

Saints Anthony of Padua & Le Van Phung Parish

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Pastor: Rev. Peter Hieu Quang Nguyen

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)
12:45 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 begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

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Groceries - Fresh Meat - Deli

Beer - Liquor

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Mon - Sat: 6 AM to 9 PM

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CHAPLAINS AND MEMBERS**

Knights of Columbus

Istrouma Council # 2807

10414 Mammoth Drive

Letting Go'

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225 383-6831 or
225-272-9950**

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 19-20, 2025

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord (1 Corinthians)

MASS APRIL 19Th

TIME	INTENTION
Sat. 6:00 pm	All the Deceased Parishioners'

MASS APRIL 26TH

TIME	INTENTION
Sat. 6:00 pm	All the Deceased Parishioners'

† 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>Alice Reine</i>
<i>Victoria Stewart</i>	<i>Yvette Noi</i>
<i>Jennifer Lawkins</i>	<i>Sr. Hoa Thanh Nguyen</i>
<i>Anna M. Pascalin</i>	<i>Ollie Singleton</i>
<i>Beverly Harleaux</i>	<i>Tashekia Carter Richard</i>
<i>Gwen F.</i>	<i>Linda Thuy Truong</i>

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

TIME	INTENTION
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

April 12 & 13, 2025

Budget for 2024-2025 - \$564,000.00

Identified Givers	\$ 9376.00
Unidentified Givers	\$ 1406.00
Maintenance	\$ 730.00
Online Giving	\$ 370.00
The Poor in VN	\$ 465.00
Stipends	\$ 500.00
Donation	\$ 200.00
Small Candles	\$ 499.00
Catholic Relief Service	\$ 60.00

ST. ANTHONY ONLINE GIVING

Give online by first creating an account on <https://osvhub.com/stanthonybr/funds> – After creating your account, you can Text by using (225) 307-4296, type the amount, space and Code (Ex. \$25 GO20); or use a Credit Card or ACH to give online. Our website is – www.stanthonybr.com . Try us by giving online. Thank You!

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, April 21.....Monday within the Octave of Easter.

TUESDAY, April 22.....Tuesday within the Octave of Easter.

WEDNESDAY, April 23...Wednesday within the Octave of Easter.

THURSDAY, April 24.....Thursday within the Octave of Easter.

FRIDAY, April 25.....Friday within the Octave of Easter.

SATURDAY, April 26..... Saturday within the Octave of Easter.

SUNDAY, April 27... **Second Sunday of Easter. (Sunday of Divine Mercy).**



Vocation View: “The Lord is truly risen!” Are you being called to proclaim the truth of the Lord’s resurrection as a priest, religious sister or brother? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225-336-8778 or via email: jjohnson@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.



Operation Rice Bowl: The program serves as a tradition for millions of Catholics in the United States. This collection will be collected on **April 20**.

Good Friday and Easter Vigil: Both are celebrated in English at **3:00 p.m. on Friday** April 18 and **4:00 p.m. Saturday** April 19 at the church.

Holy Land: A collection for Holy Land will be picked up on **Good Friday April 18, 2025**. This fund supports the Franciscans working in **Holy Land**. Please give generously.

Retirement Fund for Diocesan Priest: A collection for the retirement fund for Diocesan Priests will be picked up on **Sunday April 20, 2025**. This fund to ensure retired priests have adequate financial support for their needs. Please give generously.

Catholic Home Missions: Next weekend we will take up the Catholic Missions Appeal. This fund is used for 40% of dioceses in the United States that are unable to fund the essential. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Office Closed: The parish office will be closed on **Good Friday April 18th** and **Easter Monday April 21st**.

"Compassion in Crisis - A Framework for Offering Meaningful Crisis Support": A free training for volunteers within the Diocese of Baton Rouge who are committed to walking alongside pregnant and parenting mothers in need. It will take place at the Tracy Center (1800 Acadian Thruway, Baton Rouge, LA 70808) on May 3, 2025, from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Registration is required. For more information email or call Deacon Randall at rwaguespack@diobr.org or 225-446-8515.