

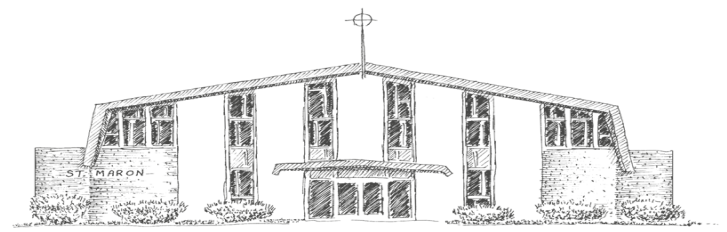
Saint Maron Catholic Church

The Hemorrhaging woman

March 16, 2025

The Gospel reading this Sunday presents us with two types of believers in Jesus. First, there are those who are healed because of their faith, demonstrating the truth of the saying: faith works miracles, not the other way around. The encounter between Jesus and the woman suffering from hemorrhages is a powerful example. Initially, her faith leads her to seek healing through a simple, furtive touch of Jesus' cloak. However, this seemingly secret act is transformed into something much greater. Her initiative of faith and trust becomes a moment of personal encounter with Christ, one that not only restores her physical health but also grants her peace—full communion with God and a renewed sense of dignity as His daughter.

We see in this story a journey from mere trust to deep faith, from humiliating isolation to joyful liberation. Jesus welcomes the woman's initial trust and transforms it into a faith that brings salvation. She is not only healed but also renewed and given a new identity.



No longer just an anonymous woman in the crowd, she is now recognized as a “Daughter”—a title signifying her belonging to God's chosen people, the Daughter of Zion. This profound personal transformation emboldens her to proclaim what has happened before the entire crowd. Jesus affirms that it is her faith that has saved her and calls her to walk in peace. He, the true light, has come to guide our steps toward salvation.

The second figure in this Gospel passage is Jairus, the leader of the synagogue. Unlike the woman, he approaches Jesus on behalf of another—his dying daughter. Despite his high status in the Jewish community, he does not rely on his position but instead comes to Jesus in desperation and humility. In the midst of a bustling crowd, he pushes through and, in an act of profound submission, throws himself at Jesus' feet, pleading for help. This is not merely the plea of a respected religious leader; it is the cry of a helpless father who realizes that only Jesus, the Lord of life, can save his child. He recognizes that only the One who is Love itself can restore life and love where they have been lost.

Today, just as in Jesus' time, humanity is in need of God. Sin devours the heart, and spiritual death takes hold of those who are far from Him. However, the action of God in our lives is not hindered unless we allow the noise of the crowd—distractions, doubts, and fears—to keep us from seeking Him. Like the woman who reached out in faith and Jairus who humbled himself before Christ, we too must not be ashamed to go to Jesus, to trust in His power, and to love Him wholeheartedly.

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sun. March 16: The Hemorrhaging Woman

(Num 15:37-41, 2 Cor 7:4-11, Lk 8: 40-56 Lit 207)

• 9:30 am

Liturgy for Joseph Assad Tonnos, by Marie and Mary Michaels

Liturgy for Nadia Sukkarieh

Liturgy for Yevheniya Shanle

• 11:30 am

Liturgy for Moussa & Antoinette Tabet and their son John Tabet, by Nuha Tabet and Family

Liturgy for Roger Wehbe, by Nuha Tabet and Family

Liturgy for Ousama Safar

NEXT WEEK

Sun. March 23: The Prodigal Son

(Zec 3:1-7; 2 Cor 13:5-13; Lk 15:11-32 Lit. p 217)

• 9:30 am

Liturgy for Marie Michaels, 100 birthday, by Family

Liturgy for Charles & charlotte Khalil, by Christine Khalil and Family

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

• 11:30 am

Liturgy for Randy Abud, 26 year Anniversary, by Gary & Paulette Abud

Liturgy for Mary Cherfan, 4 years remembrance, by Family

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

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

VI. The Domestic Church

Christ chose to be born and grow up in the bosom of the holy family of Joseph and Mary. the Church is nothing other than "the family of God." From the beginning, the core of the Church was often constituted by those who had become believers "together with all [their] household. "When they were converted, they desired that "their whole household" should also be saved. These families who became believers were islands of Christian life in an unbelieving world.

In our own time, in a world often alien and even hostile to faith, believing families are of primary importance as centers of living, radiant faith. For this reason the Second Vatican Council, using an ancient expression, calls the family the *Ecclesia domestica*. It is in the bosom of the family that parents are "by word and example . . . the first heralds of the faith with regard to their children. They should encourage them in the vocation which is proper to each child, fostering with special care any religious vocation."

It is here that the father of the family, the mother, children, and all members of the family exercise the priesthood of the baptized in a privileged way "by the reception of the sacraments, prayer and thanksgiving, the witness of a holy life, and self-denial and active charity." Thus the home is the first school of Christian life and "a school for human enrichment." Here one learns endurance and the joy of work, fraternal love, generous - even repeated - forgiveness, and above all divine worship in prayer and the offering of one's life.

We must also remember the great number of single persons who, because of the particular circumstances in which they have to live - often not of their choosing - are especially close to Jesus' heart and therefore deserve the special affection and active solicitude of the Church, especially of pastors. Many remain without a human family often due to conditions of poverty. Some live their situation in the spirit of the Beatitudes, serving God and neighbor in exemplary fashion. the doors of homes, the "domestic churches," and of the great family which is the Church must be open to all of them. "No one is without a family in this world: the Church is a home and family for everyone, especially those who 'labor and are heavy laden.'"

Collection March 9, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,587
Online Donations	\$ 180
Donation by mail	\$ 124. ¹¹
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 39
Second Collection	\$ 271
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 March 2025, in loving memory of **Reem Safadi**, by George & Janet Safadi.
- Bread and Wine for the month of March 2025, in loving memory of **Living and Deceased Members of the Tabet and Fleifel Families**, by Nuha & Family.
- Bread and Wine for the month of March 2025, in loving memory of **Living and Deceased Members of the Mabarak Family**, by Robert L. Mabarak.

Congratulations to Sarkis & Stephanie Douiah on their new blessing. Welcome baby **Joseph** to our parish as our youngest member. God Bless!

Congratulations to Michael & Tatiana Georges on their new blessing. Welcome baby **Jacob** to our parish as our youngest member. God Bless!



Saint Maron Church

Friday, March 28th, 2025

Adoration Day

Liturgy at 10am
Adoration: 11am to 6pm

The time you spend with Jesus in adoration is the best time you will spend on earth!



SAINT MARON CHURCH



God my only Hope!

Lent is a time for Christians to examine their lives, repent from sin, and seek renewal of their faith and relationship with God.

Lenten Retreat

**Saturday, March 22
from 11am to 4pm**

Fr. Piero Masolo



RSVP BY MARCH 17, TO 313-824-0196

SAINT MARON CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON



**Sunday April 13
after 11:30am Liturgy**

Adults \$30 - Kids \$20

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