

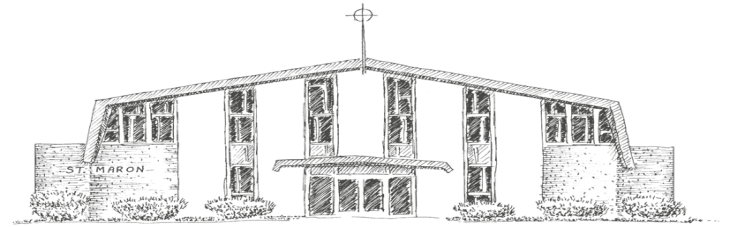
# Saint Maron Catholic Church

## The Healing of the Paralytic

March 30, 2025

Sunday's Gospel presents the healing of the paralytic, a miracle that stands out among the many others we read about during Lent. The leper approached Jesus and asked to be healed, and the hemorrhaging woman stole a miracle by touching Jesus's cloak. However, today's story is entirely different.

In this passage, the paralytic does not speak or ask to be healed. Yet, the Gospel tells us: "When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Child, your sins are forgiven.'" This raises an important question: can we see faith? Is faith something tangible, something we can touch or see with our eyes? Certainly not! While we do not physically see faith, we can witness it through the actions of a believing man or woman. That is precisely what happened in this story. Jesus saw the faith of these men who, undeterred by obstacles, opened the roof above Him and lowered the paralytic down on his mat.



The crowd did not stop them. They were determined to bring their friend to Jesus, knowing that He alone could heal him. Nothing hindered their resolve to reach the Lord. This teaches us that the journey of faith is not always easy, but if we persevere, we will ultimately arrive at Jesus.

Perhaps they were surprised by Jesus' response: "Your sins are forgiven." Maybe they silently thought, "What is He saying? We brought him here to walk again!" Their immediate concern was physical healing, restoring mobility, independence, and dignity. Yet, for Jesus, the most important thing was spiritual healing, reconciliation with God, and, ultimately, eternal salvation. Healing the soul is far greater than healing the body. A healed body may grant someone 10 or 15 more years of life, but a healed soul promises eternal life in heaven.

This Gospel invites us to reflect deeply on the role of the four men who carried the paralytic. They represent the community of the Church, a community that leads people to Christ. The Church, through its witness, helps others encounter Jesus. However, an essential truth about this community is that it is not perfect. Despite its imperfections, the Church carries us to Jesus. No one on this earth is perfect. Together, as a community, we pray the Our Father, and with one voice, we profess our faith in one God. The Church is not an exclusive club for the elite; it is a spiritual hospital for the sick, a place where all people, in their brokenness, can find healing through Christ.

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## LITURGY INTENTIONS

### Sun. March 30: The Healing of the Paralytic

(Is 35:1-10; 1 Tm 5:24-6:5; Mk 2:1-12 Lit. p 237)

• **9:30 am**

**Liturgy for Elias and Joe Tannous**, by Christine Khalil and Family

**Liturgy for Paul & Isabel Saigh**

**Liturgy for all the donors and supporters of Saint Maron Church**

• **11:30 am**

**Liturgy for Clemence Christo Salameh, 40 day Mass**, by Family

**Liturgy for Tery Lee Loucks Kabbani**, by Family

**Liturgy for all the donors and supporters of Saint Maron Church**

## NEXT WEEK

### Sun. April 06: The Healing of the Blind

(Is 46:6-8,16-18; 2 Cor 10:1-7; Mk 10:46-52 Lit. p 246)

• **9:30 am**

**Liturgy for Joe Shiha**, by Christine Khalil and Family

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

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

• **11:30 am**

**Liturgy for Dr. Daher Rahi**

**Liturgy for all the living and deceased members of Saint Maron Church**

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

**Liturgy for all vocations in the World specially in our Eparchy**

## CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

#### *Various forms of sacramentals*

Among sacramentals blessings (of persons, meals, objects, and places) come first. Every blessing praises God and prays for his gifts. In Christ, Christians are blessed by God the Father "with every spiritual blessing." This is why the Church imparts blessings by invoking the name of Jesus, usually while making the holy sign of the cross of Christ.

Certain blessings have a lasting importance because they consecrate persons to God, or reserve objects and places for liturgical use. Among those blessings which are intended for persons - not to be confused with sacramental ordination - are the blessing of the abbot or abbess of a monastery, the consecration of virgins, the rite of religious profession and the blessing of certain ministries of the Church (readers, acolytes, catechists, etc.). the dedication or blessing of a church or an altar, the blessing of holy oils, vessels, and vestments, bells, etc., can be mentioned as examples of blessings that concern objects.

When the Church asks publicly and authoritatively in the name of Jesus Christ that a person or object be protected against the power of the Evil One and withdrawn from his dominion, it is called exorcism. Jesus performed exorcisms and from him the Church has received the power and office of exorcizing. In a simple form, exorcism is performed at the celebration of Baptism. the solemn exorcism, called "a major exorcism," can be performed only by a priest and with the permission of the bishop. the priest must proceed with prudence, strictly observing the rules established by the Church. Exorcism is directed at the expulsion of demons or to the liberation from demonic possession through the spiritual authority which Jesus entrusted to his Church. Illness, especially psychological illness, is a very different matter; treating this is the concern of medical science. Therefore, before an exorcism is performed, it is important to ascertain that one is dealing with the presence of the Evil One, and not an illness.



**Collection March 23, 2025**

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,224
Online Donations	\$ 750
Donation by mail	\$ 10
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 35
Second Collection	\$ 412
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 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.

As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. **Mother Teresa**

**MARRIAGE BANNES**

**First Marriage Bannes between  
Daniel Handilah & Maria Matouk**

**SAINT MARON CHURCH**

**PALM  
SUNDAY  
LUNCHEON**



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

**Adults \$30 - Kids \$20**

**RSVP By April 1st to 313-824-0196**

# Saint Maron Church

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Monday & Tuesday**

**April 14th & 15th, 2025**

**Stations & Benediction of the Cross**

**Wednesday,**

**April 16th, 2025**

**Rite of the Lamp & Benediction of the Cross**

**Thursday of the Mysteries**

**April 17th, 2025**

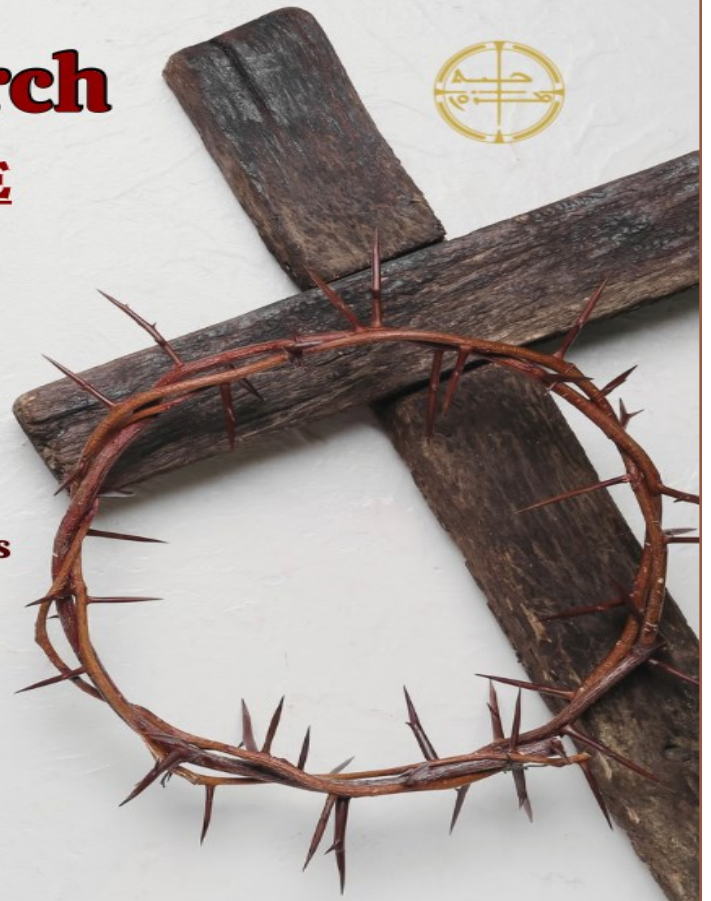
**Rite of the Washing of the Feet**

**Great Friday of the Crucifixion**

**April 18th, 2025**

**Rite of Adoration of the Holy Cross**

**All Services @ 7:00 PM**



# Saint Maron Church

## The Glorious Resurrection

**Liturgies**

**Saturday April 19**

**@ 6:00 pm**

**Saturday April 19**

**@ 11:00 pm**

**Sunday April 20**

**@ 11:30 am**



**Christ is Risen,  
He is Truly Risen!**

