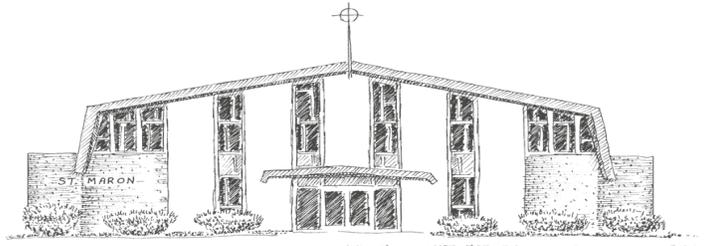


Saint Maron Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday After the Holy Cross October 13, 2024

What a strange groom who arrives at midnight and pretends that the bride's friends are awake! And what strange tips given by the friends to the naive without oil, as if in the middle of the night you could find an open merchant! But the meaning of the parable is clear: God is a spouse and his coming is an extraordinary feast. The God of Jesus, accessible and mysterious, evident and hidden, invites us continually to watch over, to leave the best part of us lighted and alert. In Mt 5:16 Jesus, in fact, had said: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven".



What is the oil that the virgins do not have? The oil is good. But what, then, are the good works in the Gospels? You remember the parable of the good Samaritan: not the sacred gestures of the Levite that passes and pulls straight in front of the beaten man, not the priest's daily prayers, but the love of the good Samaritan (who was considered a heretic). This counts before the Lord.

The meter of judgment of God is love. Nothing else matters. Prayers, rituals, merits, studies, honors, fame, money, knowledge, all this serves nothing if it is not in the service of love.

God, who is Love, recognizes the love that everyone has and lives. The rest do not know it. He does not know fame, glory, success, honors. The only language that He knows is Love. In God (that is, in Paradise, in the afterlife, or whatever you want to call it) the only language is love: this is why you only enter if you speak this language. It is the love that takes us from there, with Him. Nothing else.

Whoever speaks "success", "glory", "power", cannot enter; it is not a bad thing, but it is a language that is not spoken there. In God only "love" is spoken. This is why he says: "I do not know you". He does not say: "You were wrong!" but: "I do not know him!"



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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun Oct 13: 5th Sunday After the Holy Cross

(Song of Sg 5:2-8; Phil 2:12-18; Mt 25:1-13 Lit p 495)

- 9:30

Liturgy for all the living and deceased members of the Order of Saint Sharbel

Liturgy for stability and peace in Lebanon and the entire Middle East

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for Marie Jabbour 40 Day Mass, by family

Liturgy for Samira Howard, Birthday Remembrance, by Carol Monsour

Liturgy for Tamam Tedesco 40 Day Mass

Liturgy for all the living and deceased members of the Order of Saint Sharbel

NEXT WEEK

Sun Oct 20: 6th Sunday After the Holy Cross

(Prov 6:6-11; Gal 6:1-10; Mt 25:14-30 Lit p 506)

- 9:30

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

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

Liturgy for Peace and stability in Lebanon and the entire middle east

- 11:30 am

Liturgy for Marie Jabbour, by Madeline Foster

Liturgy for Marilyn Peters 10 Year Remembrance, by Marie Michaels and family

Liturgy for peace and stability in Lebanon and the entire middle east

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

III. The Three Degrees of the Sacrament of Holy Orders

"The divinely instituted ecclesiastical ministry is exercised in different degrees by those who even from ancient times have been called bishops, priests, and deacons." Catholic doctrine, expressed in the liturgy, the Magisterium, and the constant practice of the Church, recognizes that there are two degrees of ministerial participation in the priesthood of Christ: the episcopacy and the presbyterate. The diaconate is intended to help and serve them. For this reason, the term sacerdos in current usage denotes bishops and priests but not deacons. Yet Catholic doctrine teaches that the degrees of priestly participation (episcopate and presbyterate) and the degree of service (diaconate) are all three conferred by a sacramental act called "ordination," that is, by the sacrament of Holy Orders:

Let everyone revere the deacons as Jesus Christ, the bishop as the image of the Father, and the presbyters as the senate of God and the assembly of the apostles. For without them one cannot speak of the Church.

Episcopal ordination - fullness of the sacrament of Holy Orders

"Amongst those various offices which have been exercised in the Church from the earliest times the chief place, according to the witness of tradition, is held by the function of those who, through their appointment to the dignity and responsibility of bishop, and in virtue consequently of the unbroken succession going back to the beginning, are regarded as transmitters of the apostolic line."

To fulfil their exalted mission, "the apostles were endowed by Christ with a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit coming upon them, and by the imposition of hands they passed on to their auxiliaries the gift of the Spirit, which is transmitted down to our day through episcopal consecration."

The Second Vatican Council "teaches . . . that the fullness of the sacrament of Holy Orders is conferred by episcopal consecration, that fullness namely which, both in the liturgical tradition of the Church and the language of the Fathers of the Church, is called the high priesthood, the acme (summa) of the sacred ministry."

"Episcopal consecration confers, together with the office of sanctifying, also the offices of teaching and ruling.... In fact ... by the imposition of hands and through the words of the consecration, the grace of the Holy Spirit is given, and a sacred character is impressed in such wise that bishops, in an eminent and visible manner, take the place of Christ himself, teacher, shepherd, and priest, and act as his representative (in Eius persona agant)." "By virtue, therefore, of the Holy Spirit who has been given to them, bishops have been constituted true and authentic teachers of the faith and have been made pontiffs and pastors."

Collection October 6, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,488
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- Bread and Wine for the month of October 2024, in loving memory of **Raymond Daher**, by Dr. Eddy Daher.
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VENERATION OF THE RELIC OF THE TRUE CROSS OF CHRIST

Friday, Oct. 11th - Sunday, Oct. 13th

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

6:00 PM: WELCOMING PROCESSION & VENERATION OF THE RELIC OF THE CROSS.
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM: DEVOTIONAL PRAYER
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM: CONFESSIONS
8:30PM: ROSARY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

1:00 - 5:00 PM: DEVOTIONAL PRAYER & VENERATION OF THE RELIC OF THE CROSS
3:00 PM: ROSARY
5:00 PM: DIVINE LITURGY
6:00 - 10:00 PM: DEVOTIONAL PRAYER & VENERATION OF THE RELIC OF THE CROSS
6:00 - 7:00 PM: CONFESSIONS
8:00 PM: EVENING PRAYER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

11:30 AM: DIVINE LITURGY
1:00 PM: FINAL BENEDICTION BY THE RELIC OF THE CROSS



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LADIES NIGHT



Friday, October 25th

7 PM Rosary - 7:30 PM Dinner



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