Saints Peter & Paul
Maronite Catholic Church

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Weekend Mass **Saturday Vigil 7:00 pm - Sunday 11:30 am**
Eucharistic Adoration **First Thursday of each month 7:30 pm**

Oh! Adorable Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ
Who has died on the Cross for us.
Oh Holy Cross of Jesus guide my thoughts.
Oh Holy Cross of Jesus ward my thoughts.
Oh Holy Cross of Christ ward off from me all dangers.
Oh Holy Cross of Christ deliver me from a dangerous and sudden death,
And protect me always.
Jesus of Nazareth who died on the Cross
Have mercy on me and save me from all my enemies forever.
In honour of Our Lord Jesus Christ and sacred passion and death, His Holy resurrection and His passing heaven by which He opened the gates of heaven.
I believe that Jesus was born on Christmas day in a Stable That he died to redeem us.
That he arose from the dead by his own power and ascended into Heaven.
We are told that He was protected from all evils of the Body and of Soul.
I therefore offer myself to you.
Oh my Lord Jesus Oh Blessed Mary and Joseph pray for us.
Through the intercession of Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea, who took down the Body of Jesus from the Cross and buried it.
Oh Lord Jesus through thy terrible suffering, Through thy Cross,
Passion and Death on the Cross,
Have mercy on me whenever you desire to call me away from this life and worthless world.
Oh Lord Jesus Christ give thy grace to bear my cross patiently as you bore yours and save me and protect me from all evils and temptations now and forever
AMEN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Sunday, November 1st 2020, on the Feasts of All Saints Day and All Souls; the Parish of Sts. Peter and Paul Maronite Catholic Church in Tampa, Florida will celebrate the 11:30 AM Divine Liturgy in the open air on the front yard of St. Charbel's House under the oak trees.

The Holy Mass will be offered for all our departed souls followed by the Prayers of the Incense.

Followed by lunch that includes Saj, Manaeech, and hotdogs offered by the Parish and the Church Council.

Hope all of you can attend the Holy Mass and join us for lunch.

Dear Parishioners, some Pastoral Announcements for the month of September:

-On Saturday, September 5th, The Holy Mass will be celebrated exceptionally that evening at 7:30PM and not at 7:00 PM for the departed souls of the martyrs of the Lebanese Forces in Lebanon. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated in the open air under the oak trees in front of St. Charbel's House, followed by a mercy meal offered by the Party of the Lebanese Forces in Tampa, Florida.

-On Saturday, September 12th, the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 7:00 PM in the church for the Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross followed by refreshments for the occasion in the front yard of St. Charbel's House under the Oak trees.

-In regards to our Annual Church Festival; we decided after thorough discussions with Mrs. Natalie Maroun and Mrs. Aline Choueifati and all members of the Church Council and the Church Committees to postpone the Festival to either February or April due to the unfortunate situation of the Corona Virus and the sad circumstances in our beloved Country Lebanon that is affecting all of us here. Depending on the developments of the vaccine and the State guidelines at that time, we will be able to decide on the date in the hope that the Festival will be as it has always been and known to us as the Lebanese Wedding in Tampa.
Many thanks to Mrs. Natalie Maron and Mrs. Aline Choueifati for their direct coordinations with me and for all the members of the Church Council.

-On behalf of everyone of you, the Parish of Sts. Peter and Paul donated the amount of $2,000.00 to St. Vincent de Paul Society In Lebanon, to help the needy and the poor in Lebanon through the Eparchy of St. Maron by Sayedna Bishop Gregory Mansour. Many thanks to each and everyone of you for your contribution. May God bless and reward you.

-Starting in September, the Parish Bulletin will be issued monthly. Many thanks to Lina Sfeir for the preparation and the design of the September Bulletin edition in cooperation with the members of the Bulletin Committee who work together to come up with a unique Monthly Bulletin design.
Many thanks to Mrs. Daisy, Mrs. Nisrine and Mr. Elie Rouhana. You make your parish proud.

First Communion

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks
my blood has eternal life,
and I will raise him up at the last day.
For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood
is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my
blood abides in me, and I in him."
On Saturday October 3rd ,
the second group of children will celebrate their
First Holy Communion
at 3.30 at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish.
The children taking their First Communion are :
Marita Ratliff - Chloe Abi Nader
Selena Franjieh - Youssef Raad
Jonathan Klaib - Damian Ramzy - Joseph Seoud

Bless theses children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be an initial step into a life long love of the Eucharist. May their hands extended in anticipation of your body and blood inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament. Amen

THE BURDEN YOU BEAR

A troubled and burdened man prayed and prayed that God would lift his burden. Day after day he prayed that his life would be easier and he begged for God's intervention.
One day, Jesus came to the man and asked, "My child, what troubles you?" The man replied that his life was full of turmoil and that it had become too much to bear. He again asked for help stating that he just couldn't continue to go on.Jesus, feeling the man's anguish, decided help was in order.
The man was so happy that his prayers were about to be answered that his burden already felt lighter.
Man saw was amazing.
The room was filled with crosses; little crosses, big crosses, giant crosses. The man, bewildered, looked at Jesus and asked how this would help him.
Jesus explained that each cross represented a burden that people carry; small burdens, big burdens, giant burdens and every burden in between.

At this point, Jesus offered the man the opportunity to choose his burden. The man, so excited that he was finally able to have some control over his life, looked around the room for just the right cross. He saw a tiny little cross way back int he corner. It was the smallest cross in the room. After a bit of thought, he pointed to the cross and said, "That one, Lord. I want that one." Jesus asked, "Are you sure, my son?" The man quickly replied, "Oh, yes Lord. Most definitely, yes."Jesus turned to the man and replied, "My child, you have chosen your own cross. It is the burden you already carry.
"Author Unknown God has given each of us talents and life experiences that follow his plan. Each of us has something different and unique to offer the world. Everything we experience in life guides us to the place God has chosen for us. He works through us . . . if we allow Him. He needs each and every one of us for the work He needs done in the world.
There's so much to do, and we all have our part in it!

FEAST Days
in September

Tuesday 8:
Birth of the blessed Virgin Mary

Monday 14:
Triumph of the Holy Cross

Tuesday 15:
Our Lady of Sorrows

Monday 21:
Saint Matthew the Evangelist Apostle

Sunday 27:
St. Vincent de Paul priest

St. Vincent de Paul

The patron saint of charitable societies, St. Vincent de Paul is most notably recognized for his charity and compassion for the poor. Saint Vincent de Paul was born in 1581 in the village of Pouy, France, to poor peasant farmers. At age 15, his father sent him to a seminary, originally, he decided to join the church in hopes of retiring early and helping his family financially, but God had other plans for him.
He began his studies in Theology at the University of Toulouse and was ordained on September 23, 1600, at the age of nineteen. In 1612 he was sent to the Church of Saint-Medard in Clichy as a parish priest.
In less than a year, he was called to serve as a chaplain and tutor to the Gondi family in Paris.
Although St. Vincent initially began his priesthood with the intention of having a life of leisure for hismself and family, he started to change after hearing the confession of a dying peasant. In 1617, St. Vincent started working with the Daughters of Charity which introduced him to poor families, he fed them with food and spirituality. He organized with wealthy women of Paris to collect money for missionary projects, founded hospitals, and assisted victims of war.
From this evolved the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul. In 1622 St.Vincent was appointed as a chaplain to the galleys. After working for some time in Paris among imprisoned slaves, he founded the Congregation of the Mission, or the Vincentians.
These priests take vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, they devote themselves entirely to healing and empowering families to instill a better hope for the future through Christ. St. Vincent de Paul died in 1660, and was canonized by Pope Clement XII.
Pope Leo XIII proclaimed him patron of all charitable works within the Catholic world.The society of Saint Vincent de Paul was founded in 1833, now an International Organization operating in 183 countries including Lebanon and has over 800,000 members.
Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Tampa was able to donate $2000 to the society in Lebanon to aid the bombing victims that took place in August. "Happy is he who understands his mission with the deprived; the Lord will help him in hardships." Blessed Frédéric Ozanam

MARONITE SISTERS IN CHRIST SODALITY

"No matter how hard the past is, you can always begin again."

The Maronite Sisters in Christ Sodality will resume meetings starting September 8th and every other week going forward @10:00 am at St Charbel's house.

We encourage anyone interested in joining this group.

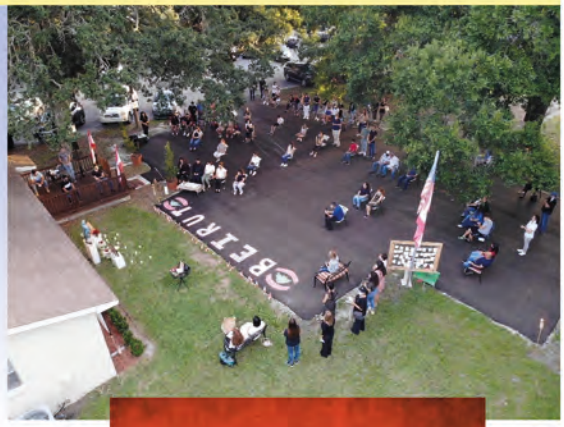
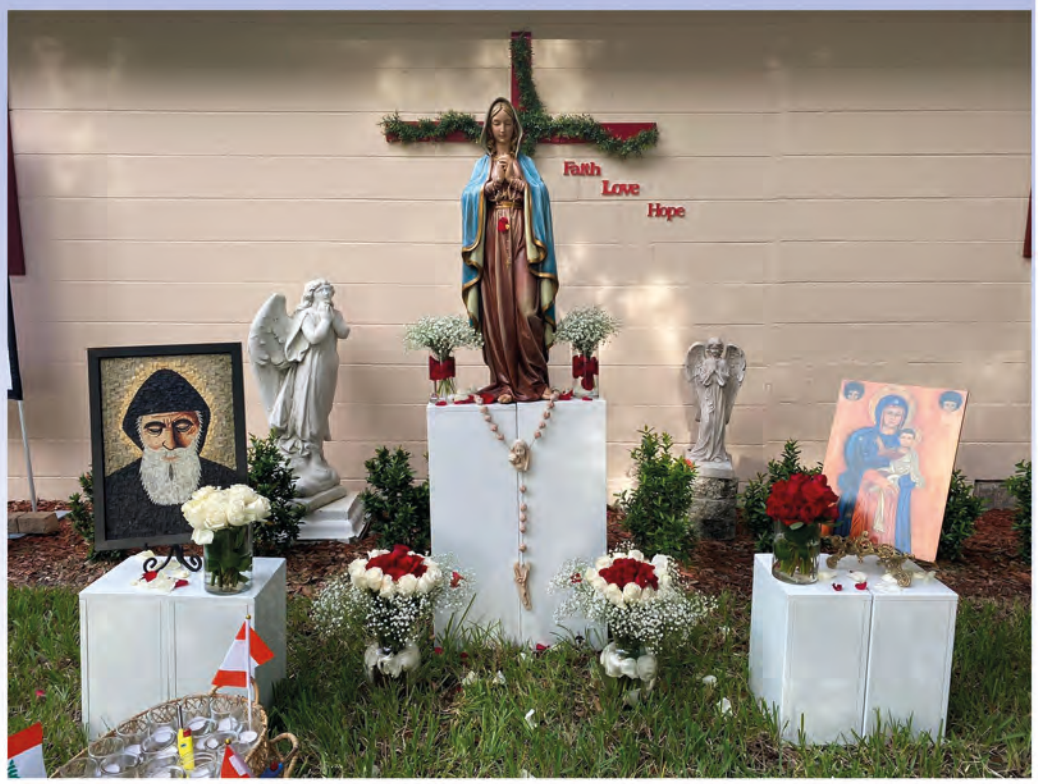
FINANCIAL

Mortgage Info:

Total Saving balance:
$94,943.37

Total Checking balance including the money borrowed from the Night of Columbus:
$121,513.78

When we purchased the land and the house next to the church,
We now have a $2,000.00 monthly mortgage for 20 years.

LEBANON IN OUR HEART

With heavy hearts, the members of Sts. Peter and Paul Church gathered on August 15, 2020 at the church grounds in front of Mar Charbel's house to offer prayers and hold a vigil for the victims of the explosion that rocked the country of Lebanon on August 4,2020. The parish prayed for the comfort for those who lost loved ones and the eternal peace to the souls who lost their lives. We pray for the stability and prosperity to Lebanon.