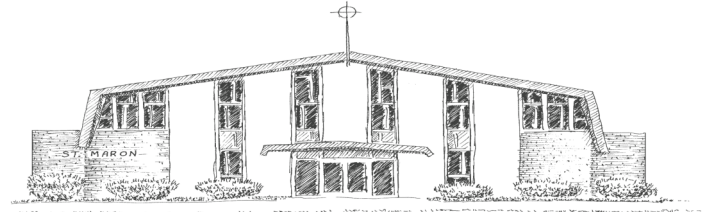


Saint Maron Catholic Church

Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman March 05, 2023

One message that speaks out very clearly from this Sunday double miracle is that if we are to be healed, we must reach out to God. We have to be at least willing to touch the bottom of Jesus' garment. If we make the slightest movement in the Lord's direction He will extend His hand to us, grasp our hand through His grace, and lift us up to complete what we have begun. If we make that initial gesture, the Lord's healing power will rush out upon us. First, however, we have to reach out to Him.

Since long, long time ago, people have been groping to know who God really is. That is why Jesus Christ became man – to be able to reveal God in a human way. In Sunday's Gospel we find an important revelation about God as seen through the humanity of Jesus. He had scarcely begun instructing a group of listeners



when Jairus interrupted Him with an earnest appeal to come down and cure His critically ill daughter. Without a word of complaint, Jesus patiently responded. But as He prepared to follow Jairus, He felt someone touch Him. It was a woman who had been hemorrhaging for 12 years and for whom the doctors could offer no relief. Instead of brushing the woman as if to say; "Don't bother Me now. Can't you see, this important man wants Me to save his daughter from death?" He took time out and said gently, "Daughter, your faith had made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease".

But before He could finish speaking with the woman, He was interrupted again by the friends of the official who arrived to say that the girl had died. Undaunted by the information, Jesus went to the official's house and raised the girl to life.

These two episodes tell us about God. Through Jesus' action, they convey that God is compassionate, sensitive and caring. He does have time for people, big people like Jairus as well as little people like the unnamed woman.

Today's Gospel says that when we talk to God about our problems and difficulties, we're not afraid that He will reply, "I'm sorry, but I just don't have time; I am too busy looking after important people." Nor does God find a problem too little to bother with or too big to solve; he is always there for us



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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. March 05: The Hemorrhaging Woman

(Readings: 2 Cor 7:4-11; Lk 8:40-56 Lit. p 207)

- **9:30 am**

Liturgy for Boulos and Margaret Helou, by Cesar & Diane Helou

Liturgy for Charbel, Victoria and Katrine Fares, by Cesar & Diane Helou

Liturgy for the Intentions and Donors of Catholic Extension Society

- **11:30 am**

Liturgy for Mounir Haddad & Elmer Harris, by Maria Haddad & Family

Liturgy for Angel Isakof, by her daughter Katia Fares and her family

NEXT WEEK

Sun. March 12: The Prodigal Son

(Readings: 2 Cor 13:5-13; Lk 15:11-32 Lit. p 217)

- **9:30 am**

Liturgy for Anne Safadi Farraj

Liturgy for Josephine Warminski

Liturgy for all Deceased Members of Heady & Schrader Families

Liturgy for the Intentions and Donors of Catholic Extension Society

- **11:30 am**

Liturgy for Dr. Daher Rahi, 40 day Mass, by Family

Liturgy for all sick people in our parish

Liturgy for Peace and Stability in the entire world

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

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE PASCHAL MYSTERY IN THE CHURCH'S SACRAMENTS

III. The Sacraments of Faith

Christ sent his apostles so that "repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations." "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." The mission to baptize, and so the sacramental mission, is implied in the mission to evangelize, because the sacrament is prepared for by the word of God and by the faith which is assent to this word:

The People of God is formed into one in the first place by the Word of the living God.... the preaching of the Word is required for the sacramental ministry itself, since the sacraments are sacraments of faith, drawing their origin and nourishment from the Word.

"The purpose of the sacraments is to sanctify men, to build up the Body of Christ and, finally, to give worship to God. Because they are signs they also instruct. They not only presuppose faith, but by words and objects they also nourish, strengthen, and express it. That is why they are called 'sacraments of faith.'"

The Church's faith precedes the faith of the believer who is invited to adhere to it. When the Church celebrates the sacraments, she confesses the faith received from the apostles - whence the ancient saying: *lex orandi, lex credendi* (or: *legem credendi lex statuat supplicandi* according to Prosper of Aquitaine [5th cent.]). The law of prayer is the law of faith: the Church believes as she prays. Liturgy is a constitutive element of the holy and living Tradition.

For this reason no sacramental rite may be modified or manipulated at the will of the minister or the community. Even the supreme authority in the Church may not change the liturgy arbitrarily, but only in the obedience of faith and with religious respect for the mystery of the liturgy.

Likewise, since the sacraments express and develop the communion of faith in the Church, the *lex orandi* is one of the essential criteria of the dialogue that seeks to restore the unity of Christians.

Collection February 26, 2023

Collection	\$ 1,758
Second Collection	\$ 315
Online Donations	\$ 100
Donation by mail	\$ 510
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 74
<p>You can support the Church by mail or through our website donating online <u>www.saintmarondetroit.org/donate-online</u></p>	

We extend our deepest Condolences to the family of
PAUL A. SAIGH
 who passed peacefully on February 19, 2023,
 and was buried from Saint Maron Church on
 Friday February 24, 2023.
 May his soul rest in peace. He will be missed.


"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may go to heaven." St. Rose of Lima

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 2023, in loving memory of **Beshara Mabarak and deceased family members**, by Robert Mabarak
- Bread and Wine for the month of March 2023, in loving memory of **Daher B. Rahi**, by Family
- Bread and Wine for the month of March 2023, in loving memory of **Paul Saigh and deceased members of the Saigh Family**, by Anonymous

SAINT MARON CHURCH
STATIONS & BENEDICTION OF THE CROSS
 ✝
LENT
 — 40 Days Of Renewal —
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 ✝ **Every Friday during Lent**
@ 7:00 PM



Easter Lily Plants and Spring Bulbs 2023

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY (\$25 each)

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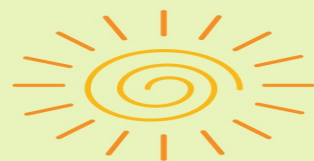
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Return with payment to the office OR put in collection basket by **March 17, 2023**





It's time to
Breakfast

The MYA & MYO
are hosting breakfast on
Sunday, March 19th
after the 9:30 & 11:30 liturgies

Children \$5

Adults \$10



SAINT MARON CHURCH



Sunday April 2nd,
After 11:30
Liturgy



Palm Sunday Luncheon

\$20 for Adults
\$10 for Kids under 12
RSVP by March 26