

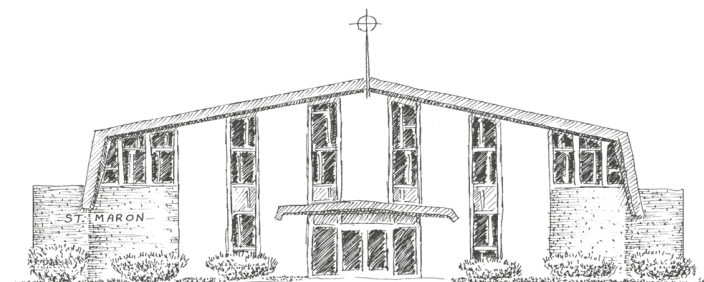
Saint Maron Catholic Church

Third Sunday of the Resurrection

April 19, 2026

The disciples on the road to Emmaus walk in deep sadness. They do not understand what has happened; they do not know where to go now that hope seems dead, now that their faith has been shaken so deeply. They walk on, locked in their pain, unable to recognize that the very God they are mourning is walking beside them.

Suffering is very present in the Gospel accounts of the Resurrection; it is the starting point of each story. It is as if the evangelists want to tell us that it is not enough simply to be disciples in order to live in joy. Joy requires a radical conversion, a change of perspective, and a personal choice. The disciples weep because they have not yet learned to read their story in the light of faith, as the Lord Jesus invites them to do. Only in the light of the Word can we truly interpret our lives, even the painful parts. Faith must not turn us away from the roads where people walk and suffer.



We understand, then, how Jesus chose to remain with us until the end of the world and to be recognized in three places: in His Word, “whoever listens to these words of mine and puts them into practice is like one who builds his house on rock”; in the Eucharist, “Take and eat; this is my Body”; and in our brothers and sisters, especially the most needy, “whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” The Church was born in prayer and perseveres through prayer. Prayer supports the growth of the Church. Jesus is present in the Eucharist celebrated in His memory; He is present in the Church; He is present in the witness of the two disciples of Emmaus. Do we testify to His presence with our lives?

The experience of the disciples of Emmaus helps us understand the situation of our own time. There is much darkness in the world: the wounds left by wars, many problems and dramas, violence, and injustice. Many things trouble the hearts of people, especially the poorest. With prayer and sincerity of life, we must implore the Lord to stay with us. It is not He who is afraid of the darkness of the world; it is we who are afraid, and we need His encouragement, His strength, and His salvation. We need His presence to understand our duties and to build the world according to His plan of love and salvation: with goodwill, with confidence, and with hope. Do not let hope be stolen!



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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. April 19: Third Sunday of the Resurrection

(Job 42:1-12; 2 Tim 2:8-13; Lk 24:13-35 Lit. p 315)

• **9:30 am**

Liturgy for Michael Anthony Meda, by Mary Michaels

Liturgy for all Donors and Supporters of St. Maron Church

Liturgy for all Parishioner's Intentions

• **11:30 am**

Liturgy for Amira Habbouche, by The Habbouche Family

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NEXT WEEK

Sun. April 26: Fourth Sunday of the Resurrection

(Gen 1:20-23; Heb 13:18-25; Jn 21:1-14 Lit. p 315)

• **9:30 am**

Liturgy for Sam Hakim, by Mary Michaels

Liturgy for Paul & Isabel Saigh

Liturgy for all the people suffering from hunger and poverty in the entire world

• **11:30 am**

Liturgy for Joseph Jreiche, by Nada & Charbel Ghantous

Liturgy for all Deceased Members of the Geagea Family, by Antoine Geagea & Family

Liturgy for Philippe Gharios, 52nd Anniversary, by The Gharios Family

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE CHURCH, MOTHER AND TEACHER

III. Moral Life and Missionary Witness

Because they are members of the Body whose Head is Christ, Christians contribute to building up the Church by the constancy of their convictions and their moral lives. The Church increases, grows, and develops through the holiness of her faithful, until "we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

By living with the mind of Christ, Christians hasten the coming of the Reign of God, "a kingdom of justice, love, and peace." They do not, for all that, abandon their earthly tasks; faithful to their master, they fulfill them with uprightness, patience, and love.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

"Teacher, what must I do . . .?"

"Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" To the young man who asked this question, Jesus answers first by invoking the necessity to recognize God as the "One there is who is good," as the supreme Good and the source of all good. Then Jesus tells him: "If you would enter life, keep the commandments." and he cites for his questioner the precepts that concern love of neighbor: "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother." Finally Jesus sums up these commandments positively: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

To this first reply Jesus adds a second: "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." This reply does not do away with the first: following Jesus Christ involves keeping the Commandments. The Law has not been abolished, but rather man is invited to rediscover it in the person of his Master who is its perfect fulfillment. In the three synoptic Gospels, Jesus' call to the rich young man to follow him, in the obedience of a disciple and in the observance of the Commandments, is joined to the call to poverty and chastity. The evangelical counsels are inseparable from the Commandments.

Collection April 12, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,835
Online Donations	\$ 280
Donation by Mail	\$ 460
Second Collection	\$ 280
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 37
You can support the Church by mail or through our website donating online <u>www.saintmarondetroit.org/donate-online</u>	

Our deepest condolences go out to **Nada Jreiche Ghantous and her Family** on the passing of her father, **Joseph Jreiche**. May his soul rest in eternal peace!

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 April 2026, in Loving Memory of all **Living & Deceased Members of the Mabarak Family**, by Robert L. Mabarak & Melissa A. Gilmore
- Bread and Wine for the month of April 2026, in Loving Memory of all **The Choir Families**, by Nuha Tabet
- Bread and Wine for the month of April 2026, in Loving Memory of **Dr. Daher Rahi**, by Chrissy Kassab and Family

Pope's Intention : Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



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 May 1st, 2026
Every First Friday of the month



Saint Maron Church

May, Month of Mary

Rosary @ Homes

Every Monday - Wednesday - Friday
@ 7:00 pm

Sign up in the hall



St Maron MYO & MYA



Breakfast with us

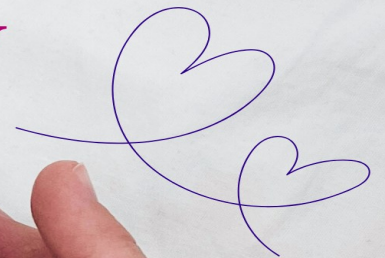
*Sunday May 3rd
after both Liturgies*



\$ 10 per person

SAINT MARON CHURCH

MOTHER'S DAY



*Let us Celebrate
The Great Moms
in our Parish*

SUNDAY MAY 10TH, 2026

LITURGIES @ 9:30AM & 11:30AM

