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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday at 5:00 pm (English)

Sunday at 9:30 am (English)

Sunday at 11:30 am (Arabic)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Closed on: Fridays, Holy Days of Obligation and Federal Holidays

Mass Time & Intentions

Epistle: **2 Cor 4: 5-15** Gospel: **Jn 1: 35-42**

Anaphora: **St. Peter, page 774**

<p>Sat. Jan. 17 5:00 PM</p>	<p>(+) Emil & Gloria Rizk By David & Michael Rizk (+) Deceased members of the Diab & Attaf Joseph Families By The Family of Elias D. Joseph (+) Marsha Kralick</p>
<p>Sun. Jan. 18 9:30 AM</p>	<p>(+) Joseph & Albert Mansour By Sam & Katia Mansour</p>
<p>Sun. Jan. 18 11:30 AM</p> <p>St. Sixtus Page 856</p>	<p>(+) George Mansour (1 Yr Memorial) By The Family (+) Corky Ferro (40 Day) By The Family (+) Ferouz Dabbikeh By Souad Hayek (+) Boulos Chaiban By Fouad & Mariette Mansour (+) Hanna Chaiban & Deceased Members of his family By Hind Chaiban (+) Rodrick Khoury By The Family (+) Juliette Nayef El-Khoury By Henri Khoury & Family</p>

(+) =Deceased; (-) = Intention not deceased



WELCOME!

If you are a guest or visitor to St. John Maron Church, we are happy to have you. PLEASE make yourself at home. You Are Among Family.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Altar Bread, Wine and Sanctuary Candle burn this month for a Special Intention requested by John & Amy Zavitz.



CONFESSION

Father is always available to hear confessions. Please call the office to schedule an appointment. Thank you.

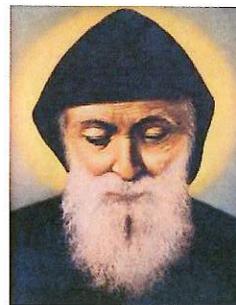


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ST. SHARBEL MASS



The next St Sharbel Mass will be on **Thursday, January 22 at 7 PM** followed by a procession and blessing with the oil of St. Sharbel. Please share this news with your loved ones and friends. May the Lord through the intercessions of St. Sharbel bless you and yours.



BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The First Disciples of Jesus



John 1:35-42 describes how two disciples of John the Baptist, Andrew and another unnamed disciple, hear John call Jesus the "Lamb of God", follow

Jesus, and spend time with Him, leading Andrew to find his brother, Simon Peter, and introduce him to Jesus, who renames him Peter. This passage marks the beginning of Jesus gathering his first followers, emphasizing the theme of "coming and seeing" and finding the Messiah.

PARISH CONTACTS

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SICK OR IN NEED

If you or someone you know is sick or in need of a visit from clergy, please call the office. 716-634-0669.

**Please pray for those who are sick,
homebound or in the hospital.**

Theresa Utz, Paula Chameli, John Joseph, Jr.,
Gregory Joseph, Sanaa Abou-Jaoude



TOTAL BASKET COLLECTION

January 11, 2026

Regular Collection: \$2,495.00

Online Collection: \$25.00

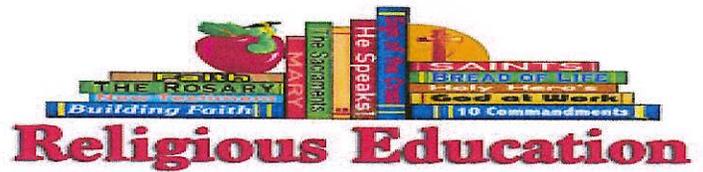
**Our gratitude to all who are supporting our
parish. Your generosity is a blessing.**

**The second collection today is for
FUEL AND UPKEEP**



CEDARS HALL RENTAL

For information, please contact Michael Khoury or
Joseph Mahfouz at 716-393-9266. Check out the
cedarsvenue.com website for more information.



- Jan. 18: Regular Class;
Grade 2 Children's Mass
- Jan. 25: Regular Class
- Feb. 1: Regular Class

COFFEE HOUR:

- Jan. 18: Ellen El Hawa & Laura Mansour
- Jan. 25: Andrea & Rob Setlik
- Feb. 1: James & Denise Issa

**All parishioners are welcome to coffee hour
between masses at 10:30.**



**Wisdom of the Saints for
the Season of the Glorious Epiphany**

St. Ephrem (d. 373) wrote a beautiful hymn in which he connected the baptism of Jesus with the womb of Mary and the sacrament of the Eucharist: "See, Fire and Spirit in the womb that bore you! See, Fire and Spirit in the river where you were baptized! Fire and Spirit in our Baptism; in the Bread and the Cup, Fire and Holy Spirit!" Christ, the Light of the World, dwelt first in the womb of the Virgin—who was thus "baptized" by her Son—and then in the womb of the Jordan; he emerged from both as the Incarnate Word, the Savior of mankind. Those who are baptized thus become the children of Mary and partakers of the body, blood, soul, and divinity of her Son.



**TAX CONTRIBUTION
STATEMENTS FOR 2025**

For donations of \$250 or more, a church must provide a written contribution statement. Statements are in the process of being emailed or, if your email is not on file, we will mail it. If you believe there is a discrepancy in the amount, please call or email the office.

Please contact our Parish Council members with any suggestions or issues you might have.

Parish Council

Mr. Joseph Mahfouz 716-725-3185

Dr. Gabriel Chouchani 716-812-0881

Dr. Naim Dawli 716-982-9411

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ALTAR BREAD, WINE & SANCTUARY LAMP

Anyone who wishes to sponsor the Altar Bread & Wine & Sanctuary Lamp in Thanksgiving or in memory of deceased loved one(s) for 2026 can call or email the rectory to request a specific month. July is the only month available. Please call the office 716-634-0669 or email stjmaron@gmail.com at your earliest convenience.

2026 WEEKLY ENVELOPES

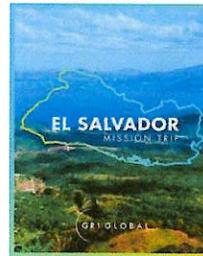
The Contribution boxes are in the back of the church. Please make sure you pick up your box as soon as possible so you can start using them in the new year. Please look at the address on the sticker to make sure it is correct. If there are any errors, please report them to the church office. If you are new to the church or have never contributed using envelopes and would like to receive weekly envelopes, please call or email the office. As always, thank you for continuing to contribute to St. John Maron Church. Your



donations have funded many projects and needed updates to our church.

MASS INTENTIONS

For your mass intentions, please complete the intention form located near the bulletin in the church. Insert it with the stipend into the blue envelopes available near the bulletin. You can also download the form from our stjmaron.org website located on the main page. Intention forms can be mailed in or put in the collection basket. Thank you for your cooperation. The 2026 Mass Book is now available to schedule your masses.

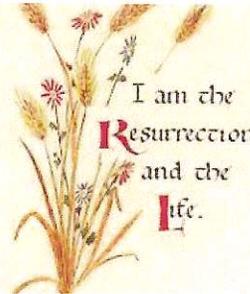


Fellow parishioners will be participating in a mission trip to El Salvador this February. Your generosity will help bring Christ's love and hope to those in need. A designated place to leave your gift is available in the back of the church. Please keep our mission team in your prayers. Thank you.

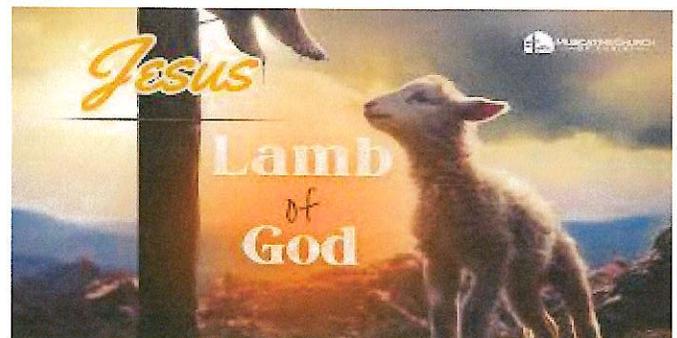


BISON CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This is a tuition assistance program to help economically eligible children entering K-8th Grade who attend private grammar schools of their choice. To get more information, please see the form online at www.bisonfund.org. Email cmcdonald@bisonfund.org for more information. The deadline is March 31, 2026.



Our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences go to the family and friends of Bruce Shelby who passed to the Lord on January 12, 2026. He was the husband of Mona, and father of John. May the Lord grant eternal rest to the soul of His servant, Bruce, and may He grant comfort and consolation to all those who mourn him.



IN LOVING MEMORY of...

*Nabih Tablie
Albert Hanna
By Kamal and Colette Jowdy*

*Rose & Jim Abraham
Mildred & John Zavitz
Beloved sisters Karema Abraham
& Carol Abraham Krestos
By John & Amy (Abraham) Zavitz*

*The deceased members of the
Nemtala and Jeanette Moses Family
By the Moses Family*

*Toufic & Najeeba Karam
By Michael Karam*

*Sam & Christine Tartick
Kitty Champagne
Adeline Rein & Eugene Musial
By Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Tartick*

*Isabelle Abraham
By Mrs. Therese Abraham*

*Rose & James Abraham, Karema Abraham,
Carol Abraham Krestos
Miriam & Anthony Amati
By Mr. & Mrs. Roger Amati*

*Charlie & Rose Sparcino
Theresa & Tom Mosey*

*Badih B. Boujaoude
Farid and Angele Aboujaoude
By Kamal and Colette Jowdy*

*Katherine Hage
Antoine & Teresa Hage
Peter Hage
By the Family*

*Rita and Patrick MacDiarmid, Sr.
Deceased family members of Elias and Rose Attea
Deceased family members of Andrew & Lena MacDiarmid
By the Family*

*Joseph (Gush) Mosey Sr & Helen Mosey
By Thomas J. & Theresa Mosey*

*Elias & Sadie Joseph
Joseph E. Joseph
By the Family*

*The deceased of the Saffire & Attea families
By Rosemary Saffire*

*Charles & Mabel Haykel
Frank & Josephine Baron
Jabour Anthony Family
By Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Haykel*

*Felix & Yvonne Labaki
Paul Labaki
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*Sarkis Abraham & Family
Sarkis Zaiter & Family
By Mrs. Therese Abraham*

*Rafca Abdallah Boujaoude
By Kamal and Colette Jowdy*

*Rima Sayegh Dawli
By the Family*

*Mary & Gebron Milan
By David & Michael Rizk*

*Emil & Gloria Rizk
By David & Michael Rizk*

*John M. Joseph
By Wife Mary K. Joseph*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED PASTORS AND ASSISTANT PASTORS WHO SERVED ST. JOHN MARON PARISH WITH LEADERSHIP, DEDICATION, SERVICE AND LOVE...

PASTORS:

*Reverend Antoun A. Zoghby (1903-1904)
Reverend Georges Aziz (1904-1908)
Reverend Monsignor Francis Shemalie (1908-1959)*

*Reverend Peter F. Sfeir (1960-1968)
Reverend Maron Abi-Nader (1968-1969)
Reverend Monsignor Joseph D. Joseph (1969-1996)*

ASSISTANT PASTORS:

*Reverend Monsignor Nemat-Allah Chemaly (1912-1919)
Reverend Silwanus Jowdy, Reverend Philip Nagem and Reverend Simon Acle (alternately 1915-1919)
Reverend Peter F. Sfeir (1924-1930; 1947-1954)
Reverend Norman S. Peter (1946-1948)
Reverend Monsignor Joseph D. Joseph (1954-1956)
Reverend Paul Hage (1954-1968)
Bishop Fouad T. El-Hage (1972-1982)*

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Mt. 20:26

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