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Mass Schedule:

Monday - Saturday 6:45 AM (Bilingual)
Eucharistic Adoration 7:30-8:00 AM After Daily Mass
Saturday Vigil: 6:00 PM (Vietnamese)
Sunday: 7:45 AM (Bilingual)
9:00 AM Adoration
10:00 AM (Vietnamese)
1:45 PM (CCD-Bilingual)

During Lent: Fridays (S.O.C) 7:00 PM (Vietnamese)

Confessions:

Daily before Mass
Saturday: By Appointment.

Baptism & Wedding:

Please contact the Parish Office during business
hours: 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about [Jesus walking on the water](#) and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.

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THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 15 – AUGUST 16, 2026

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people. (Matthew 4:23)

MASS AUGUST 15

TIME	INTENTION
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Sat. 6:00 pm	Deceased Parishioners'
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MASS AUGUST 22

TIME	INTENTION
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Sat. 6:00 pm	Deceased Parishioners'
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† Pray for the Sick and Shut-In †

<i>Alando Palmer</i>	<i>Coogan Ryan</i>
<i>Darren Singleton</i>	<i>Sharon Smith</i>
<i>Nishen Palmer</i>	<i>Claire Gremillion</i>
<i>Sr. Hoa Ngoc Nguyen</i>	
<i>Victoria Stewart</i>	<i>Jennifer Lawkins</i>
<i>Sr. Hoa Thanh Nguyen</i>	<i>Ollie Singleton</i>
<i>Beverly Harleaux</i>	<i>Tashekia Carter Richard</i>
<i>Linda Thuy Truong</i>	
<i>Clay Polk</i>	
<i>Susan Brown</i>	

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

TIME	INTENTION
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Mon. 6:45 am	All Souls
Tues. 6:45 am	All Souls
Wed. 6:45 am	All Souls
Thur. 6:45am	All Souls
Fri. 6:45am	All Souls
Sat. 6:45am	All Souls

WEEKLY OFFERING

August 08 – August 09, 2026

Budget for 2026-2027 - \$861,000.00

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THIS WEEK

MONDAY, August 17.....Monday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time.

TUESDAY, August 18.....Tuesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time.

WEDNESDAY, August 19...Wednesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time. *The Optional Memorial of St. John Eudes, Priest.*

THURSDAY, August 20...Thursday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time. *The Memorial of St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor.*

FRIDAY, August 21..... Friday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time. *The Memorial of St. Pius X, Pope.*

SATURDAY, August 22..... Saturday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time. *The Memorial of the Queen-ship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

SUNDAY, August 23..... The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time.



Vocation View: “Always give thanks for all things.” Give thanks to the priests, sisters, and brothers who answered God’s call with open hearts to serve Him. Is Christ calling you to serve as a priest or in consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225-336-8778 or via email: ablount@diobr.org

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA AND LE VAN PHUNG MISSION STATEMENT:



Motto: “Together We Worship” **“Our Mission Statement:** We pledge our lives to Christ and Covenant with each other to Demonstrate His Spirit through **Worship, Prayer, Evangelization, and Ministry** to the needs of our community.

Mass Schedule of CCD School changed: During Summer, there is no 1:45 P.M Sunday Mass until the CCD School resumes by Sep. 13.

Vietnamese Food sales: If you love the taste of Vietnamese dishes, come and pick your favorite in August 23 after 7:45 and 10 a.m. masses.

Managing Emotions: Our Children’s and ours’: August 21: 5:30-9:00 P.M. St. Francis Hall – Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University: 5414 Brittaney Dr. Baton Rouge, LA. Ticket: \$20 – Dinner will be provided.

Pope Leo XVI’s Prayer Intention for August: (For evangelization in the city) Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

A Prayer for our teachers: Lord God, your spirit of Wisdom fills the earth and teaches us in your ways. Look upon our teachers. Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds. Grant that we might follow Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and The Life, forever and ever. Amen.