

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

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum, three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they shouted blessings and praise to God. This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

Luke's Gospel is the only one to report the exchange between Jesus and the Pharisees as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Jesus' response shows that this event, and those yet to come, are part of a divine plan. We hear this echoed again in Luke's description of the Last Supper when Jesus speaks of Judas' betrayal, saying that the Son of Man "goes as has been determined."

At the Liturgy of the Word on this Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Luke. We will hear these events proclaimed again during the Triduum when we read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

Throughout Luke's Gospel we see that Jesus' words and actions proclaim the Kingdom of God. This motif continues throughout Luke's passion narrative. Jesus appears to be in total command of events at the Passover meal as he hands over the kingdom to his disciples. He welcomes them to the Passover meal announcing that this will be his last until the Kingdom of God is fulfilled.

As throughout Luke's Gospel, however, the disciples show little understanding of this kingdom that Jesus often announces. Following the meal, the disciples argue about who is the greatest. Jesus takes the opportunity to distinguish the meaning of leadership in the Kingdom of God from the forms of leadership seen in the world.

Jesus initiates a conversation with Simon and predicts his denial. Jesus then instructs his disciples to prepare themselves for the events that will follow. His words reveal an awareness of the challenges that all of them will face in the days ahead. As the disciples and Jesus enter the Mount of Olives, Jesus indicates the importance of the disciples' time in prayer, telling them that through prayer they will be able to face the challenges ahead.

As he prays, Jesus is tested. In the garden, an angel is sent to strengthen him and to prepare him for the events ahead. After this moment, Jesus is again in charge of the events and circumstances.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is portrayed as active and vocal throughout his passion. When one of the disciples strikes the high priest's servant, Jesus heals the man, an event reported only in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus stops the disciples' protest against his arrest by noting that this is the "time for the power of darkness." Jesus engages and responds when brought before the Sanhedrin; his words speak about the "power of God" that will bring about the reign of the Son of Man. When questioned by Pilate, Jesus responds with just one phrase; yet before Herod, Jesus refuses to speak.

When Luke describes the Way of the Cross and Jesus' crucifixion, he calls to our attention many events that are not reported in the other Gospels. Throughout his Gospel, Luke has paid heed to the women who accompanied Jesus. Now, on the road to Calvary, Jesus speaks to the women who walk with him. Only Luke reports Jesus' words of forgiveness spoken from the cross. And only Luke reports the dialogue between Jesus and the good thief. Finally, in contrast with the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Luke reports no words of abandonment spoken by Jesus on the cross. Instead, Jesus, in full command until his death, commends his spirit to his Father and takes his final breath.

Throughout Holy Week, we will continue to reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son and brought to fulfillment the Kingdom of God.

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THE PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

APRIL 12-13, 2025

Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on across. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. (Philippians 2:8-9)

MASS APRIL 12Th

<u>TIME</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
Sat. 6:00 pm	All the Deceased Parishioners'

MASS APRIL 19TH

<u>TIME</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
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

<u>TIME</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
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 05 & 06, 2025

Budget for 2024-2025 - \$564,000.00

Identified Givers	\$	5940.00
Unidentified Givers	\$	1468.00
Maintenance	\$	830.00
Online Giving	\$	0.00
The Poor in VN	\$	0.00
Stipends	\$	20.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$	20.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$	20.00

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THIS WEEK

MONDAY, April 14.....Monday of Holy Week.

TUESDAY, April 15.....Tuesday of Holy Week. *Chrism Mass at St. Joseph the Cathedral at 10:30 a.m.*

WEDNESDAY, April 16...Wednesday of Holy Week.

THURSDAY, April 17.....Thursday of Holy Week. *Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday). Mass at 7:30 p.m. in Vietnamese. After Mass, Eucharist Adoration to 12 a.m.*

FRIDAY, April 18..... Friday of Holy Week. Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday).

SATURDAY, April 19..... Saturday of Holy Week. Holy Saturday. The Easter vigil in the Holy Night.

SUNDAY, April 20... Easter Sunday. The Resurrection of the Lord.



Vocation View: “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”
Docility in prayer is essential to vocation discernment. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225-336-8778

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.

Tribunal Notice: Anyone with knowledge of the whereabouts of Phuong Uyen Ngoc Ma is asked to contact the Diocesan Tribunal at tribunal@diobr.org or 225-336-8755

"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.