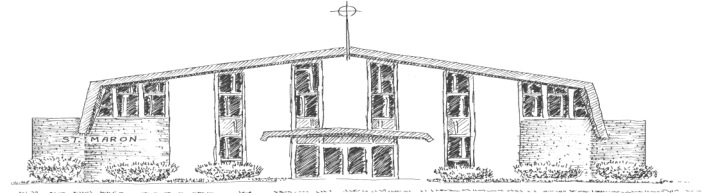


# Saint Maron Catholic Church

## Cleansing of the Leper February 26, 2023

In this Gospel passage, the leper was completely disposed to Jesus' words. He was on his knees before Him as a sign of complete trust and complete submission. He was ready to have Jesus' act in his life and it is this openness, more than anything else, that evokes these action words from Jesus. Jesus said: "I do will it."

First of all, the two words "I do" are sacred words used at various times in our liturgies and are used to profess faith and commitment. They are used in marriages to establish an unbreakable spiritual union, they are used in baptisms and other sacraments to renew our faith publicly, and they are also used in the ordination rite of priests as they make their solemn promises. To say, "I do" is what one may call "action words."



They are words that are also an act, a choice, a commitment, a decision. They are words that have an effect on who we are and what we choose to become.

Jesus also adds "...will it." So, Jesus is not just making a personal choice here or a personal commitment about His own life and convictions; rather, His words are an action that is effective and makes a difference for another. The mere fact that He wills something, and then sets that will into motion by His words, means something happened. Something changed. An act of God was accomplished.

What is Jesus willing? He definitely has a particular will for our lives and He is definitely willing to enact it in our lives if we are willing to hear those words.

The leprosy is a clear sign of our own weaknesses and sin. It's a clear sign of our fallen human nature and weakness. It's a clear sign that we cannot heal ourselves. It's a clear sign that we need the Divine Healer. When we acknowledge all of these realities and truths, we will be in a position, just like this leper, to turn to Jesus, on our knees, and beg His action in our lives.

Let us reflect, today, upon Jesus' words and listen to what He is saying to us through them. Jesus wills it. Do we? And if we do, are we willing to turn to Him and ask Him to act? Are we willing to ask for and receive His will?

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## LITURGY INTENTIONS

### Sun. Feb 26: Cleansing of the Leper

(Readings: Rom 6:12-23; Mk 1:35-43 Lit. p 196)

- **9:30 am**

**Liturgy for Sam Thomas, 4 year anniversary**, by Marie Michaels and Family

**Liturgy for Joey Andary, 5 year anniversary**, by Chris & Maria Attar

**Liturgy for all sick people in our parish**

**Liturgy for the Intentions and Donors of Catholic Extension Society**

- **11:30 am**

**Liturgy for all deceased members of the Kabeity Family**, by Michel & Roberta Kabeity

**Liturgy for all deceased members of the Derjani Family**, by Michel & Roberta Kabeity

**Liturgy for all sick people in our parish**

## NEXT WEEK

### 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

## CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

### **THE PASCHAL MYSTERY IN THE CHURCH'S SACRAMENTS**

#### **II. The Sacraments of the Church**

The sacraments are "of the Church" in the double sense that they are "by her" and "for her." They are "by the Church," for she is the sacrament of Christ's action at work in her through the mission of the Holy Spirit. They are "for the Church" in the sense that "the sacraments make the Church," since they manifest and communicate to men, above all in the Eucharist, the mystery of communion with the God who is love, One in three persons.

Forming "as it were, one mystical person" with Christ the head, the Church acts in the sacraments as "an organically structured priestly community." Through Baptism and Confirmation the priestly people is enabled to celebrate the liturgy, while those of the faithful "who have received Holy Orders, are appointed to nourish the Church with the word and grace of God in the name of Christ."

The ordained ministry or ministerial priesthood is at the service of the baptismal priesthood. The ordained priesthood guarantees that it really is Christ who acts in the sacraments through the Holy Spirit for the Church. the saving mission entrusted by the Father to his incarnate Son was committed to the apostles and through them to their successors: they receive the Spirit of Jesus to act in his name and in his person. The ordained minister is the sacramental bond that ties the liturgical action to what the apostles said and did and, through them, to the words and actions of Christ, the source and foundation of the sacraments.

The three sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders confer, in addition to grace, a sacramental character or "seal" by which the Christian shares in Christ's priesthood and is made a member of the Church according to different states and functions. This configuration to Christ and to the Church, brought about by the Spirit, is indelible it remains forever in the Christian as a positive disposition for grace, a promise and guarantee of divine protection, and as a vocation to divine worship and to the service of the Church. Therefore these sacraments can never be repeated.

**Collection February 19, 2023**

Collection	\$ 1,707
Second Collection	\$ 634
Online Donations	\$ 310
Donation by mail	\$ 10
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 55
You can support the Church by mail or through our website donating online <a href="http://www.saintmarondetroit.org/donate-online">www.saintmarondetroit.org/donate-online</a>	

**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 February 2023, in loving memory of **Beshara Mabarak and deceased family members**, by Robert Mabarak
- Bread and Wine for the month of February 2023, in loving memory of **deceased members of the Ghafari Families**, by Family
- Bread and Wine for the month of February 2023, in loving memory of **Moufid Eid**, by Louana & Georges Ghafari

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

**“Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each community and every believer. Above all it is a time of grace.”**

- Pope Francis

**Easter Lily Plants and Spring Bulbs 2023**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY (\$25 each)

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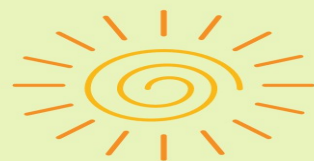
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Return with payment to the office OR put in collection basket by **March 17, 2023**







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