

Saint Maron Catholic Church

Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

Sunday September 13th, 2026

The parable of the Good Samaritan contains within it the face of God and, in many ways, a possible answer to the whole drama of humanity. It shows us what God is like, but it also shows us what we are called to become.

“Who is my neighbor?” This is the question that begins the conversation with Jesus. But Jesus slowly changes the question. Instead of asking, “Who is my neighbor?” He asks, “Which of these three became a neighbor to the man?” The question is no longer about deciding who deserves my love. It becomes a question about whether I am willing to become a neighbor to someone who needs me. The central moment of the parable comes when the Samaritan sees the wounded man and “has compassion.” Compassion means allowing the pain of another person to touch our own heart. Mercy goes even further: mercy bends down, approaches the wounded person, and begins to heal. In the Gospel of Luke, compassion is often connected with the action of God.



God sees human suffering and does not remain distant. He approaches, restores, heals and gives life. When we show mercy, therefore, we are imitating the heart of God. The Good Samaritan teaches us three simple but demanding actions: see, stop, and touch.

The Samaritan saw the wounded man and had compassion. Many people see suffering without really seeing the person. The Samaritan allowed the wounds of another man to wound his own heart. Christian love begins when we truly notice the person standing in front of us.

The Samaritan interrupted his journey. He allowed someone else's suffering to change his schedule and his plans. Mercy sometimes means allowing another person's need to become more important than our agenda.

He came near, poured oil and wine on the wounds, bandaged them, lifted the man onto his animal, and carried him to safety. Love is not simply an emotion or a beautiful thought. Love needs hands. Love becomes concrete, tangible, and sometimes uncomfortable. Jesus Himself repeatedly stopped and touched those whom society preferred to avoid.

Finally, the Samaritan cares for the wounded man almost excessively. He gives his time, his energy, and his money without calculating what he will receive in return. And precisely in this generosity we recognize God. Divine love does not ask, “How little can I give?” It asks, “What does this person need?” Jesus concludes with a simple command that remains our Christian mission today: “Go and do likewise.”

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sat. Sept. 12: Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

(Mic 6:6-9; Rom 13:8-14; Lk 10:25-37 Lit. p 425)

- 5:00 pm

Liturgy for all Parishioners Intentions

Liturgy for all Donors and Supporters of St. Maron

Liturgy for all the innocent men and women who were victims of September 11

Sun. Sept. 13: Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

(Mic 6:6-9; Rom 13:8-14; Lk 10:25-37 Lit. p 425)

- 9:30 am **NO LITURGY**
- 11:30 am

Liturgy for Georgette Youssef Saleh, by her children Clair and Charbel Saleh and Families

Liturgy for Archbishop Francis Zayek, 16 Year Anniversary, by Kathy & Gary Housey

Mon. Sept. 14: Feast of the Holy Cross

- 7:00 pm

Liturgy for all Parishioners Intentions

Liturgy for all Donors and Supporters of St. Maron

NEXT WEEK

Sun. Sept. 20: First Sunday after Holy Cross

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

- 9:30 am

Liturgy for all living and deceased members of Saint Maron Church

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for Samira Howard, 3rd Anniversary, by Carol, Chris & Riva Mansour

Liturgy for all living and deceased members of Saint Maron Church

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

I. The Name of the Lord is Holy

Respect for his name is an expression of the respect owed to the mystery of God himself and to the whole sacred reality it evokes. the sense of the sacred is part of the virtue of religion:

Are these feelings of fear and awe Christian feelings or not? . . . I say this, then, which I think no one can reasonably dispute. They are the class of feelings we should have - yes, have to an intense degree - if we literally had the sight of Almighty God; therefore, they are the class of feelings which we shall have, if we realize His presence. In proportion as we believe that He is present, we shall have them; and not to have them, is not to realize, not to believe that He is present.

The faithful should bear witness to the Lord's name by confessing the faith without giving way to fear. Preaching and catechizing should be permeated with adoration and respect for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The second commandment forbids the abuse of God's name, i.e., every improper use of the names of God, Jesus Christ, but also of the Virgin Mary and all the saints.

Promises made to others in God's name engage the divine honor, fidelity, truthfulness, and authority. They must be respected in justice. To be unfaithful to them is to misuse God's name and in some way to make God out to be a liar.

Blasphemy is directly opposed to the second commandment. It consists in uttering against God - inwardly or outwardly - words of hatred, reproach, or defiance; in speaking ill of God; in failing in respect toward him in one's speech; in misusing God's name. St. James condemns those "who blaspheme that honorable name [of Jesus] by which you are called." The prohibition of blasphemy extends to language against Christ's Church, the saints, and sacred things. It is also blasphemous to make use of God's name to cover up criminal practices, to reduce peoples to servitude, to torture persons or put them to death. the misuse of God's name to commit a crime can provoke others to repudiate religion. Blasphemy is contrary to the respect due God and his holy name. It is in itself a grave sin.

Sunday September 6, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,441
Online Donations	\$ 140
Donation by Mail	\$ 130. ⁵¹
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 56
Votive Candles	\$ 746
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 September 2026, in Loving Memory of **Wanda Agby**, by Dinah Agby
- Bread and Wine for the month of September 2026, for **the Healing of the Sick People in our Family**, by Nuha Tabet and Family
- Bread and Wine for the month of September 2026, in Loving Memory of **Dr. Daher Rahi**, by Chrissy Kassab and Family



Our Congratulations and Best Wishes to
Pier Elias & Joelle Fares
who were married on
Saturday, September 5th, 2026.
We pray that the Lord God may grant this
couple happiness and joy
in their lives together as husband and wife!

Congratulations to **John & AnnMarie Karam**
on their new blessing and welcome baby
Amara Kay to our parish as the youngest
member. May God bless her!

St. Maron Church

Catechism Class

Faith – Bible - Church



Every Sunday 10:30am - 11:25am



Classes Start Sunday October 4



Please fill out the form
before September 27





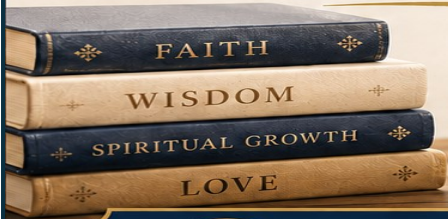
SAINT MARON
CHURCH

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*Reading is to
the mind what
exercise is to
the body.*

— Joseph Addison

join us to our first

Book Club



WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 14



@ 7:00 PM

AT THE PARISH CENTER



SAINT MARON CHURCH - DETROIT

Ladies Night



FRIDAY

OCTOBER 30TH, 2026



STARTING @ 7:00pm



An evening of Faith, Fellowship & Fun!



*Be Blessed
Be You
Be Loved*