

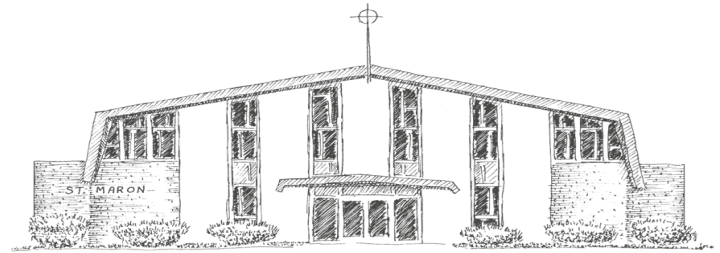
Saint Maron Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection

May 3, 2026

The month of May is the time of the year that, more than any other, we associate with the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a month when the rosary is prayed more often in homes, and in churches. It is a time when pilgrimages to shrines become more frequent and when the need for special prayers to the Virgin Mary is felt more deeply in the hearts of the faithful.

At the foundation of this special devotion to the Virgin Mary during May, we find a beautiful harmony between nature and faith. Nature is colored with flowers, filled with fragrance, and renewed with the splendor of spring. Popular devotion, in the same way, turns toward Mary with affection, gratitude, and prayer. May is considered by many the most beautiful month of the year, and this is why it is consecrated to the one whom the Church loves, sings, and praises as the “All Beautiful”.



Truly, this is her month, and this month invites our hearts to open in a special way to our heavenly Mother.

In 1965, Pope Paul VI published the encyclical letter *Mense Maio* to remind the Church of the importance of this month dedicated to Mary. He wrote: “The month of May is almost here, a month which the piety of the faithful has long dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God.” He also reminds us that during this month, Christians, in their churches and in their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration. Through Mary’s intercession, a greater abundance of God’s merciful gifts comes down upon humanity and the Church.

During May, we also celebrate Mother’s Day. As we honor our earthly mothers with love, gratitude, and prayer, our hearts are also lifted toward our heavenly Mother, Mary. She is the Mother who listens, intercedes, consoles, protects, and always leads us closer to her Son. A good mother never keeps her children for herself; she brings them to life, to love, and to God. Mary does the same for us.

May Mary guide each one of us, personally and as one family of Saint Maron Church, during this blessed month. May she teach us to pray with trust, to love with humility, and to follow Jesus with a faithful heart. With Mary, we go to Jesus. This is our purpose, our joy, and our mission.

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. May 3: Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection

(Ezek 34:11-25; Eph 2:1-10; Jn 21:15-19 Lit. p 315)

- **9:30 am**

Liturgy for Jack Jacob, by Mary Michaels

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 all the Deceased Members of the Hellow Family, by Theresa & Ed O'Brien

Liturgy for Silvio Marchese, by Kathy & Gary Housey

Liturgy for all our volunteers who keep helping and supporting our events

NEXT WEEK

Sun. May 10: Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection

(Deut 31:1-9; Rom 10:1-13; Lk 24:36-48 Lit. p 315)

- **9:30 am**

Liturgy for all the Living and Deceased Mothers of Saint Maron Parish

Liturgy for all Donors and Supporters of our parish

Liturgy for all Vocations in the World specially in our Eparchy

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CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

The Decalogue in Sacred Scripture

You shall remember that you were a servant in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out thence with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm.

The "ten words" sum up and proclaim God's law: "These words the Lord spoke to all your assembly at the mountain out of the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and he added no more. and he wrote them upon two tables of stone, and gave them to me." For this reason these two tables are called "the Testimony." In fact, they contain the terms of the covenant concluded between God and his people. These "tables of the Testimony" were to be deposited in "the ark."

The "ten words" are pronounced by God in the midst of a theophany ("The LORD spoke with you face to face at the mountain, out of the midst of the fire."). They belong to God's revelation of himself and his glory. the gift of the Commandments is the gift of God himself and his holy will. In making his will known, God reveals himself to his people.

The gift of the commandments and of the Law is part of the covenant God sealed with his own. In Exodus, the revelation of the "ten words" is granted between the proposal of the covenant and its conclusion - after the people had committed themselves to "do" all that the Lord had said, and to "obey" it. The Decalogue is never handed on without first recalling the covenant ("The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.").

The Commandments take on their full meaning within the covenant. According to Scripture, man's moral life has all its meaning in and through the covenant. the first of the "ten words" recalls that God loved his people first:

Since there was a passing from the paradise of freedom to the slavery of this world, in punishment for sin, the first phrase of the Decalogue, the first word of God's commandments, bears on freedom "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."

Collection April 26, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,238
Online Donations	\$ 50
Donation by Mail	\$ 10
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 94
Votive Candles	\$871

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 May 2026, in Loving Memory of **Our Mother, Theresa Joseph Abood, Sito Bahia Joseph and All Mothers Around the World**, by Richard and John Abood and Family
- Bread and Wine for the month of May 2026, in Loving Memory of **Joseph Jreiche**, by Tedy & Hasna Geagea
- Bread and Wine for the month of May 2026, in Loving Memory of **Dr. Daher Rahi**, by Chrissy Kassab and Family

Our Congratulations and Best Wishes to

CHRISTIAN NOAH BUSHAW

who was Baptized at Saint Maron Church on Saturday, April 25th, 2026.

May God bless him to be great disciple of Jesus Christ!

Pope's Intention for May

We pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.



**St Maron
MYO & MYA**

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Breakfast with us

*Sunday May 3rd
after both Liturgies*



\$10 per person

*Have questions about the Bible?
Do you want to read the Bible?
Looking to grow in faith?
Are you ready to go deeper?*

**JOIN US AT SAINT MARON
CHURCH FOR A
CONTINUOUS**

BIBLE STUDY

**Friday June 5th, 2026
From 7pm -9pm**



"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ" St Jerome

Blessed Mother

END OF THE MONTH
OF MAY

Sunday, May 31st

- 11 AM Rosary
- 11:30 AM Mass with Bishop Zaidan
- Followed by lunch in the hall
- \$10 per person
- RSVP by May 25