



Saints Peter & Paul Maronite Catholic Church

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6201 Sheldon rd, Tampa, Fl, 33615

Weekend Mass Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm - Sunday 11:30 am

Eucharistic Adoration First Thursday of each month At 6:00 pm

A Prayer for Divine Mercy

O greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy, to Your compassion, O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out. Gracious God do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles! O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, Who are acquainted with our misery through and through, and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore You; anticipate us with Your Grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your holy will all through our life and at death's hour. Let the omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your children await Your final coming that day known to You alone and we expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness. For Jesus is our Hope: Through His merciful Heart as through an open gate we pass through to heaven. Amen.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Baptism:** By appointment, one parent and one sponsor must be practicing Catholics.

- **Confession:** One hour before the Divine Liturgy. At other times by appointment.

- **First Holy Communion :** Celebrated publicly once a year . Please contact Father Fadi to sign up for classes.

- **Communion of the Sick:**

Please let us know when a loved one is sick, hospitalized, or homebound.

- **Last rites:** Please let us know immediately when a loved one is gravely ill and in danger of death. Be sure to provide for the spiritual needs of your loved ones.

- **Mass intentions:** If you would like to have a Mass offered for your intentions or the intentions of a loved one, living or deceased, please contact the Pastor before two weeks at least .

Bulletin Committee: Father Fadi Rouhana, Mr. Elie Rouhana, Mrs. Daisy Raad, Mrs. Lina Sfeir, Mrs. Nesryn Dagher

Reflection:

"As we reflect on Jesus' resurrection, we are reminded that death is not the end. Jesus' triumph over the grave shows us that life is eternal and that love conquers all. May we embrace this hope and let it guide us on our own journey of faith, trusting that God is always with us, even in the darkest moments. May the light of Christ shine brightly in our hearts and minds, illuminating our path and filling us with joy, peace, and purpose. Alleluia, Christ is risen! "The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.""



First communion:

"Beloved in Christ!
On May 19th, we will witness a beautiful milestone as Lilybelle Khoury, Geo and Jayden Rimman, Kyle Sahyoun, George Hughes, Stephanie Klaib, and Christina Shehadeh receive their First Holy Communion!

Please keep these precious souls in your prayers as they prepare to partake in the Holy Eucharist for the first time. May this sacred moment bring them closer to God's love and grace.

Announcements:

* April 7: Feast of the Divine Mercy. The Maronite Sisters in Christ will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass.

* Thank you to Mr. Antoine Harb for planting olive trees in the church garden.

* 40-day Mass for the departed soul of Leila Ayoub on April 7, followed by a Mercy Meal.

* Church needs:

- + New chalice for Mass (contact Father Fadi to donate)
- + Candles
- + We are working to

purchase a new house as rectory for the priest (instead of monthly rent; contact the pastor if you can help)

Dear friends and parishioners:

If you'd like to stay connected and informed, please send your phone number to be added to our WhatsApp Sts Peter & Paul group or email us please to :

peterpaultampa@gmail.com

Also, visit our Website at

www.peterpaultampa.com



This way, you'll receive updates, reminders, and inspiring messages straight to your phone or inbox. Stay in the loop and join our community.

Bishop Michel Aoun in Tampa

"We are honored to announce the upcoming visit of Bishop Michel Aoun from Lebanon, Bishop of Byblos eparchy, who will be joining us on April 22-24. All parishioners are warmly invited to participate in a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Aoun on Tuesday, April 23 at 7:30 PM, followed by a reception and refreshments. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and learn from Bishop Aoun, and we encourage all to come together and welcome him with open arms. Please mark your calendars and join us for this special occasion!"



Hosanna Sunday and New council :

On Hosanna Sunday, our church was filled to the brim with joyful children and families, all eager to celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The procession was particularly delightful, with palm branches waving and happy chatter filling the air. (Watch the video) As Mass came to a close, Father Fadi took a moment to express his gratitude to the outgoing church council, whose dedication and hard work have been invaluable to our community. Then, came the exciting announcement: a new church council will soon be formed, with three members appointed by Father Fadi and three more to be elected by the congregation through a voting process !

If anyone is interested to be on board please contact Fr Fadi for more information !

This news was met with enthusiasm and anticipation, as we look forward to seeing how the new council will continue to guide and serve our church family.



Coffee hour: April 2024

Sunday 7: Family and friends of Leila Ayoub may her soul rest in peace. Sunday 14 : Mr. Rabih and Mrs. Pascal Bou Serhal :
Sunday 21: the Parish (under the Patio)
Sunday 28: Drs. Sami and Racha Noujaim.

Notice to all parishioners:

On April 21, we are honored to welcome Deputy Mr. Antoine Habche from Lebanon to our Mass. Following the Mass, the Lebanese Forces in Tampa will be hosting a picnic outside St. Charbel House. Additionally, for those who prefer a more intimate setting, coffee will be available under the patio on the other side of St. Charbel House. We hope to see you there!

CCD

"Join us in celebrating the joy of faith! Our CCD group gathered last Saturday of March and had a wonderful time together. 32 kids prayed, played games, and watched a movie about Jesus' life. Mrs. Christine provided insightful commentary and explanation of the Gospel. The kids also made beautiful crafts for Easter, thanks to Mrs. Leila's guidance. To top it off, the mothers prepared delicious food and we celebrated the birthdays of Charbel and Issa! "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Mark 10:14)



MSIC

The Maronite sisters in Christ group recently visited Santa Maria Mission, where they donated food and served the poor and homeless during the Lenten season. The following day, they gathered to discuss the Word of God, nourishing their souls and preparing for the feast of Saint Joseph.

Next meeting: April 3rd at 7 pm .

We warmly invite all ladies to join them on this spiritual journey, as they grow in faith and service to others.



MYA

The MYA group's annual spiritual retreat in Atlanta, Georgia, was a deeply enriching experience spanning four days of prayer, fellowship, and exploration. Beginning with communal prayers and a heartfelt family dinner on Thursday, they set the tone for a journey of spiritual growth. Friday brought a blend of wonder and reverence as they marveled at the majestic wonders of God at the Georgia Aquarium, followed by a profound experience of the Stations of the Cross and a nourishing Lenten dinner at St. Joseph Maronite Church, where they were embraced with open arms. Saturday was a day of deep reflection and connection, with Eucharistic adoration, a breathtaking hike amidst nature's beauty, and an evening filled with laughter, games, and shared joy. The retreat culminated on Sunday with a meaningful celebration of mass at the Maronite Church, where their spiritual journey came full circle. With hearts filled with renewal and souls replenished, they bid farewell to Atlanta, carrying the timeless wisdom of their journey: the invitation to all who seek spiritual fulfillment, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink."



Choir

Are you blessed with a beautiful voice or musical talent? We invite you to share your gift with our parish community by joining our choir! Whether you're a seasoned singer or just starting out, we'd love to have you join us in lifting up praise to God through music. If you're interested, please reach out to Father Fady or Mrs. Elsie to learn more and schedule an audition. We can't wait to hear your talents and welcome you to our choir family!

MYO

On March 23, the MYO group gathered for their monthly meeting, which began with an opening prayer led by Father Fadi and Joey. The group of 17 members then prayed the rosary together, followed by an encouragement to participate in confession. Afterward, they enjoyed some fun activities and shared a meal with the CCD group, fostering a sense of community and fellowship among the youth.



New Church council

"Dear parishioners :
If you are interested in running for the church council, please contact Father Fadi directly.

As a reminder, anyone wishing to serve on the council must demonstrate discipline and commitment to our parish by regularly attending Mass and exhibiting a strong zeal for our community. We seek dedicated individuals to help guide and serve our church . Don't hesitate to reach out to Father Fadi if you feel called to this important role and mission “



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Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2023

	TOTAL	
	AS OF DEC 31, 2023	AS OF DEC 31, 2022 (PY)
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
Checking 8728	85,364.31	65,396.36
Savings 2783	276,375.32	232,801.40
Total Bank Accounts	\$361,739.63	\$298,197.76
Other Current Assets		
Uncategorized Asset	0.00	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Fixed Assets		
2317 Green Meadow - Land	473,344.00	347,715.87
Church 6201 Sheldon Rd. - Land	54,700.00	52,200.00
Church Replacement Cost - Building	880,000.00	777,000.00
Lease Hold Improvement	15,000.00	15,000.00
St Charbel Sheldon Rd - Land/House	357,000.00	316,000.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$1,780,044.00	\$1,507,915.87
Other Assets		
Equipment / property assets	10,410.70	10,410.70
Supplies	2,263.51	2,263.51
Refundable Deposit Rental	1,296.97	1,296.97
Deposit	1,700.00	1,700.00
Total Other Assets	\$15,671.18	\$15,671.18
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,157,454.81	\$1,821,784.81
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Credit Cards		
Chase Ink Visa 6818	781.16	610.49
Total Credit Cards	\$781.16	\$610.49
Other Current Liabilities		
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$781.16	\$610.49
Long-Term Liabilities		
KofC Loan for new building	271,456.38	295,089.66
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$271,456.38	\$295,089.66
Total Liabilities	\$272,237.54	\$295,700.15
Equity		
Net Assets - Unrestricted	1,798,212.79	1,394,902.12
Opening Bal Equity	0.00	0.00
Retained Earnings	0.00	0.00
Net Revenue	87,004.48	131,182.54
Total Equity	\$1,885,217.27	\$1,526,084.66
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$2,157,454.81	\$1,821,784.81