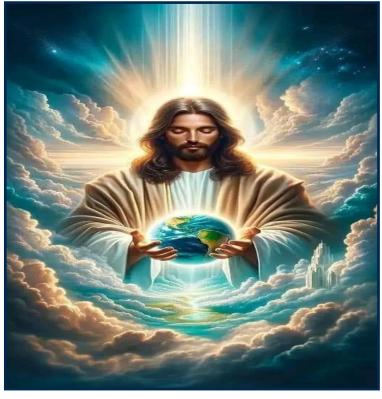
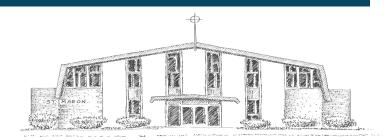
Saint Maron Catholic Church

Seventh Sunday After the Holy Cross October 27, 2024

"Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews". This is the title put on the cross. Shortly before Christ's death, one of the two condemned men crucified with him said to him: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom". What kingdom? The object of his request was certainly not an earthly kingdom but another one.

Pilate had questioned Jesus: "Are you the King of the Jews". Christ had not denied it; he had explained: "My kingship is not of this world; if my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to the Jews; but my kingship is not from the world". Jesus had replied directly to Pilate's repeated question as to whether he was a king: "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice".





The words which Mary heard at the Annunciation are significant: "The Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there will be no end". This kingdom, then, is not only the earthly kingdom of David, which came to an end. It is the Kingdom of Christ, which will never end, the eternal Kingdom, the Kingdom of truth, of love and of eternal life.

The Good Thief crucified with Jesus came in some way to the heart of this truth. Indeed, in a certain sense he became a prophet of this eternal Kingdom when, hanging on the cross, he said: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom". Christ said in reply: "Today you will be with me in Paradise".

To this Kingdom, which is not of this world, Jesus invited us to look when he taught us to pray: "Thy Kingdom come". Obedient to his command, the Apostles, the disciples and the missionaries of all times have done their best to extend, through evangelization, the boundaries of this Kingdom. For it is both the gift of the Father and the result of man's personal response. In the "new creation", we will be able to enter into the Kingdom of the Father only if we have followed the Lord during our earthly pilgrimage.

This, then, is the program of every Christian: to follow the Lord, the Way, and the Truth, and the Life, in order to possess the Kingdom which he has promised and given. *Pope John Paul II*





LITURGY INTENTIONS

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, 47th Anniversary, by Family

Liturgy for Peace and Stability in Lebanon and Middle East

11:30

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

Liturgy for Marie Jabbour, by Marie and Mary Michaels

Liturgy for Peace and Stability in Lebanon and Middle East

NEXT WEEK

Sun Nov 3: Consecration of the Church

(Is 54:1-10; Heb 9:1-12; Mt 16:13-20 Lit p 11)

9:30

Liturgy for Joe Keys, 4 year anniversary, by Cheryl Keys

Liturgy for Marie Jabbour, by Louis & Antoinette Dasaro

Liturgy for Paul & Isabel Saigh

11:30

Liturgy for Charbel Bou Khalil, 4 year anniversary, by Marwan & Zalfa Bou Khalil and Family

Liturgy for Peace and Stability in Lebanon and Middle East

Liturgy for all Deceased members of Saint Maron Church

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

III. The 3 Degrees of the Sacrament of Holy Orders

Through the sacrament of Holy Orders priests share in the universal dimensions of the mission that Christ entrusted to the apostles. the spiritual gift they have received in ordination prepares them, not for a limited and restricted mission, "but for the fullest, in fact the universal mission of salvation 'to the end of the earth," "prepared in spirit to preach the Gospel everywhere."

"It is in the Eucharistic cult or in the Eucharistic assembly of the faithful (synaxis) that they exercise in a supreme degree their sacred office; there, acting in the person of Christ and proclaiming his mystery, they unite the votive offerings of the faithful to the sacrifice of Christ their head, and in the sacrifice of the Mass they make present again and apply, until the coming of the Lord, the unique sacrifice of the New Testament, that namely of Christ offering himself once for all a spotless victim to the Father." From this unique sacrifice their whole priestly ministry draws its strength.

"The priests, prudent cooperators of the episcopal college and its support and instrument, called to the service of the People of God, constitute, together with their bishop, a unique sacerdotal college (presbyterium) dedicated, it is, true to a variety of distinct duties. In each local assembly of the faithful they represent, in a certain sense, the bishop, with whom they are associated in all trust and generosity; in part they take upon themselves his duties and solicitude and in their daily toils discharge them." priests can exercise their ministry only in dependence on the bishop and in communion with him. the promise of obedience they make to the bishop at the moment of ordination and the kiss of peace from him at the end of the ordination liturgy mean that the bishop considers them his co-workers, his sons, his brothers and his friends, and that they in return owe him love and obedience.

"All priests, who are constituted in the order of priesthood by the sacrament of Order, are bound together by an intimate sacramental brotherhood, but in a special way they form one priestly body in the diocese to which they are attached under their own bishop." The unity of the presbyterium finds liturgical expression in the custom of the presbyters' imposing hands, after the bishop, during the Ate of ordination.

Collection October 20, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,328
Online Donations	\$ 110
Donation by mail	\$ 10
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 66

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We extend our deepest condolences to

Gerard (Judy) Folk

on the passing of his mother Ellen Folk.

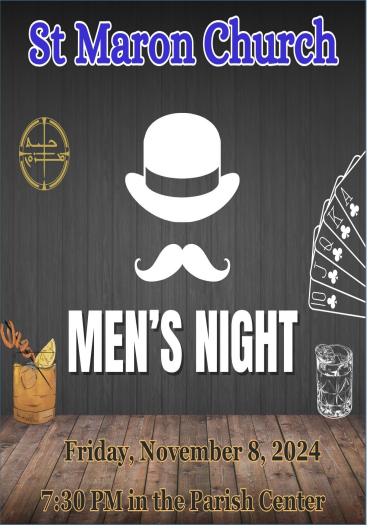
May her soul rest in peace.

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 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.







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



AFTER 11:30AM LITURGY

