and enables us to break our disordered attachments to creatures and root ourselves in him:

Since Christ died for us out of love, when we celebrate the memorial of his death at the moment of sacrifice we ask that love may be granted to us by the coming of the Holy Spirit. We humbly pray that in the strength of this love by which Christ willed to die for us, we, by receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit, may be able to consider the world as crucified for us, and to be ourselves as crucified to the world. Having received the gift of love, let us die to sin and live for God.

By the same charity that it enkindles in us, the Eucharist preserves us from future mortal sins. the more we share the life of Christ and progress in his friendship, the more difficult it is to break away from him by mortal sin. the Eucharist is not ordered to the forgiveness of mortal sins - that is proper to the sacrament of Reconciliation. the Eucharist is properly the sacrament of those who are in full communion with the Church.

The unity of the Mystical Body: the Eucharist makes the Church. Those who receive the Eucharist are united more closely to Christ. Through it Christ unites them to all the faithful in one body - the Church. Communion renews, strengthens, and deepens this incorporation into the Church, already achieved by Baptism. In Baptism we have been called to form but one body. The Eucharist fulfills this call: "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? the bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread:"

Our deepest Condolences goes to
Jeanette Safadi and Family
on the passing of her sister Nadia Sukkarieh
May her soul rest in peace.

Collection February 25, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,304
Second Collection	\$ 599
Online Donations	\$ 400
Candles	\$ 689
Donation by mail	\$ 140. ⁴⁸
Coffee & donuts	\$ 15
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 March 2024, in loving memory **Joanne Leck** by Anthony Isaac
- Bread and Wine for the month of March 2024, in loving memory of **Antoine Jabbour**, by Marie Jabbour and Family
- Bread and Wine for the month of March 2024, in loving memory of **Beshara Mabarak and Deceased Family members**, by Robert L. Mabarak

MARRIAGE BANNS

Second Marriage Banns between
Andrew El Alam & Brianna Novitsky

MARRIAGE BANNS

Third Marriage Banns between
Amine Amine & Karin Gibrael

Saint Maron Church
St. Joseph Feast day



Saint Maron Church
Lenten Retreat

Hope

Fr. Roger Chikri

Saturday March 16, 2024
From 10 am to 2pm

RSVP by March 10
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SAINT MARON CHURCH



Palm Sunday

March 24th, 2024
Liturgy @ 11:30 AM
Luncheon after Liturgy

\$30 Per Person
\$15 for kids under 10



RSVP by March 10, 313-824-0196

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