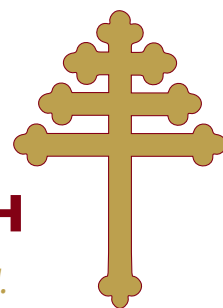




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A prayer to begin every day: *Good morning my good and my beloved Lord.*

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SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- 29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels
- 30 St. Gregory the Illuminator, M
St. Jerome, Doctor
- 1 St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Doctor
- 2 Sts. Cyprian & Justina, M
The Holy Guardian Angels
- 3 St. Dionysius the Areopagite, M
St. Mother Théodore Guérin
- 4 St. Francis of Assisi

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

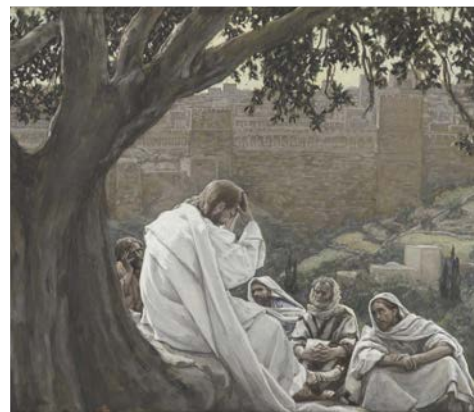
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 24:1-14



Jesus left the temple area and was going away, when his disciples approached him to point out the temple buildings. He said to them in reply, "You see all these things, do you not? Amen, I say to you, there will not be left here a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." As he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples approached him privately and said, "Tell us, when will this happen, and what sign will there be of your coming, and of the end of the age?" Jesus said to them in reply, "See that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Messiah,' and they will deceive many. You will hear of wars and reports of wars; see that you are not alarmed, for these things must happen, but it will not yet be the end. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be famines and earthquakes from place to place. All these are the beginning of the labor pains. Then they will hand you over to



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Jesus said: "But the one who perseveres to the end will be saved." His message to us is to persevere, to hope, and to remain steadfast in love for our Beloved Lord Jesus Christ. So, I ask myself, in moments of trial, how can I keep my heart faithful and hopeful in Christ?

Father will pray the
ANAPHORA OF SAINT SIXTUS
beginning on page 856

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 27 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Father Naji Kiwan
Requested by Father Fadi, Deacon Steven
and Sub Deacon Mike

Sunday, September 28 at 10:00 a.m.

In memory of Mary & John Comporesi
Requested by Hayat & Jack Comporesi

In gratitude for the generosity of those who
contributed to the endowment fund.

Saturday, October 4 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Dona Spino
Requested by Thomas and Laurie Theroux

Sunday, October 5 at 10:00 a.m.

For the rest and repose of the soul of Dona Spino
Requested by Helen Piechocki

For the repose of the soul of Nabil Noujaim
Lovingly requested by Fouad and Hiam Noujaim

Saturday, October 11 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Dona Spino
Requested by Renee and Steven Marcus

For the repose of the soul of Rich Shaia (brother of
Lois Seymour)
Requested by Al & Beverly Michalowski

Sunday, October 12 at 10:00 a.m.

40 day memorial for Dona Spino
Requested by the Spino family

In loving memory of Dona Spino
Requested by St. Maron's Bingo Players

Saturday, October 18 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, October 19 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of Paul Samele, Jr.
5th anniversary memorial
Requested by the Samele family

For the repose of the soul of Nabil Noujaim
Requested by Steven and Martha Hemsin

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of September 20/21

Saturday Offering

1st Collection **\$727.00**

2nd Collection **\$148.00**

Sunday Offering

1st Collection **\$596.00**

2nd Collection **\$262.00**

Mail In: **\$125.00**

Bingo: **\$919.00**

Thank You!

THE SANCTUARY LAMP



The Sanctuary Lamp burns by the Tabernacle continuously signifying that the Blessed Sacrament – the body of Christ – is within the tabernacle. This candle burns for a week and then is replaced.

If you would like the Sanctuary Lamp to burn in memory of someone, please email the church office (office@saintmaronchurch.org) or speak with Fr. Fadi. There is only one sponsorship available each week and it will be published in the bulletin. The cost of the sponsorship is \$10.

Week of September 28:

*In memory of Dona Spino,
requested by Terry Kenneson and Kate Mele*

*In memory of Mary & John Comporesi
Requested by Hayat & Jack Comporesi*

On behalf of Fr. Fady we extend our deepest condolences to Hortensia Fernandez-Baujin and her entire family on the passing of her dear sister Teresita Tacoronte Campos on September 4.

Father Fadi will be offering a Mass for the repose of her soul.

HARBOR HOUSE, a Christian non-profit in Torrington that cares for the homeless, has asked for donations of new underwear to help those in need. Please consider contributing to support this important ministry. Donations may be either dropped at Harbor House, 21A Prospect Street, Torrington or given to Fr. Fadi, who will see that they are delivered.



There will be a coffee hour hosted by the Bingo Players of St. Maron Church in memory of Dona Spino following the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 12. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there!

Next weekend we welcome Msgr. Robert Tucker, a dear friend of Saint Maron's. Msgr. Tucker will be covering for Father Fadi who will undergo surgery to repair his shoulder next week. We ask for prayers of healing for our dear pastor: May our divine physician heal Fr Fadi and bring him back to full health. You are loved Father!! God bless you.

EPISTLE

1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-34

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for "he subjected everything under his feet." But when it says that everything has been subjected, it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will (also) be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all. Otherwise, what will people accomplish by having themselves baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, then why are they having themselves baptized for them? Moreover, why are we endangering ourselves all the time? Every day I face death; I swear it by the pride in you (brothers) that I have in Christ Jesus our Lord. If at Ephesus I fought with beasts, so to speak, what benefit was it to me? If the dead are not raised: "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." Do not be led astray: "Bad company corrupts good morals." Become sober as you ought and stop sinning. For some have no knowledge of God; I say this to your shame.

GOSPEL

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persecution, and they will kill you. You will be hated by all nations because of my name. And then many will be led into sin; they will betray and hate one another. Many false prophets will arise and deceive many; and because of the increase of evil-doing, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who perseveres to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the world as a witness to all nations, and then the end will come.



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

In The Acts of the Apostles, chapter 6, the early Church lived her call by choosing seven Spirit filled men to serve the community: "Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task" (6:3), while the apostles will remain devoted to prayer and the Word: "Whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word" (6:4).

Together, Micah and Acts teach us that true faith unites prayer with service, justice with mercy, and humility with love. How can I live this teaching in my daily life?

I hope that you will have a blessed week ahead.

Fr. Fadi

THE MINOR PROPHETS: MICAH

The prophet Micah spoke with courage during a time of injustice, calling God's people to live with integrity and humility. He reminded them that true worship is not about empty rituals but about hearts transformed by mercy and justice. He said: "You have been told, O man, what is good, and what the Lord requires of you: Only to do the right and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God" (6:8). Micah also predicted the coming of the Messiah from Bethlehem: "But you, Bethlehem - Ephrathah, too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times" (5:1).

His message invites us to live faithfully and to place our hope in Jesus Christ. I ask myself: How can I practice justice, kindness, and humility in my daily life this week?

OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER IS A PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

Merciful Lord, bring healing to the sick, comfort to those who suffer, and strength to those who care for them. May Your peace fill their hearts, and Your love be their light in every trial. Amen.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

Live so as not to fear death.

For those who live well in the world, death is not frightening but sweet and precious.

-- St. Rose of Viterbo



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