

SAINT Maron Parish

MONTHLY BULLETIN #12
December, 2024



PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM



St Maron Maronite Catholic Church
7032 Bowden Rd. Jacksonville, FL 32216

Divine Liturgy: Wed: 11:00 am; Thu 6:00pm

Rosary - Mass - Adoration. **Sunday:** 11:00am

OFFICE HOURS: Tue thru Fri 9 AM - 2 PM

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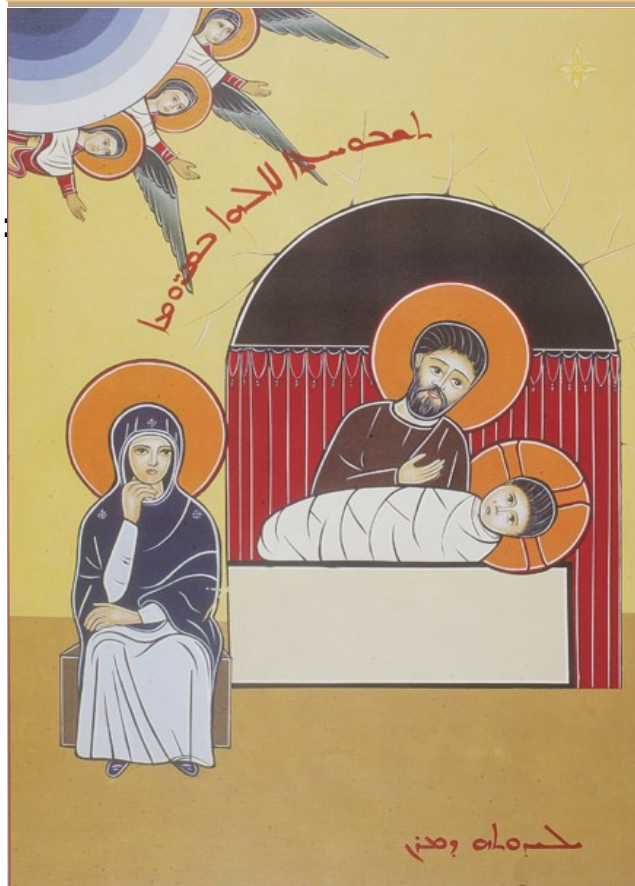
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Pastor: Rev. Raymond Khallouf

Deacon: Elias Shami

Season of The Glorious Birth of our Lord





FAMILY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Before An Icon

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

O God, you desire that each of us
follow your invitation to holiness.
Stir up in the hearts of your people
the grace of a holy vocation.

Grant to us, through the prayer
of your Immaculate Mother, Mary,
and your foster father, Joseph,
the willingness and generosity to give
our time, talents, and our very lives
to the service of our Lord God and Savior,
Jesus Christ, and his Holy Church.

May men and women be inspired
to serve as faithful priests, brothers, sisters,
deacons, subdeacons,
holy married couples, parents and
generous single people.
May they share the truth and beauty
of our Catholic Faith,
so that all people
may know you better, love you more,
and serve you well.

O Lord our God to you be glory,
now and forever. Amen.

(Recite the Our Father, the Hail Mary and
the Glory Be together)

Prayer for Vocations

O heavenly Father, we pray for an increase in vocations to the
priesthood and religious life for the service of your holy people. We
ask you to send more Holy laborers into your vineyard through the
intercession of the Virgin Mary, Saint Maron, Saint Sharbel and all the
saints. Amen.



Join us
at

ST. MARON CHURCH

Every Thursday @ 6:00 pm.

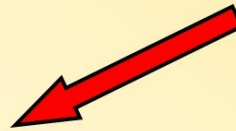
Rosary, Mass & Eucharistic Adoration



Holy Rosary



Divine Liturgy



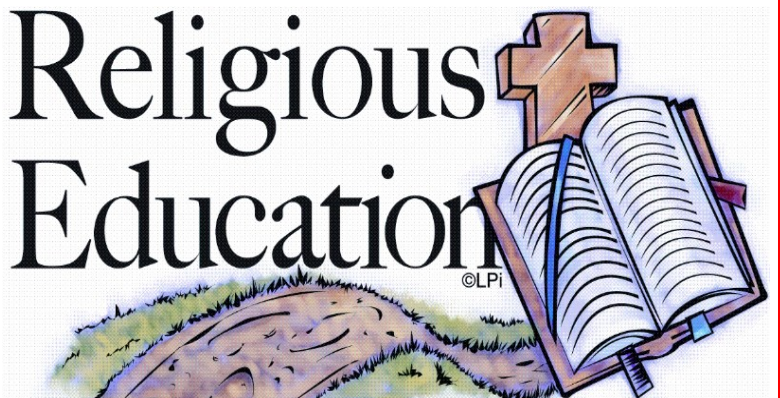
Eucharistic Adoration



- **Rosary:** 6:00 PM
- **Divine Liturgy:** 6:30 PM Followed by
- **Eucharistic Adoration** until 8:00 PM

Registration for Religious Education for the year 2024-2025.

Our school classes has begun on **Sunday September 1, 2024**. The school classes starts every Sunday from 10.00 am to 10.45 am at the Church hall followed by attending Mass for the children and their parents. Please arrive before 10am for a 10am start.





*He came
to bring good news to the poor,
to heal the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
to free the prisoners,
to comfort all who mourn.*

Alleluia...

Isa: 61

*Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year*

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Christ is Born... Alleluia

Fr. Raymond



CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Dec 15 - Dec 23 at 6:30 PM

Midnight Mass

Tue. Dec 24 at 11:00 pm

Morning Mass

Wed. Dec 25 at 11:00 am

JOIN US

AT

ST. MARON CHURCH

Christ is Born... Alleluia

Christmas Schedule



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Christmas Novena, Mass Schedule & Events

for the Glorious Birth of our Lord

Dec 15-25 / 2024



Sun/ Dec 15	Mass @ 11:00 am followed by Christmas Novena & Christmas Luncheon
Mon/ Dec 16	Christmas Novena @ 6:30pm
Tue/ Dec 17	Christmas Novena @ 6:30pm
Wed/ Dec 18	Christmas Novena @ 6:30pm
Thu/ Dec 19	Christmas Novena @ 6:30pm
Fri/ Dec 20	Christmas Novena @ 6:30pm
Sat/ Dec 21	Christmas Novena @ 6:30pm
Sun/ Dec 22	Mass @ 11:00 am followed by Christmas Novena & Christmas Play
Mon/ Dec 23	Christmas Novena @ 6:30pm
Tue/ Dec 24	Midnight Christmas Mass @ 11:00pm
Wed/ Dec 25	Morning Christmas Mass @ 11:00am

NEW YEAR 2025

JOIN US AT

ST MARON CHURCH

TUESDAY DECEMBER 31ST 2024-2025

7:00 PM

MENU:

TABBOULEH
KIBBEH
SAMBOUSEK
SPINACH PIE
HUMMUS
BABA GHANOUJ
VEGGIE GRAPE LEAVES
RICE (HASHWEH)
WITH ONE KAFTA & CHICKEN

DESSERTS:

FRUITS
NAMMOURA

DRINKS:

WATER & SODA
BYOB

cheers!



FOR INFO & RESERVATIONS:

JOYCE BAHRI: (904) 465-4215
CHRISTINE EL HAJJ: (904) 616-1129
CATHERINE NADDAF: (904) 226-0358

TICKETS PRICES

\$75 ADULTS

\$35 10 & UNDER

Ladies Guild Retreat / December 3

All women are invited to join our Ladies Guild for a **religious retreat** on December 3, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This day includes: a Divine Liturgy with Eucharistic adoration, confession, a spiritual theme with discussions and Lunch...

For registration and details please contact Mrs. Joyce Bahri.





"Christmas Concert"

*Join Us at
St. Maron Church*

December 8, 2024

*Followed the
11:00 am Divine Liturgy*



*All children & youth
of
St. maron Church
are invited to participate in
"Christmas Play"*

*Parents, encourage your children to
be part of Christmas*

Call now for registration

Mrs. Christine El Hajj: (904) 616-1129



"CHRISTMAS PLAY"

DECEMBER 22, 2024

*FOLLOWED
THE DIVINE LITURGY*

Parish News

Save the Date

GALA 2025

St. Maron Church will host the
super star, **Mr. Chadi Naddaf** in its
“**Annual Gala**” on Friday, **February 28, 2025**
More updates to come

4650 Kernan Blvd. S.

Music - Entertainment - Dance - Prizes

Tickets & Info: Sanaa: (904) 514-4114 - Christine: (904) 0616-1129 - Carol: (904) 616-5321

Baptism: Congratulations

We rejoice with Mr. & Mrs. **Chadi & Rana Boutros**

On the baptism of their child **Nathan Charbel Boutros**

On Saturday November 9, 2024 at St. Maron Church.

May the Lord God bless the child and his Parents, Godparents,
and Grandparents, and grant him a healthy and happy life.



Maronite Youth Organization (MYO)

All youth ages 12 - 17 are invited to join St. Maron's MYO. For
more information or membership Please contact : Angela Naddaf
(Leader of MYO) at: (904)770-9799 or Fr. Raymond.

I ask all parents to encourage their children to attend all meetings
and events held by MYO for their spiritual and social benefit.



Parish News

2024 Events

At St. Maron Church

Sep 15 - Holy Cross Luncheon Event

Sep 28 - Karaoke night

Nov 3 - All Saints day Parade for Kids

Nov 17 - Thanksgiving Luncheon

Dec 3 - Women Religious Retreat

Dec 8 - Kids Christmas Recital

Dec 15 - Christmas luncheon

Dec 31 - New year Eve

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BIBLE STUDY AT HOME

If any family wishes to have a bible study at home, please call the office

At (904)448-0203 and leave a message if no answer, we will return your call, or meet with Fr. Raymond to schedule a convenient time...



prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

“St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen”. 9





Epistle Readers November 2024

	English	Arabic	Readings
Sun Dec 1	Elias Akiki	Elias Akiki	Eph1:1-14
Sun Dec 8	Mirna Barakat	Christine El Hajj	Gal4:21-5:1
Sun Dec 15	MYO	MYO	Eph3:1-13
Sun Dec 22	Theresa Al Hayek	Sherine Akl	Rom1:1-12
Christmas Eve	Carole Tegho	Bassam Rizk	Heb1:1-12
Christmas Day	Angela Naddaf	Dinelva Naddaf	Heb1:1-12
Sun Dec 29	Shawn Patterson	Dorette Naddaf	Heb7:11-19

If for any reason you cannot make it or you would like to trade assignments with someone else, please contact Mr. Elie Assi.

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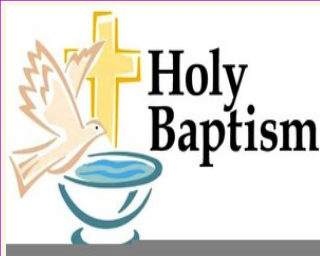


Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

Sun Dec 1	40Day Memorial Mass for Mrs. Aida Akiki Alassadi (sister of Mr. Elias Akiki)	Req. by / Mr Elias Akiki & Family
Sun Dec 8	Available	
Sun Dec 15	Available	
Sun Dec 22	Available	
Xmas Eve	Available	
Xmas Morning	Available	
Sun Dec 29	Available	

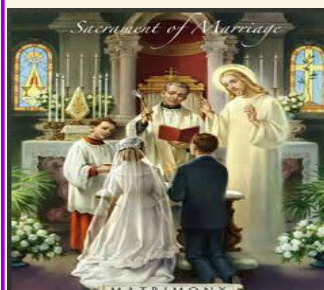
EPARCHY'S CALENDAR - DECEMBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth Nahum the Prophet	2 Habakkuk the Prophet	3 St. Francis Xavier	4 St. Barbara	5 St. Saba the Hermit	6 St. Nicholas (Zakhia)	7 St. Ambrose, Doctor of the Church
8 Birth of John the Baptist The Immaculate Conception Conclusion of the Second Vatican Council (1965)	9 St. Francis of Paola	10 Pope St. Miltiades (+314),	11 St. Daniel the Stylite	12 St. Spyridon the Wonderworker Our Lady of Guadalupe	13 St. Lucy	14 St. Nemtallah El-Hardini
15 Revelation to Joseph St. Eleutherius and His Mother	16 Haggai the Prophet	17 The 3 Young Men: Ananias, Azarias, and Misael	18 Daniel the Prophet	19 St. Athenodorus	20 St. Ignatius of Antioch	21 St. Julian
22 Genealogy Sunday St. Anastasia of the Balkans	23 St. Eugenia	24 Vigil of the Glorious Birth	25 The Glorious Birth of Our Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)	26 Felicitations to the Virgin Mary	27 St. Stephen, the First Martyr, the First Deacon	28 The Adoration of the Magi St. Marina (Margaret) in Pisidia
29 The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple The Flight into Egypt The Massacre of the Children of Bethlehem	30 The Return from Egypt to Nazareth St. Anysia	31 St. Zoticus				



Sacrament of Baptism (And Chrismation)

The Sacrament of Baptism is usually celebrated on Sunday after the 11:00 am Liturgy. Other times may be arranged with the priest. Please contact the parish office with any recent births so we may note them in our bulletin.



Sacrament of Marriage

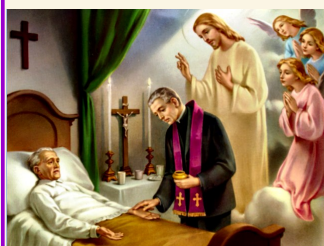
Preparation for Pre-Cana and arrangements for the Sacrament of Marriage must be made with the priest at least **6 months** prior to your anticipated wedding date.

weddings will not be celebrated in any other church but at St. Maron's



Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance)

Fr. Raymond is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation before and after each Liturgy or by appointment. Remember, Christ is present in the participation of the Sacrament. When you confess your sins directly to God you miss out on receiving a beautiful Grace.



Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

If you anticipate a procedure or surgery, and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, contact the parish office to make arrangements. Fr. Raymond will be happy to come and anoint you or a loved one in their affliction.



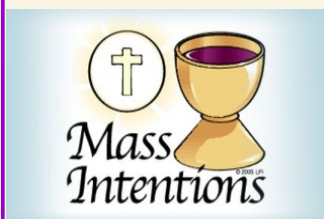
Communion to the Homebound

If you or your loved one is homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office to arrange a visit. Fr. Raymond is waiting for your call and will be glad to serve this Mystery.



Vocations

Do you feel as though God is calling you to serve him as a Priest or a Sister? If you are trying to discern your vocation, Fr. Raymond would be happy to meet with you to discuss.



Mass Intentions

Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions. Please let us know early of your intentions in order to make mention of it in the bulletin. See or call Fr. Raymond.