



Saints Peter & Paul

Maronite Catholic Church

April 2025

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6201 Sheldon Rd. Tampa, Fl, 33615

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

Prayer of the month :



Lord Jesus, You triumphed over the grave, breaking the chains of sin and opening the way to eternal life. Fill us with the light of Your resurrection, that we may walk in newness of life, leaving behind all that keeps us from You.

Risen Savior, strengthen our faith, renew our hope, and deepen our love. As You appeared to Your disciples with peace, come into our hearts today and fill us with the same joy and courage to proclaim, "Christ is risen! Truly, He is risen!"
Amen.



Services

- 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 .



The glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ:



A Reflection on Hope and New Life

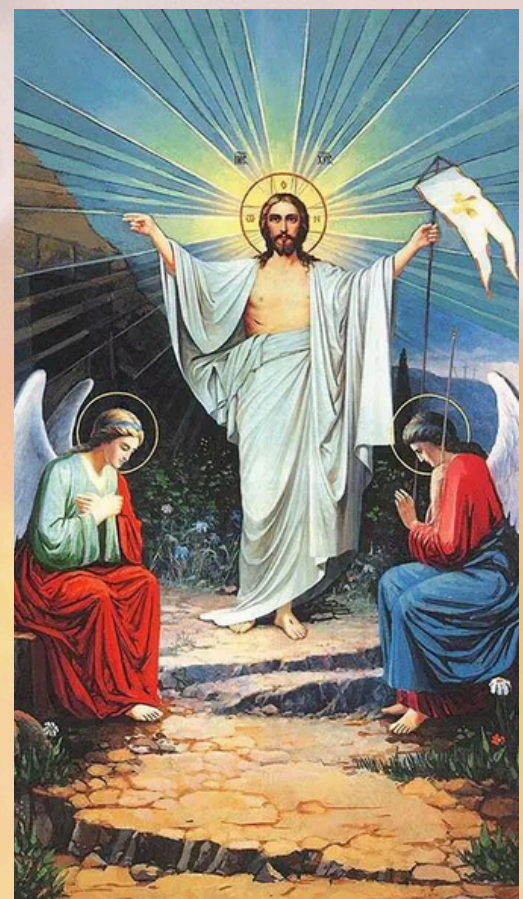
The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of our faith, the moment when life triumphed over death, and hope shattered the darkness of sin. When the stone was rolled away from the tomb, it was not merely an empty grave that was revealed—it was the dawn of a new creation, the fulfillment of God’s promise, and the invitation to eternal life.

Victory Over Death

On that first Easter morning, the sorrow of Good Friday was transformed into uncontainable joy. The same Jesus who was mocked, beaten, and crucified now stood alive, radiant in His glorified body. Death, which once held humanity captive, was defeated. “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” (1 Corinthians 15:55). The empty tomb is proof that suffering and death do not have the final word—life does.

The Power of the Resurrection in Our Lives

The Resurrection is not just a historical event; it is a present reality that changes everything. Christ’s rising from the dead assures us that no sin is too great, no darkness too deep, and no suffering too overwhelming for God’s redeeming power. If we feel trapped in our weaknesses, anxieties, or burdens, the Risen Lord invites us to share in His victory. He calls us to step out of the tombs of our past and walk in the light of His grace.



Why Jesus washed the feet ?

Jesus washed the feet of His disciples as an act of humility, love, and service, teaching them a profound lesson on what it truly means to follow Him. This event, recorded in John 13:1-17, took place during the Last Supper, just before His Passion.

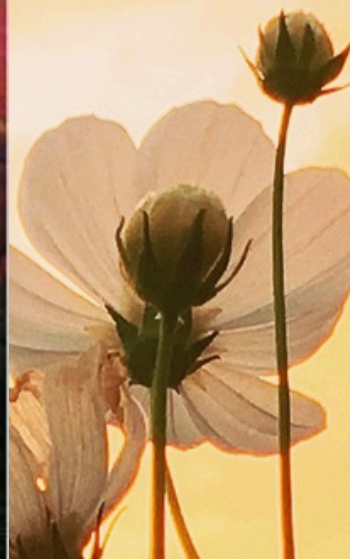
A Lesson in Humility:

In Jesus' time, washing feet was a task reserved for servants. By kneeling before His disciples and washing their feet, Jesus, the Master and Lord, demonstrated that true greatness comes through humble service. He told them:

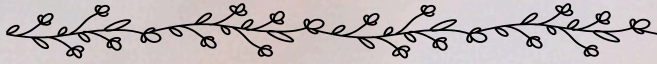
“You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet” (John 13:13-14).

A Foreshadowing of His Ultimate Sacrifice:

This humble act foreshadowed the greatest act of service Jesus would soon perform: His death on the Cross. Just as He stooped to wash their feet, He would humble Himself even further, taking on the sins of the world and giving His life for our salvation.



MYA



The MYA (Maronite Young Adults) group from our parish recently returned from a beautiful spiritual retreat in South Carolina, where 30 young men and women gathered to deepen their faith and strengthen their community.

Traveling from Tampa in three buses, the group enjoyed a meaningful time of prayer, reflection, and fellowship.

Father Fadi led the retreat, focusing on the theme of faith—its challenges in today's world and the vital call for youth to be living witnesses of the Gospel.

Alongside the spiritual sessions, the group bonded through a three-hour hike, games, and joyful moments of friendship.

We thank God for this blessed experience that renewed hearts and inspired the youth to walk with Christ.

Stay connected for our next meeting through our Whatsapp group chat.

Hope to see you there for the next meeting!



MYO



Our MYO group had an incredible meeting in March!

We began with an opening prayer and a beautiful introduction by Maryangel, reflecting on the importance of staying close to God.

The group then watched a short film about the miracle of Jesus' death and resurrection, followed by a profound commentary and spiritual sharing by Father Fadi.

The afternoon was filled with fun games led by Nicole and delicious food!

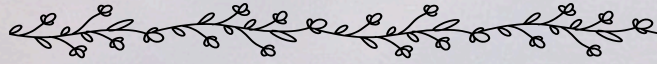
Save the date for our next meeting:

Date: April 26th
Time: 4:00 PM

We look forward to seeing you there!



Maronite Sisters in Christ Sodality



On March 12, our Maronite sisters in Christ group gathered for their monthly meeting.

The evening began with a beautiful prayer session, including the Divine Mercy and their regular prayers.

Following prayer, the group discussed their agenda, focusing on upcoming activities and events within the church:

- **March 19: Feast of St. Joseph**
Join us for Mass, followed by pastry preparations
- **April 9: Meeting at 7:00 PM**
- **April 15: to Santa Maria Mission**
Meet at the church at 9:30 AM to deliver donations and food
- **April 18: Good Friday**
Pray the Divine Mercy with us at 6:45 PM
- **April 27: Feast of the Divine Mercy**
Serve at Mass (reading and offering)
Prepare for Coffee Hour
- **May 24: Feast of St. Rita at Dade city.**

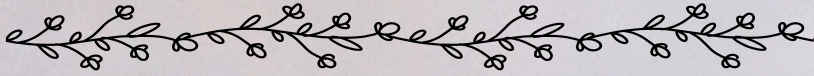
For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11"

Mark your calendars for their next meeting:

Date: April 9
Time: 7:00 PM



Saint Charbel Family

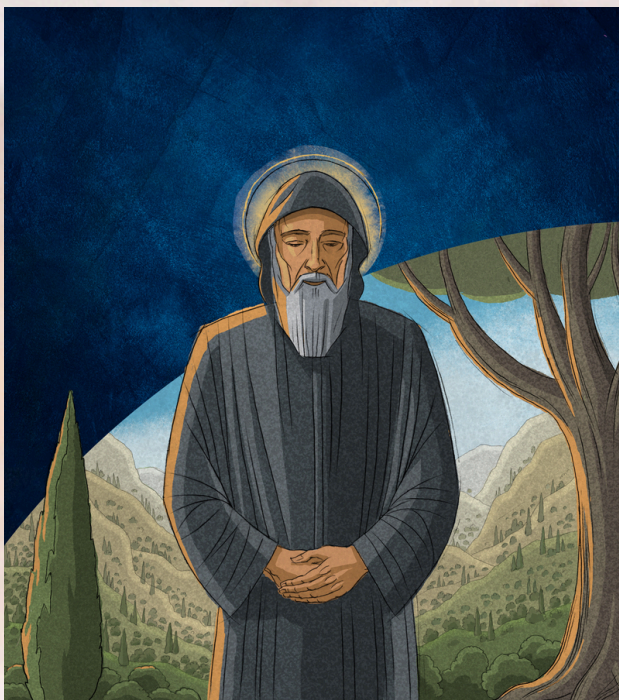


On March 22 at 5:30 PM, the Saint Charbel Family came together for their monthly meeting in a spirit of prayer and unity.

The evening began with a heartfelt time of prayer, invoking the powerful intercession of Saint Charbel, asking him to guide each member to live with holiness and simplicity.

Afterward, the family participated in the Holy Mass together. The homily deeply touched the hearts of all, drawing them closer to Christ in the Eucharist — just as Saint Charbel lived his life: with love, silence, and deep devotion.

Inspired by his example, the Saint Charbel Family continues to walk together in faith and love.



MCF Group Gathering



Our MCF group had an exciting meeting at the church with 27 enthusiastic kids!

Together, they watched a captivating video about the life of Jesus Christ, focusing on His miracles, death, and resurrection.

Father Dominic provided insightful commentary and reflection, helping the children deepen their understanding of the Gospel message.

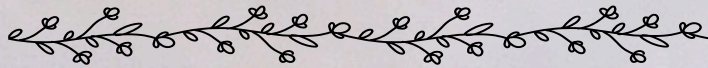
The afternoon was filled with fun activities, including outdoor games with Mrs. Lela and Mrs. Lana, beautiful crafts, and Easter egg coloring!

The children also enjoyed a delicious meal together, making it a truly unforgettable experience!

We're grateful for the joy and energy of our young parishioners!



Spiritual Retreat



Our parish was blessed with a powerful retreat led by Father Dominic Hanna (March 29-30).

He shared inspiring Gospel teachings, encouraging us to deepen and defend our faith and to confess our sins before Easter .

Thank you, Father Dominic!

May God bless you!



Anthony R. Abraham Foundation



Dear Parishioners,

We are thrilled to announce that our parish has received a generous donation of \$25,000 from the Anthony Abraham Foundation.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Carmen Maalouf, who presented the check on Saturday, continuing her family's legacy of kindness and generosity and as good messenger.

May the soul of her late father Charley Maalouf rest in peace.

Thank you again to the Anthony Abraham Foundation for your support!





Come join us for a wonderful:

Lenten Dinner

April 4th
7 PM - 9 PM
\$25 per person



Holy Week 2025



Sunday April 13

Hosanna Sunday
9 AM and 11:30 AM



Wednesday April 16

Rite of the lamp
7 PM



Thursday April 17

Thursday of the
Mysteries
7 PM



Friday April 18

Good Friday
The Signing of the Chalice **10 AM**
Divine Mercy: **6:45 PM**
Station of the Cross **7:00 PM**
Adoration of the Cross **7:30 PM**



Saturday April 19

Saturday of the light
The Prayer of Forgiveness **12 PM**
Easter Vigil Holy Mass **11:30 PM**
(Midnight Mass)



Sunday April 20

The Glorious
Resurrection
11:30 AM



**Join us on Easter Sunday,
April 20th, immediately
following the Divine
Liturgy!**

**Bring your kids for an
exciting Easter Egg Hunt!**

**We look forward to
celebrating the joy of
Easter with you!**



Feasts days in April

Saint Isidore of Seville – April 4

(Doctor of the Church, patron of the internet and scholars)

Saint Vincent Ferrer – April 5

(Dominican priest, famous preacher, and miracle worker)

Saint Stanislaus – April 11

(Bishop and martyr, patron saint of Poland)

Saint Bernadette Soubirous – April 16

(Visionary of Lourdes, to whom the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared)

Saint George: April 23

(Martyr and a soldier of Christ.)

Saint Mark the Evangelist – April 25

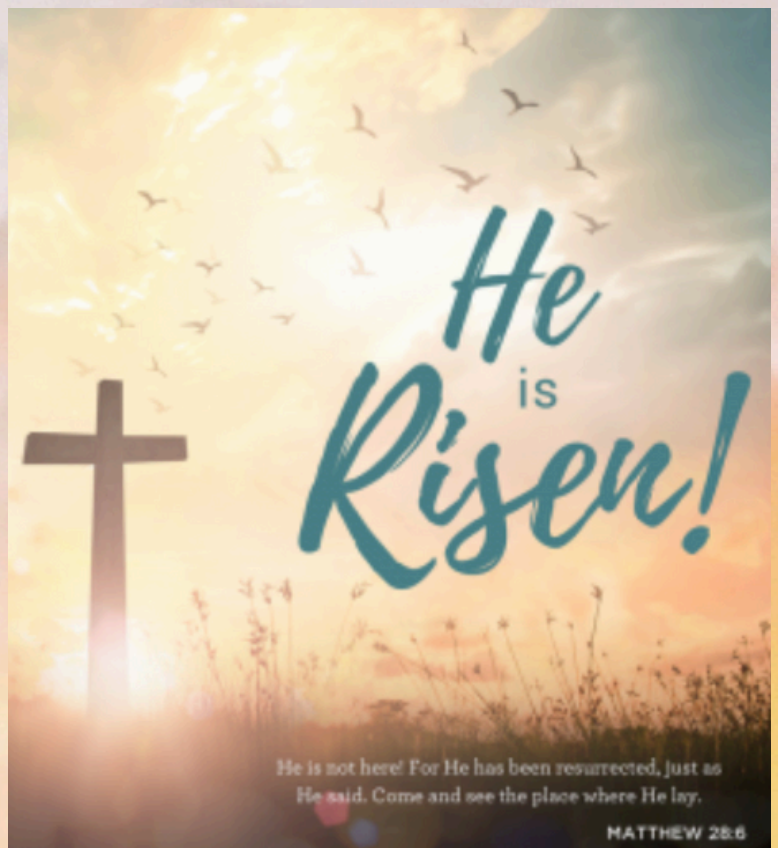
(Author of the Gospel of Mark and patron of Venice)

Divine Mercy Feast Day- April 27



Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

Psalm 25:4-5



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