



# *Saints Peter & Paul*

*Maronite Catholic Church*

May 2026

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6201 Sheldon Rd. Tampa, Fl, 33615

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

## *Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary*

O loving Virgin Mary,  
Mother of Jesus and  
our Mother,  
walk with us on our  
journey of faith.  
Protect our families,  
strengthen our hope,  
and lead us always  
closer to your Son.

Teach us to trust as  
you trusted,  
to love as you loved,  
and to say each day  
with you:

“Let it be done  
according to Your  
word.”

Amen.





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### Sacramental & Pastoral Services

*We are here to assist you and your loved ones in every season of life.*



#### 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*.

## 1 Why do Catholics honor the Blessed Virgin Mary?

Catholics honor the Blessed Virgin Mary because she is the Mother of Jesus and our spiritual Mother. We do not worship her; we ask for her prayers, just as we ask friends to pray for us. Mary always leads us closer to her Son.

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## 2. Why is forgiveness so important in the Christian life?

Forgiveness is at the heart of the Gospel because Jesus forgave us first. When we forgive others, our hearts become free from anger and closer to God's peace. As Christ said, "Forgive, and you will be forgiven."

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## 3. Why do Catholics pray for the intercession of the saints?

Catholics believe the saints are alive with God in heaven and continue to pray for us. Asking their intercession strengthens our faith and reminds us that we are one family in Christ—on earth and in heaven.

# The Largest Marian Church in the United States

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., is the largest Catholic church in North America and the most important Marian shrine in the United States. Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title Immaculate Conception, the patroness of our country, this beautiful sanctuary welcomes thousands of pilgrims each year. With more than 80 chapels honoring Our Lady from different cultures, it stands as a powerful sign of unity in faith and love for Mary across the nation. May the Blessed Mother continue to guide and protect our families and our parish.



# Saint Rita

Saint Rita is known as the saint of impossible causes, but her life teaches us something even deeper: how to remain faithful to God in every season of life.

From Saint Rita we learn:

- \* Patience in suffering when life becomes difficult
- \* Forgiveness even toward those who hurt us
- \* Trust in God's plan when we do not understand our trials
- \* Perseverance in prayer, especially for our families

Saint Rita did not live an easy life, yet she never lost hope. Instead, she transformed her pain into prayer and her struggles into holiness.

May her example inspire us to bring our burdens to Christ with confidence, believing that with God, nothing is impossible.



# First Communion

Beloved in Christ,

With hearts full of joy, we are happy to share that seven children from our parish will receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the first time on Saturday, May 17, 2026 at 3:30 PM at Sts. Peter and Paul Maronite Catholic Church.

As they prepare for their First Holy Communion, let us keep them and their families in our prayers:

Dominic Jose Bakhos, Rebecca Maria Bakhos, Ivana Grace Bou Zeidan, Rita Linda France, Isabella Khoury, Gianna Abraham, and John Abraham.

May the Lord bless them abundantly on this beautiful and sacred occasion.

"Let the little children come to me." — Mark 10:14



  
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 **SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026**

 **3:30 PM**

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MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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# St. Charbel Family Gathering

The St. Charbel Family gathered on April 22 at the church for a beautiful evening of prayer and fellowship. Mr. Badawi warmly welcomed everyone and encouraged members to invite others to join, so that the St. Charbel Family may continue to grow.

Following this, Father Fadi exposed the Blessed Sacrament, and the group spent a special time in Eucharistic Adoration through the intercession of Saint Charbel, praying in a particular way for all those suffering from cancer.

After the Adoration, the gathering concluded with delicious pastries shared together in a spirit of joy and family unity.



# MYO

In April, the MYO group gathered at the church for a joyful and meaningful meeting. They began by praying the first decade of the Rosary in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Then Maryangel offered a beautiful introduction, emphasizing the importance of faith and our devotion to the Virgin Mary in our daily lives.

Afterward, Father Fadi spoke with the group about the Resurrection of Jesus and why it is so important in our daily lives. He explained that the Resurrection is the foundation of our Christian hope: it reminds us that suffering does not have the final word, that God brings new life even after difficult moments, and that we are called to live each day with faith, courage, and trust in Christ's victory over death.

The evening continued with a fun game of Mafia, led by Nicole, along with friendly discussions and fellowship over delicious food—chicken nuggets and pizza. It was a joyful time of friendship and sharing together.

The next MYO meeting will take place in May, when the group will go to Hoppers for a tree-climbing activity—a great opportunity for fun and community building.



# MYO



Join us for our last meeting at TreeHoppers!

- Price is \$47
- Closed toed shoes required
- Food provided
- Meet us there, we will NOT be meeting at church



## MYO TREE HOPPERS



Last meeting of the year!

Saturday, May 30

27839 St Joe Rd, Dade  
City, FL 33525

11 am- 4 pm



Link to waiver ->



# MCF

## MCF Gathering – April Meeting

During the month of April, the children of our Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) group gathered under the theme of the Virgin Mary, in preparation for the month of May, which is specially consecrated to Our Blessed Mother.

After the opening prayer, Mrs. Rita shared with the children three beautiful short films about the Virgin Mary, helping them understand why the Catholic Church honors her and what we can learn from her life of faith, humility, and obedience to God.

The gathering continued with joyful games led by Mrs. Lela, followed by a creative activity in which the children prepared special crafts for Mother's Day.

At the end of the meeting, the mothers and children shared a delicious meal of pizza, chicken tenders, and fruits, enjoying fellowship together as brothers and sisters in Christ.

We thank all the volunteers and families who helped make this gathering meaningful and joyful. May the Blessed Virgin Mary continue to guide our children and their families in faith.



# Announcement

Dear parishioners,

You are warmly invited to join us for the Mass in celebration of the Feast of Saint Rita on Saturday, May 23 at 10:30 AM, followed by refreshments and pastries.

The Sodality will begin the gathering with the Rosary before the Mass.

Address:


14404 14th St.

Dade City, FL 33523

Let us come together to ask for the loving intercession of Saint Rita, the saint of the impossible, for our families and all our special intentions.



# SAINTS PETER AND PAUL MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT

AS OF APRIL 2026 



## 1. REVENUE (ORDINARY INCOME)

- Weekend Collections & ACH
- Holy Week Collection
- Stipends (Marriages, Funerals, Baptisms)
- Candles & Coffee Hour
- Dues, etc.

**TOTAL ORDINARY INCOME: \$20,218.82**

**TOTAL REVENUE  
(REVENUE + EXTRAORDINARY INCOME)**

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## 3. EXPENSES (ORDINARY)

- Electricity, Water, Internet, Phone
- Bookkeeping, Medical Insurance, Retirement
- Mortgages, Alarm, Waste Management
- Assessments, Eparchy Appeals
- Cleaning, Maintenance (Landscaping, AC, Pest Control)
- Church Supplies, Charity
- Salary & Activity Expenses (CCD, MYO, MYA)

**TOTAL EXPENSES: \$5,776.23**



## 4. FINANCIAL SUMMARY

**TOTAL INCOME VS. EXPENSES: +\$15,942.59 **

Total Amount in Checking: **\$92,017.74**

Total Amount in Savings: **\$308,163.01**

Money Market: **\$11,868.55**

# Coffee Hour:



We are grateful to the families who are generously hosting our Sunday coffee hours this month:

May 3 – Korm Family

May 17 – Rathgeber Family

May 24 – Marcos Family

May 31 – Hosted by the Parish Community

Thank you for helping create a warm spirit of fellowship and hospitality in our parish family.