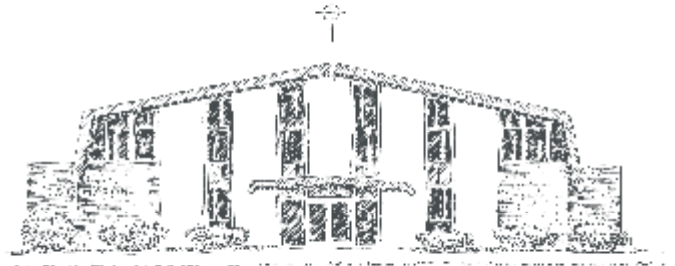


# Saint Maron Catholic Church

## Healing of the Paralytic March 22, 2020

Today there is not only one person paralyzed but the whole world paralyzed in front of this virus attacking everyone without exception. What we do and how we spread this disease that makes us live in fear of every person and everything. A virus paralyzes humanity without being able to do anything. We remember the disciples when they were in the boat and a storm attacked the boat while Jesus slept, they were disturbed unable to face it. Even after the resurrection they were afraid and they stayed at the houses scarred. The greatest obstacle to faith is fear!

Popular religiosity thought that illness was the sign of a curse from God, the punishment for a sin committed. And if one was born sick, he discounted the blame of his parents.



Some of us also think now that God is punishing us because we are sinners, and we forget God's self-inflicted love for the humanity to whom he died on the Cross. Jesus, healing the paralytic, denies this belief. The only reason this paralytic was healed is that he had these friends to bring him before Jesus. He couldn't do it alone.

Sin paralyzes us, prevents us from living our life with truth and serenity. How nice when some authentic friend notices our state and decides to intervene by bringing us with prayer before God! Let us be deeply reconciled and bring to God, in prayer, the people we know are paralyzed by sin and pain. Today the world is paralyzed, it is afraid, but we can bring it before Jesus. We must do this as Christians and faithful. We believe in Jesus and we are not afraid. We remember the words of Jesus: "I am with you until the end of the world, you are not alone".

I ask you all my brothers and sisters, let's start this coming Sunday to pray the Rosary every evening at 7 pm and to read a passage from the Bible in our home. Let us pray together as one family as we bring our world, our brothers and sisters before Jesus to heal them. The only thing we can do is to pray. Do not be afraid; let's open our hearts and our houses to Jesus. The virus will survive for a time but Christ is alive forever. Have faith and pray!

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## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Sun. March 22: Healing of the Paralytic (Lit p 237)**

**Liturgy for all people suffering from corona virus**

**Liturgy for Raymond Mabarak, by Paul & Isabel Saigh**

**Liturgy for all the Forgotten Souls**

**Liturgy for Emily Michael, by Leila Foker**

**Liturgy for Charlotte Khalil**

### **CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Let it be done to me according to your word**

At the announcement that she would give birth to "the Son of the Most High" without knowing man, by the power of the Holy Spirit, Mary responded with the obedience of faith, certain that "with God nothing will be impossible": "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be [done] to me according to your word." Thus, giving her consent to God's word, Mary becomes the mother of Jesus. Espousing the divine will for salvation wholeheartedly, without a single sin to restrain her, she gave herself entirely to the person and to the work of her Son; she did so in order to serve the mystery of redemption with him and dependent on him, by God's grace:

As St. Irenaeus says, "Being obedient she became the cause of salvation for herself and for the whole human race." Hence not a few of the early Fathers gladly assert. . .: "The knot of Eve's disobedience was untied by Mary's obedience: what the virgin Eve bound through her disbelief, Mary loosened by her faith." Comparing her with Eve, they call Mary "the Mother of the living" and frequently claim: "Death through Eve, life through Mary."

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### **March Prayer Intention**

Remember, O Lord, all those who bear the name of Christian, but live in places under the threat of violence, coercion and suppression of the inalienable right to freedom of religion. Let your grace come into their hearts to strengthen them that they might further share the message of the Gospel and live out more perfectly their call to holiness. We pray to you, O Lord.

### **STAYING HOME LET US READ OUR BIBLE**

**Sunday March 22**

1 Tim 5: 24-6:5      Mark 2 1-12

**Monday March 23 : Feast of St Rafka**

2 Cor 1: 1-7      Luck 10: 38-42

**Tuesday March 24**

1 Tim 1: 1-8      Mark 6: 47-56

**Wednesday March 25**

Eph 6: 1-9      Luck 7: 11-17

**Thursday March 26**

2Tim 1: 6-14      Mark 4:33-41

**Friday March 27**

Phil 2: 12-19      Luck 4: 31-44

**Saturday March 28**

Col 3:23- 4:7      Mark 7:31-37

### **BREAD AND WINE**

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## **LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE HOLY WEEK** **IF EVERYTHING RETURNS TO NORMAL**

### **PALM SUNDAY**

**SUNDAY APRIL 05, 2020**

**11:30 AM: LITURGY AND PROCESSION  
FOLLOWED BY LUNCH (\$10 PER PERSON)**

### **MONDAY, TUESDAY**

**APRIL 06, 07**

**7:00 PM STATIONS AND PROCESSION OF THE CROSS**

### **WEDNESDAY**

**APRIL 8**

**7:00 PM THE RITE OF THE LAMP AND PROCESSION OF THE CROSS**

### **HOLY THURSDAY**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 9**

**7:00 PM LITURGY AND WASHING OF THE FEET SERVICE  
ADORATION BEFORE THE HOLY SACRAMENT, & CONFESSIONS TILL 9PM**

### **GREAT FRIDAY OF THE CRUCIFIXION**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10**

**10:00 AM MASS OF THE CHALICE**

**7:00 PM RITE OF THE CRUCIFIXION AND BURIAL OF CHRIST**

### **GREAT SATURDAY OF THE LIGHT**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**

**11:00 AM RECONCILIATION AND PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS**

### **THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11: LITURGY 6:00 PM**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12: MIDNIGHT MASS (12 AM), AND 11:30 AM**





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