

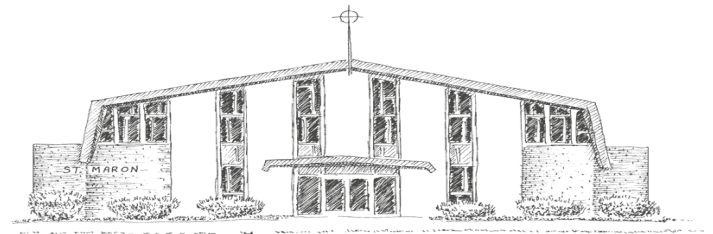
# Saint Maron Catholic Church

## Sixth Sunday after Resurrection

May 25, 2025

The disciples were with Jesus for three years, yet they did not immediately recognize Him after His resurrection. This fact reveals something profound: the Resurrection of Jesus is not a comforting idea fabricated by His followers to cope with loss, it is a transformative, disorienting event that took them by surprise. It is Jesus Himself who gradually helps them grasp this new reality, providing evidence that builds in an ascending scale: the empty tomb, the appearance of angels to the women, His personal encounter with Mary Magdalene, the meeting with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, and finally, His appearance to all eleven apostles gathered together.

In this final scene, Jesus shows them His hands and feet. He does not appear as a ghost or a figment of imagination, but as a living person with a real, tangible body. He even asks for something to eat and consumes a piece of grilled fish in front of them. A spirit does not eat, only a real, physical body can. Through this action, Jesus powerfully affirms the reality of His bodily resurrection.



The evangelist Luke emphasizes this corporeality, possibly foreseeing physically seeing or touching Him. The many generations, like ours, who must believe without physically seeing or touching Him.

Jesus is truly risen! He is not a mere illusion, not a fading spirit or a psychological projection. The apostles struggled to believe at first, and rightly so, they had witnessed His brutal death and burial. But the truth they came to understand and proclaim is this: Jesus is alive. He names Himself “The Living One.” Death has no hold over Him. This is not just good news; it is the definitive news that we, too, are called to share with the world.

Following His resurrection, Jesus continues to reveal Himself through three key actions: He shows Himself, He speaks, and He allows Himself to be touched. These actions define what it means to be a true witness. A witness is not merely someone who preaches doctrine but someone who has encountered the Risen Christ personally, who has seen, heard, and touched Him.

The Gospel reading concludes with Jesus saying, “You are witnesses of these things.” He does not call us to be mere preachers but witnesses, people who, like children with joyful news, cannot help but share it. Today, Jesus continues to be present to us in the Eucharist, a divine yet deeply human gift. In this sacrament, we don’t just remember Him, we encounter Him. We can touch Him, receive Him, and be transformed by Him. His mercy, peace, and love become a part of us, empowering us to live as true witnesses to His Resurrection.



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## LITURGY INTENTIONS

### Sun. May 25: Sixth Sunday after Resurrection

(Dt. 31:1-9; Rom 10:1-13; Lk 24:36-48 Lit. p 315)

• 9:30 am

**Liturgy for Joseph A. Michaels, birthday remembrance**, by Marie Michaels and Family

**Liturgy for Sam Thomas, birthday remembrance**, by Marie Michaels and Family

**Liturgy for Theresa Joseph Abood, birthday remembrance**, by Family

**Liturgy for all who have given their lives in the service of our country**

• 11:30 am

**Liturgy for Nayla Korkmaz, 40 Day Mass**, by Walid & Annie Korkmaz and Family

**Liturgy for Marie Haddad Jabbour, birthday remembrance**, by Family

**Liturgy for all who have given their lives in the service of our country**

**Liturgy for all men and women who have died in the cause of freedom**

## NEXT WEEK

### Sun. June 1: Seventh Sunday after Resurrection

(Lev 19:11-18; Eph 1:15-23; Jn 13:31-35 Lit. p 396)

• 9:30 am

**Liturgy for Alex Agbay Jr.**, by Alex & Laure Agbay

**Liturgy for Deacon Georges Khoury**

**Liturgy for all Vocations in the World**

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

• 11:30 am

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

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

**Liturgy for our Parishioners Intentions**

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

## CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

### OUR VOCATION TO BEATITUDE

#### *III. Christian Beatitude*

The New Testament uses several expressions to characterize the beatitude to which God calls man:

- The coming of the Kingdom of God;
- The vision of God: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God"
- Entering into the joy of the Lord;
- Entering into God's rest:

There we shall rest and see, we shall see and love, we shall love and praise. Behold what will be at the end without end. For what other end do we have, if not to reach the kingdom which has no end?

God put us in the world to know, to love, and to serve him, and so to come to paradise. Beatitude makes us "partakers of the divine nature" and of eternal life. With beatitude, man enters into the glory of Christ and into the joy of the Trinitarian life.

Such beatitude surpasses the understanding and powers of man. It comes from an entirely free gift of God: whence it is called supernatural, as is the grace that disposes man to enter into the divine joy.

*"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."*

It is true, because of the greatness and inexpressible glory of God, that "man shall not see me and live," for the Father cannot be grasped. But because of God's love and goodness toward us, and because he can do all things, he goes so far as to grant those who love him the privilege of seeing him.... For "what is impossible for men is possible for God."

The beatitude we are promised confronts us with decisive moral choices. It invites us to purify our hearts of bad instincts and to seek the love of God above all else. It teaches us that true happiness is not found in riches or well-being, in human fame or power, or in any human achievement - however beneficial it may be - such as science, technology, and art, or indeed in any creature, but in God alone, the source of every good and of all love:

All bow down before wealth. Wealth is that to which the multitude of men pay an instinctive homage. They measure happiness by wealth; and by wealth they measure respectability.... It is a homage resulting from a profound faith ... that with wealth he may do all things. Wealth is one idol of the day and notoriety is a second.... Notoriety, or the making of a noise in the world - it may be called "newspaper fame" - has come to be considered a great good in itself, and a ground of veneration.

## Collection May 18, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,070
Online Donations	\$ 210
Donation by mail	\$ 510
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 145
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>	

Our deepest condolences go out to the **Mabarak Family** on the passing of their mother, Delores Mabarak. May her 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 May 2025, In Loving Memory of **Living and Deceased Members of the Mabarak Family**, by Robert L. Mabarak
- Bread and Wine for the month of May 2025, In Loving Memory of **Peter Kassis**, by George & Jamie Kassis
- Bread and Wine for the month of May 2025, In Loving Memory of **our mother Theresa Joseph Abood, Bahia Joseph and all mothers in the world**, by Richard and John Abood and Family

**Pope's Intention:** Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

## Saint Maron Church

# BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Discover ways you can help with upcoming events!

### Events :

Elias Ordination  
Home Coming  
Annual Picnic



**Location:**  
**Church Hall**

**Sunday**  
**June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**after 11:30 Liturgy**





# Saint Maron Church

The Ending of the Marian Month of May

Friday May 30th, 2025



6:30pm Rosary

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

8:00pm Potluck dinner

# Scotch, Wine & Cigar Night

Patio of St Maron's Rectory

Friday June 13th, 2025 @ 7:30pm



Donation \$60 Per Person - \$100 Per Couple

RSVP by June 5<sup>th</sup>, Office: 313-824-0196

# St. Maron Church



# Father's Day

Sunday June 15th at 9:30 & 11:30 am Liturgies

# Saint Maron Church

Graduation Mass for  
class of

# 2025



Sunday June 29th @ 11:30 am

Please submit your name & graduation info  
via email before June 16th

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