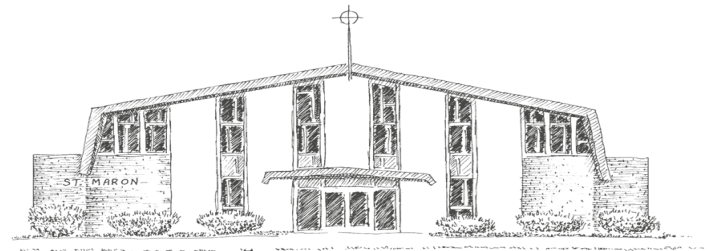
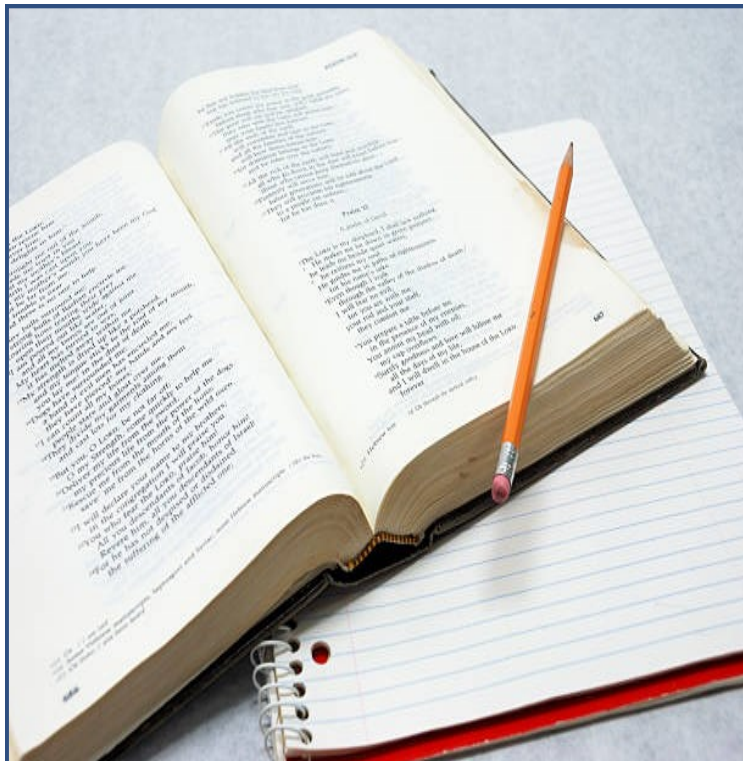


Saint Maron Catholic Church

First Sunday After the Holy Cross September 21, 2025

In Mark 10:35–45, James and John come to Jesus with a bold request: “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” They dreamed of greatness, but Jesus gently corrected them: true greatness is not about power or position, but about service. “Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant... for the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

To understand this lesson more clearly, imagine the story of the Pencil Maker: The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside, just before putting him into the box. “There are 5 things you need to know,” he told the pencil, “Before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best pencil you can be.”



"One: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in someone's hand."

"Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil."

"Three: You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make."

"Four: The most important part of you will always be what's inside."

"And Five: On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write."

Just as the pencil must rely on its maker, so must we rely on God. Jesus invites us to place ourselves in His hands and allow Him to shape us, even when it is uncomfortable. Like the pencil, we are called to let God “sharpen” us through life’s trials, to seek forgiveness for our mistakes through reconciliation, and to always remember that what matters most is not our appearance or status, but the condition of our heart.

James and John wanted glory, but Jesus wanted them to see that real glory comes from leaving a mark of love. True greatness is not about sitting in high places, but about bending low in service. So, let us be like the pencil, put in God’s hand, willing to be sharpened, ready to correct our faults, and always leaving marks of kindness, mercy, and hope wherever we go.

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. September 21: 1st Sunday After the Holy Cross

(Deut 17:14-20; 2 Tim 2:1-10; Mk 10:35-45 Lit. p 606)

- 9:30 am

Liturgy for Marie Michaels, by Liz Abood

Liturgy for all the sick people of St. Maron Parish

Liturgy for all donors and supporters of St. Maron Parish

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for Mary Lou LeFevre

Liturgy for Samira Howard, 2 year Anniversary, by Carol and Chris Monsour and Family.

Liturgy for all the sick people of St. Maron Parish

Liturgy for all donors and supporters of St. Maron Parish

NEXT WEEK

Sun. September 28: 2nd Sunday After the Holy Cross

(Joel 2:1,10-16a; 1Cor 15:19-24; Mt 24:1-14 Lit. p 606)

- 9:30 am

Liturgy for Charlotte Khalil, 6 Year Anniversary, by Christine Khalil and Family

Liturgy for Delores Mabarak, by Liz Abood

Liturgy for priestly and religious vocations in the world

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for Saeedeh Slim Fares, by Albert & Katia Fares and Family

Liturgy for John and Tony Alibri

Liturgy for priestly and religious vocations in the world

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

SIN

I. Mercy and Sin

The Gospel is the revelation in Jesus Christ of God's mercy to sinners. The angel announced to Joseph: "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." The same is true of the Eucharist, the sacrament of redemption: "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

"God created us without us: but he did not will to save us without us." To receive his mercy, we must admit our faults. "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

As St. Paul affirms, "Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more." But to do its work grace must uncover sin so as to convert our hearts and bestow on us "righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Like a physician who probes the wound before treating it, God, by his Word and by his Spirit, casts a living light on sin:

Conversion requires convincing of sin; it includes the interior judgment of conscience, and this, being a proof of the action of the Spirit of truth in man's inmost being, becomes at the same time the start of a new grant of grace and love: "Receive the Holy Spirit." Thus in this "convincing concerning sin" we discover a double gift: the gift of the truth of conscience and the gift of the certainty of redemption. the Spirit of truth is the Consoler.

II. The Definition of Sin

Sin is an offense against reason, truth, and right conscience; it is failure in genuine love for God and neighbor caused by a perverse attachment to certain goods. It wounds the nature of man and injures human solidarity. It has been defined as "an utterance, a deed, or a desire contrary to the eternal law."

Sin is an offense against God: "Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight." Sin sets itself against God's love for us and turns our hearts away from it. Like the first sin, it is disobedience, a revolt against God through the will to become "like gods," knowing and determining good and evil. Sin is thus "love of oneself even to contempt of God." In this proud self-exaltation, sin is diametrically opposed to the obedience of Jesus, which achieves our salvation.

Collection September 14, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,045
Online Donations	\$ 240
Donation by mail	\$ 10
Votive Candle	\$ 586
Second Collection	\$ 792
You can support the Church by mail or through our website donating online www.saintmarondetroit.org/donate-online	

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to
Mrs. Madeline Foster
for generously covering all the expenses related to the
gardening around the church.
May God bless her abundantly for her
kindness and support.

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 September 2025, in Loving Memory of **Dr. Daher Rahi**, by Chrissy Kassab and Family
- Bread and Wine for the month of September 2025, in Loving Memory of **Emile Rumia**, by Anthony Isaac
- Bread and Wine for the month of September 2025, for the Health and Recovery of **Abdallah Bassil**, by Tony & Zako Bassil

Our deepest condolences go out to
Robert Mabarak on the passing of his
sister, **Jume Mabarak**. May her soul rest
in eternal peace!

St. Maron Church

Catechism Class



Faith

Bible



Church

Every Sunday 10:30am - 11:25am
Classes Start Sunday October 5th



Please fill out the form in the vestibule before October 1st



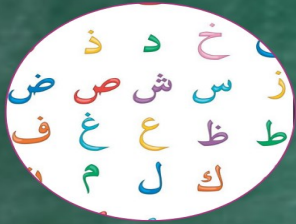
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St. Maron Church 60th Anniversary

If you were married or baptized at St. Maron, We warmly invite you to join us in celebrating our Church Anniversary! Come and be part of this special weekend filled with gratitude, worship, and fellowship.

- ✓ Guest Speaker + Local Tour
- ✓ Fellowship Lunch
- ✓ Thanksgiving Liturgy
- ✓ Parish Talent Spotlight

 **SATURDAY & SUNDAY**
October 11-12, 2025

Saturday 3pm-7pm
Sunday 11:30am -3:00pm





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