

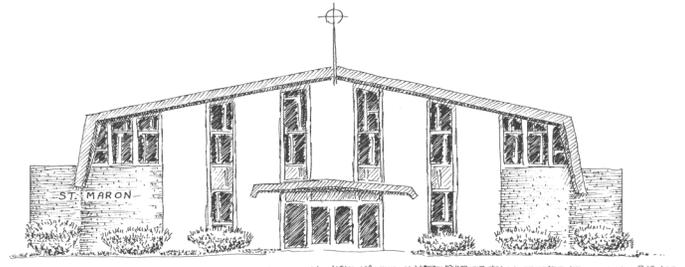
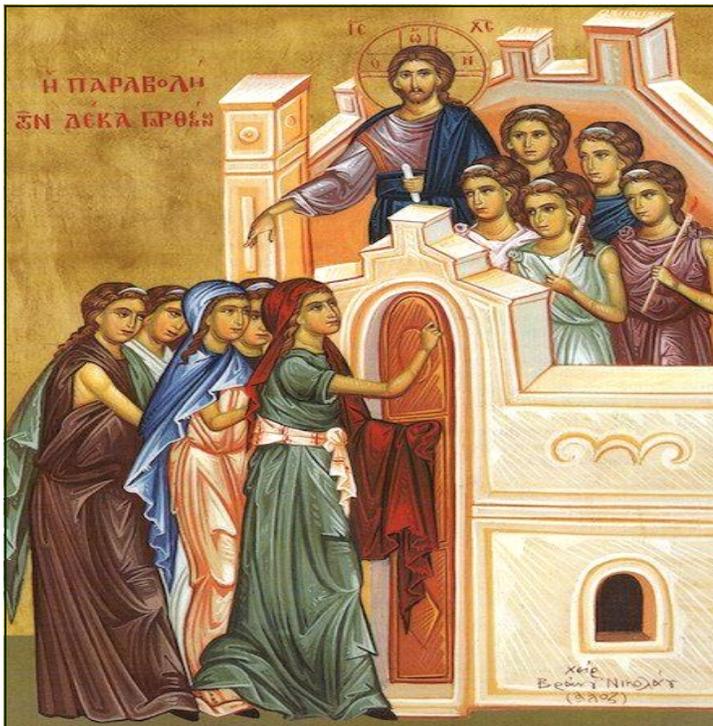
# Saint Maron Catholic Church

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

October 18, 2020

Jesus' disciples asked him questions about his second coming and the end of the world. The parable of the ten virgins is a continuation of the discourse on the end of times. The ten young women of the gospel know very well that the bridegroom exists, that he will come, but they do not know exactly what time. Some are preparing and watching while waiting; others don't really care, "we'll see when he comes!"

Every baptized Christian and believer know that Jesus came to bring salvation, on condition of believing and living according to his word. Some believe and apply themselves to living by his word in all areas of their lives. Others say they are believers but give themselves exceptions to the word of God, and some of them even say that they can do whatever they want today and later they will have time to convert.



Today, we are faced with many events that disrupt our world: wars, conflicts, financial issues, pandemics, etc. No one knows exactly what tomorrow will bring; no one can swear to have many more years of life ahead of him. Is it not time, without wanting to play alarmists, to become aware of our state before the Lord, and to prepare our lamps as well to welcome him when the time is right? To prepare our lamps is to make a thorough examination of our conscience, to live the sacrament of confession, to receive Holy Communion and also to live in accordance to the word of God.

Jesus' concern was not to tell us that for example, only half of the Christians will be saved, as some would have us believe, but to show us the importance of preparing to enter the Kingdom of God. Today's gospel is not to be a condemnation or a threat, on the contrary it is a call to love, a call to live in the love of God by following him, by giving our life to his word, which is the life and source of graces. May we stop for a moment today and look at our true relationship with Jesus. Lord, grant us the great gift of wisdom so that we can prepare well for your coming. Teach us to take the small steps that strengthen us in our weakness. Give us the vision that allows us to keep our eyes on you, the treasure of our life.

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**LITURGY INTENTIONS**

**Sun. Oct. 18: Fifth Sunday after the Holy Cross**

- 9:30 am [Lector: Robert Safadi]

Liturgy for Peter Saigh, by Paul & Isabel Saigh

Liturgy for Joseph Asmar, by Paul & Isabel Saigh

Liturgy for the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension Society

- 11:30 am [Lector: Alex Agbay]

Liturgy for Rev. Francis and Wadad Obeid, by Tony and Beline Obeid

Liturgy for the living and deceased of the descendants of Tourza, by Tony and Beline Obeid

**Sun. Oct. 25: Sixth Sunday after the Holy Cross**

- 9:30 am [Lector: Robert Safadi]

Liturgy for Richard Melad Joseph and deceased family members, by family

Liturgy for the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension Society

- 11:30 am [Lector: Alex Agbay]

Liturgy for John Tabet, 40 day mass, by family

Liturgy for Mounir and Antoine Haddad, by Rudy Jabbour

Liturgy for Constantine Botosan, by Rudy Jabbour

**AT HOME, WE CAN READ THE BIBLE**

**Sunday October 18**

Phil 2:12-18                      Mt 25:1-13

**Monday October 19**

1Cor 1:1-9                         Lk 16:1-12

**Tuesday October 20**

1Cor 1:10-17                      Lk 18:1-8

**Wednesday October 21**

1Cor 1:26-31                      Lk 19:11-28

**Thursday October 22**

1Cor 3:10-23                      Mk 4:21-25

**Friday October 23**

1Cor 4:1-13                        Mk 4:26-29

**Saturday October 24**

1Cor 4:14-21                      Mt 22:1-14

**CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Jews are not collectively responsible for Jesus' death**

The historical complexity of Jesus' trial is apparent in the Gospel accounts. The personal sin of the participants (Judas, the Sanhedrin, Pilate) is known to God alone. Hence we cannot lay responsibility for the trial on the Jews in Jerusalem as a whole, despite the outcry of a manipulated crowd and the global reproaches contained in the apostles' calls to conversion after Pentecost. Jesus himself, in forgiving them on the cross, and Peter in following suit, both accept "the ignorance" of the Jews of Jerusalem and even of their leaders. Still less can we extend responsibility to other Jews of different times and places, based merely on the crowd's cry: "His blood be on us and on our children!", a formula for ratifying a judicial sentence. As the Church declared at the Second Vatican Council: "Neither all Jews indiscriminately at that time, nor Jews today, can be charged with the crimes committed during his Passion. . . the Jews should not be spoken of as rejected or accursed as if this followed from holy Scripture".

***All sinners were the authors of Christ's Passion***

In her Magisterial teaching of the faith and in the witness of her saints, the Church has never forgotten that "sinners were the authors and the ministers of all the sufferings that the divine Redeemer endured." Taking into account the fact that our sins affect Christ himself, The Church does not hesitate to impute to Christians the gravest responsibility for the torments inflicted upon Jesus, a responsibility with which they have all too often burdened the Jews alone:

We must regard as guilty all those who continue to relapse into their sins. Since our sins made the Lord Christ suffer the torment of the cross, those who plunge themselves into disorders and crimes crucify the Son of God anew in their hearts (for he is in them) and hold him up to contempt. and it can be seen that our crime in this case is greater in us than in the Jews. As for them, according to the witness of the Apostle, "None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory." We, however, profess to know him; and when we deny him by our deeds, we in some way seem to lay violent hands on him.

**Collection Sunday October 11, 2020**

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- Bread and Wine for the month of October 2020, in loving memory of **Sam & Thelma Abdoo**, by Mark Abdoo

**Prayer Intentions for October**

Remember O Lord our nation, so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. We Pray to you O Lord!

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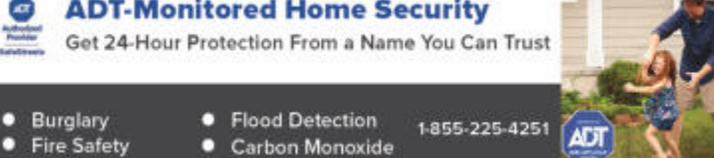
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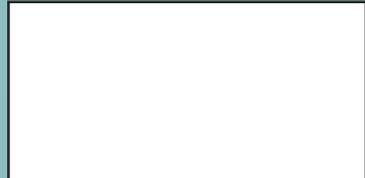
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