

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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O God,
Who hast given unto
Thy blessed Apostle Peter
the keys to the
kingdom of heaven,
and the power to bind
and loose:
grant that we
may be delivered,
through the help
of this intercession,
from the slavery
of all our sins:
Who livest and reignest
world without end. Amen.



O God,
Who hast taught
the multitude
of the Gentiles
by the preaching of
blessed Paul the Apostle:
grant unto us,
we beseech Thee,
that we who keep his memory
sacred,
may feel the might
of his intercession
before Thee.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Feast of Saints Peter & Paul

Rev. Assaad ElBasha, M.L.M., Pastor Deacon George Elandary Mass Schedule	
Sunday	8:30 A.M. English 11:00 A.M. Bilingual; English/Lebanese
Monday	No Mass
Tuesday—Friday	9:00 A.M. English
Saturday	5:30 P.M. English
Reconciliation	Saturday: 3:30–5:00 P.M.
Eucharistic Adoration	Sunday: 2:00 P.M.–7:00 P.M. Monday—Friday: 9:00 A.M.–7:00 P.M. Saturday: 9:00 A.M.–5:30 P.M.

Altar Boys: Joseph Marincel	817.491.0763	Adoration: Sheila Hughes	817.430.3066
Choir: 8:30 A.M. Mary Marincel	817.491.0763	Library: Sharon Wood	214.497.0783
Choir: 11:00 A.M. Roula Vasquez	972.832.8507	Youth Ministry: Susan Marincel	817.491.0763
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Lectors: 8:30 AM Joseph Marincel	817.491.0763	Ushers Robert Kramer	214.488.5635
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From a Sermon by St. Augustine
The Martyrs Realized What They Taught

This day has been made holy by the passion of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul. We are, therefore, not talking about some obscure martyrs. *For their voice has gone forth to all the world, and to the ends of the earth their message.* These martyrs realized what they taught: they pursued justice, they confessed the truth, they died for it.

Saint Peter, the first of the apostles and a fervent lover of Christ, merited to hear these words: *I say to you that you are Peter*, for he had said: *You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.* Then Christ said: *And I say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church.* On this rock I will build the faith that you now confess, and on your words: *You are the Christ, the Son of the living God, I will build my Church.* For you are Peter, and the name Peter comes from *petra*, the word for “rock,” and not vice versa. “Peter” comes, therefore, from *petra*, just as “Christian” comes from Christ.

As you are aware, Jesus chose his disciples before his passion and called them apostles; and among these almost everywhere Peter alone deserved to represent the entire Church. And because of that role which he alone had, he merited to hear the words: *To you I shall give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.* For it was not one man who received the keys, but the entire Church considered as one. Now insofar as he represented the unity and universality of the Church, Peter’s preeminence is clear from the words: *To you I give*, for what was given was given to all. For the fact that it was the Church that received the keys of the kingdom of God is clear from what the Lord says elsewhere to all the apostles: *Receive the Holy Spirit, adding immediately, whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven, and whose sins you retain, they are retained.*

Rightly then did the Lord after his resurrection entrust Peter with the feeding of his sheep. Yet he was not the only disciple to merit the feeding of the Lord’s sheep; but Christ in speaking only to one suggests the unity of all; and so he speaks to Peter, because Peter is first among the apostles. Therefore do not be disheartened, Peter; reply once, reply twice, reply a third time. The triple confession of your love is to regain what was lost three times by your fear. You must loose three times what you bound three times; untie by love that which your fear bound. Once, and again, and a third time did the Lord entrust his sheep to Peter.

Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles’ blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching and their confession of faith.

The Catechism on Martyrdom

2473 *Martyrdom* is the supreme witness given to the truth of the faith: it means bearing witness even unto death. The martyr bears witness to Christ who died and rose, to whom he is united by charity. He bears witness to the truth of the faith and of Christian doctrine. He endures death through an act of fortitude. “Let me become the food of the beasts, through whom it will be given me to reach God.”

This Week's Mass Intentions

Tuesday, 6/29: Guidance & Protection for Sr. Maria Bernadette, and Anna, Teresa, & Michael Marincel; For Emilia Pedraza; TEACH Homeschool Group; Dan Khoury
 Wednesday, 6/30: Guidance & Protection for Julia & Mary Marincel, & Helen Hicks;
 Thursday, 7/1: Birthday blessings Jacob Cvetovich; Fr. Edwin Leonard & Fr. Paul Bechter
 Friday, 7/2: Legion of Mary
 Saturday, 7/3: †Tony Cucinotta; †James & Rosadel Fanning
 Sunday, 7/4: No Intentions

Prayer to Saints Peter and Paul

O most glorious Apostles Peter and Paul, who gave over your souls for Christ, and watered His pasture with your blood: hearken unto the prayers and signing of your children, that are now brought to you with a contrite heart. For behold, we are darkened by our iniquities, and for this cause we are enveloped by troubles as by a cloud; but we are destitute of the oil of good living, and cannot offer resistance to the predatory wolves that so boldly seek to tear apart the inheritance of God. O ye strong ones! Bear our weaknesses, depart not from us in spirit, lest we be cut off at last from the love of God; but defend us by your powerful intercession, so that the Lord may have mercy on us all by your prayers, and may destroy the handwritten account of our immeasurable sins, and grant us to partake with all the Saints of the blessed Kingdom and the Marriage Feast of His Lamb: to Whom be honor and glory, thanksgiving and worship, unto ages of ages. Amen.

Daily Scripture Readings June 27th through July 3rd

Sunday, 6/27:	2 Cor. 11:21–30	Mt. 16:13–20
Monday, 6/28:	Acts 12:1–11	Mt. 15:1–9
Tuesday, 6/29:	2 Cor. 11:21–30	Mt. 16:13–20
Wednesday, 6/30:	Acts 12:25–13:12	Mt. 15:21–28
Thursday, 7/1:	Acts 13:13–25	Mt. 16:1–4
Friday, 7/2:	Acts 13:26–39	Mt. 16:5–12
Saturday, 7/3:	Acts 13:44–52	Jn. 3:31–36

Religious Education Update

Since we are not having the festival this year, we will start our religious education courses early. You can find the registration form on our parish website underneath the 'Ministries' tab and on the front page. Please call the church office for any questions.

Reverence in Our Chapel

When you are visiting Our Lord in the chapel of our parish, we ask that you refrain from talking to others. Your focus should be on Christ in the Eucharist. The chapel is not a "coffee shop." If you would like to talk to someone, please talk to him/her outside. Thank you.

Weekly Emails

Our parish publishes weekly emails on Friday. If you are not receiving these emails, we may not be using your correct email. If you would like to receive these emails or are not receiving them when you should be, please email the church office at LadyofL719@gmail.com.

The Holy Father's Intentions for July

We pray that, in social, economic, and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

FROM THE CATHOLIC JOKE DICTIONARY

Choir: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the congregation to lip sync.

Confessions

You are encouraged to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Catholics must go to Confession at least once a year and as often as they need it in order to cleanse themselves of sins and be in a state of grace. Fr. Assaad holds confessions every Saturday from 3:30pm—5:00pm in the sacristy. The line is formed on the benches in the hallway.

Online Giving

Please remember that you can support our parish through an online donation. This method is secure. To give online, visit our parish website, and click on the 'Needy Families Fund/Online Donations' tab beneath the 'Online Giving' header. May God reward your generosity.

Weekly Collections

June 20th, 2021

Cash	\$459
Loose Checks	\$1,225
Envelope Checks	\$1,800
Total	\$3,484

Thank you for your support of the House of the Lord!

Congratulations to Our Graduates!

Our Lady of Lebanon would like to congratulate all graduates who attended the graduation Mass. We would also like to congratulate those who received Our Lady of Lebanon's Educational Scholarship: **Tony Yamouni**, who will be attending the University of North Texas; **Matthew Boulos**, who will be attending the University of Texas at Austin; **Steven Wood**, who will be attending the University of Dallas; and **Lillian O'Flaherty**, who will be attending the Dallas County Community College. Our other graduates include **George El-Khoury**, who will be attending the University of North Texas. This is the second year that our parish has given out educational scholarships. Please keep these graduates in your prayers as they continue to a higher education.

Requesting a Mass Intention

Masses are offered for the living or departed as a means of mercy to their souls. Masses are either scheduled on the date you request or on the nearest date that is open. Please schedule your Mass intentions by contacting Michael in the Church Office at 972.436.7617 or LadyofL719@gmail.com.

Reverence for the Eucharist

Many Catholics attending Mass today receive Our Lord in the Eucharist and do not even think about what they are doing. Statistics (pewresearch.org) show that only about 1/3 of Catholics believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and a good majority of Catholics do not agree with some of Mother Church's teachings. Heresy!

Please respect Our Lord in the Eucharist. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and pray before and after receiving Him. By consuming Our Lord, you are publicly saying that you agree with everything that the Catholic Church teaches. If you do not agree with all of the Church's teachings, even if you disagree with only one teaching, you should not receive Holy Communion.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please pass this information on to your family and friends.



Community Rosaries:

Tuesday—Friday: 8:30 AM (Sanctuary)

Saturday: 5:00 PM (Sanctuary)

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM (Sanctuary)

Respect Life Rosaries:

Respect Life Rosaries are held on the third weekend of each month prior to the Sunday 8:30 AM Mass.

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