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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

# SUNDAY AFTER THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD

## The Adoration of the Magi

December 28, 2025

### Mass Time & Intentions

Epistle: Rev 21: 9-10, 21-27 Gospel: Mt 2: 1-12

Anaphora: Saint Mark, page 835

<b>Sat. Dec. 27</b> 5:00 PM	(+) <b>Emil &amp; Gloria Rizk</b> By David & Michael Rizk (+) <b>Romanos &amp; Asma Georges</b> By Michael Georges
<b>Sun. Dec. 28</b> 9:30 AM	(-) <b>For the Increase of Priestly Vocations</b>
<b>Sun. Dec. 28</b> 11:30 AM	(+) <b>George Mansour</b> By The Family (+) <b>Jacques Khangi</b> By Renee Khangi & Family (+) <b>Essa Dabbikeh</b> (+) <b>Ferouz Dabbiekh</b> By Fouad & Mariette Mansour (+) <b>Rodrick Khoury</b> By The Family
<b>Wed. Dec. 31</b> 5:00 PM	(-) <b>Parishioners of St. John Maron Church</b>
<b>Thurs. Jan. 1</b> 11:00 AM	<b>Holy Day of Obligation</b> (+) <b>Semaan &amp; Claudette Mahfoud</b> By Hind Chaiban
<b>Fri. Jan. 2</b>	<b>6:30 PM – Rosary</b> <b>7:00 PM - Mass</b>

(+) =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 the soul of **Souhad Hayek** requested by The Family. May she rest in Peace.



### DONATE USING YOUR MOBILE DEVICE

In an effort to make it easier to donate to St. John Maron Church, scanning this QR Code leads the mobile camera to our Church's Donate landing site.



### 2025-26 NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

NYE Vigil Mass - Wednesday, December 31 - 5PM  
New Year's Day Mass - Thursday, January 1

(Holy Day of Obligation) – 11AM



### FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

The Feast of the Glorious Epiphany Vigil Mass and blessing of the water will take place on Monday, January 5 at 7PM. HOLY DAY Mass at 10AM on Tuesday. Come and let us ask for the Lord's blessings as we begin this New Year of 2026.



### CONFESSON

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

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### PARISH CONTACTS

Pastor	Fr Dany Abi-Akar	716-634-0669 EXT 1
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Finance Committee	Anthony Habib	716-913-4174
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Knights of Columbus	Chuck Mosey	716-228-8313
Religious Education	Christina ElChibani	716-713-4454
Building Committee	Henri Khoury	716-479-9143



### 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 Chamelia, John Joseph, Jr.,  
Gregory Joseph, Sanaa Abou-Jaoude



### TOTAL BASKET COLLECTION

December 25, 2025

**Christmas Eve Mass: \$5,386.00**

**Midnight Mass: \$503.00**

**Christmas Day Mass: \$1,118.00**

**Online Collection: \$20.00**

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



### Religious Education

Wishing all our Religious Education families a safe, spiritual and joyous Christmas and New Year! Looking ahead to a wonderful start to 2026!

Dec. 28: No Class; Christmas Vacation

Jan. 4: Regular Class; 9:30 MYO Mass

Jan. 11: Regular Class

### COFFEE HOUR:

Jan. 4: Abir & Charbel Ntanios

Jan. 11: Maggie & Fadi Issa

Jan. 18: Ellen El Hawa & Laura Mansour

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



### ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us for our next Rosary Prayer Mission on Monday, January 12 at 7 PM in the church. What a better way to begin the New Year than by praying to our Blessed Mother as a community.

Invitations have been sent to all members of the A & R Society for our holiday luncheon. Please send in your reservation by Jan. 5 with your meal choice, name and check/cash. If you have any questions, please contact Reggie Joseph at 716-472-8420. Hope to see all members there!



### CEDARS HALL RENTAL

For information, please contact Michael Khoury or Joseph Mahfouz at 716-393-9266. Check out the [cedarsvenue.com](http://cedarsvenue.com) website for more information.

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**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  
Mr. James Issa 716-536-2370  
Mr. Charles Mosey 716-228-8313

### 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. **June, July & September are still available. Please call the office 716-634-0669 or email [stjmaron@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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.**



### The Adoration of the Magi



Based on [Matthew 2:11](#), the Magi followed a star to find the newborn Christ, kneeling to worship him and offer gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, marking the first revelation of Jesus' divinity to the Gentiles. "On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another path".

# 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

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Badih B. Boujaoude

Farid and Angele Aboujaoude

By Kamal and Colette Jowdy

Mary & Gebron Milan

By David & Michael Rizk

Emil & Gloria Rizk

By David & Michael Rizk

John M. Joseph

By Wife Mary K. Joseph

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

By Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Haykel

Sarkis Abraham & Family

Sarkis Zaite & Family

By Mrs. Therese Abraham

Rafca Abdallah Boujaoude

By Kamal and Colette Jowdy

Rima Sayegh Dawli

By the Family

## 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)

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MI. 20:26

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