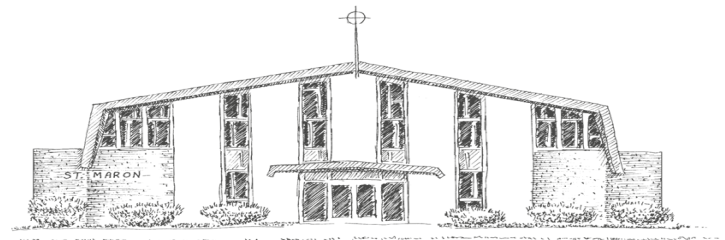


# Saint Maron Catholic Church

## Sixth Sunday After the Holy Cross October 20, 2024

The "talent" was an ancient Roman coin, of great value, and precisely because of this parable's popularity it became synonymous with personal gifts, which everyone is called to develop. In fact, the text speaks of "a man going on a journey [who] called his servants and entrusted to them his property". The man in the parable represents Christ himself, the servants are the disciples, and the talents are the gifts that Jesus entrusts to them. These gifts, in addition to their natural qualities, thus represent the riches that the Lord Jesus has bequeathed to us as a legacy, so that we may make them productive: his Word, deposited in the Holy Gospel; Baptism, which renews us in the Holy Spirit; prayer the "Our Father" that we raise to God as his children, united in the Son; his forgiveness, which he commanded be offered to all; the Sacrament of his Body



sacrificed and his Blood poured out; in a word: the Kingdom of God, which is God himself, present and alive in our midst.

This is the treasure that Jesus entrusted to his friends at the end of his brief life on earth. Today's parable stresses the inner disposition necessary to accept and develop this gift. Fear is the wrong attitude: the servant who is afraid of his master and fears his return hides the coin in the earth and it does not produce any fruit. This happens, for example, to those who after receiving Baptism, Communion and Confirmation subsequently bury these gifts beneath a blanket of prejudice, beneath a false image of God that paralyzes faith and good works, thus betraying the Lord's expectations. However, the parable places a greater emphasis on the good fruits brought by the disciples who, happy with the gift they received, did not keep it hidden with fear and jealousy but made it profitable by sharing it and partaking in it. Yes, what Christ has given us is multiplied in its giving! It is a treasure made to be spent, invested and shared with all, as we are taught by the Apostle Paul, that great administrator of Jesus' talents.

The central message, however, concerns the spirit of responsibility with which to receive God's Kingdom: a responsibility to God and to humanity. This attitude of the heart is embodied perfectly in the Virgin Mary who, on receiving the most precious gift of all, Jesus himself, offered him to the world with immense love. **Pope Benedict XVI**

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## LITURGY INTENTIONS

### 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 Middle East**

• 11:30

**Liturgy for Vera Isakof, 1 Year Anniversary**, by Katia & Albert Fares and family

**Liturgy for Marie Jabbour**, by Madeline Foster

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

**Liturgy for Archbishop Francis Zayek, Birthday Remembrance**, by Kathy & Gary Housey.

## NEXT WEEK

### Sun Oct 27: 7th Sunday After the Holy Cross

(Job 29:12-17; Rom 12:9-21; Mt 25:31-46 Lit p 514)

• 9:30

**Liturgy for Richard Milad Joseph, 27th Anniversary**, by Family

**Liturgy for Marie Jabbour**, by Marie and Mary Michaels

**Liturgy for peace and stability in Lebanon and Middle East**

• 11:30

**Liturgy for Mounir and Antoine Haddad and Victor Botosan**, by Maria Haddad

**Liturgy for peace and stability in Lebanon and Middle East**

## CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

#### III. The Three Degrees of the Sacrament of Holy Orders

"One is constituted a member of the episcopal body in virtue of the sacramental consecration and by the hierarchical communion with the head and members of the college." The character and collegial nature of the episcopal order are evidenced among other ways by the Church's ancient practice which calls for several bishops to participate in the consecration of a new bishop. In our day, the lawful ordination of a bishop requires a special intervention of the Bishop of Rome, because he is the supreme visible bond of the communion of the particular Churches in the one Church and the guarantor of their freedom.

As Christ's vicar, each bishop has the pastoral care of the particular Church entrusted to him, but at the same time he bears collegially with all his brothers in the episcopacy the solicitude for all the Churches: "Though each bishop is the lawful pastor only of the portion of the flock entrusted to his care, as a legitimate successor of the apostles he is, by divine institution and precept, responsible with the other bishops for the apostolic mission of the Church."

The above considerations explain why the Eucharist celebrated by the bishop has a quite special significance as an expression of the Church gathered around the altar, with the one who represents Christ, the Good Shepherd and Head of his Church, presiding.

#### *The ordination of priests - co-workers of the bishops*

"Christ, whom the Father hallowed and sent into the world, has, through his apostles, made their successors, the bishops namely, sharers in his consecration and mission; and these, in their turn, duly entrusted in varying degrees various members of the Church with the office of their ministry." "The function of the bishops' ministry was handed over in a subordinate degree to priests so that they might be appointed in the order of the priesthood and be co-workers of the episcopal order for the proper fulfillment of the apostolic mission that had been entrusted to it by Christ."

"Because it is joined with the episcopal order the office of priests shares in the authority by which Christ himself builds up and sanctifies and rules his Body. Hence the priesthood of priests, while presupposing the sacraments of initiation, is nevertheless conferred by its own particular sacrament. Through that sacrament priests by the anointing of the Holy Spirit are signed with a special character and so are configured to Christ the priest in such a way that they are able to act in the person of Christ the head."

"Whilst not having the supreme degree of the pontifical office, and notwithstanding the fact that they depend on the bishops in the exercise of their own proper power, the priests are for all that associated with them by reason of their sacerdotal dignity; and in virtue of the sacrament of Holy Orders, after the image of Christ, the supreme and eternal priest, they are consecrated in order to preach the Gospel and shepherd the faithful as well as to celebrate divine worship as true priests of the New Testament."

Collection October 13, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 3,368
Online Donations	\$ 540
Donation by mail	\$ 10
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 43
Votive Candle	\$ 482

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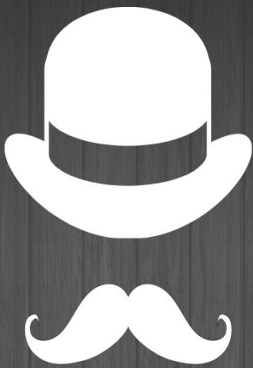
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BREAD AND WINE

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 October 2024, in loving memory of **Samira Howard**, by Carol Monsour.
- Bread and Wine for the month of October 2024, in loving memory of **Raymond Daher**, by Dr. Eddy Daher.
- Bread and Wine for the month of October 2024, in loving memory of **Dr. Daher Rahi**, by Christi Rahi Kassab and Family.

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## MEN'S NIGHT



Friday, November 8, 2024

7:30 PM in the Parish Center

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## LADIES NIGHT



Friday, October 25th

7 PM Rosary - 7:30 PM Dinner

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## trunk or treat



SUNDAY OCTOBER 27  
AFTER 11:30 AM LITURGY



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## CHARITY LUNCH

All Money Raised Will be Sent  
to Help the People in Lebanon

NOVEMBER 10, 2024  
AFTER 11:30AM  
LITURGY



\$20 per Adult  
\$10 per Child Under 12  
Please RSVP by November 5th

