

# Saints Anthony of Padua & Le Van Phung Parish

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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)  
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 is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know *that* our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

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### **TRIANGLE FOOD MARKET**

Groceries - Fresh Meat - Deli

Beer - Liquor

**We have breakfast and**

**Hot Lunch To Go:**

Mon - Sat: 6 AM to 9 PM

**2799 Scenic Hwy 357 - 1340**

**IN MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED  
CHAPLAINS AND MEMBERS**

### **Knights of Columbus**

Istrouma Council # 2807

10414 Mammoth Drive

### **Letting Go'**

**Rabenhorst Funeral Homes can  
help. For more information call**

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

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29-30, 2025

Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your  
salvation. (Psalm 85:8)

## MASS NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>

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

## MASS DECEMBER 06<sup>th</sup>

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

### **† Pray for the Sick and Shut-In †**

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

## 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

November 22 – Nov. 23, 2025

Budget for 2024-2025 - \$564,000.00

## 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](http://www.stanthonybr.com) . Try us by giving online. Thank You!

Identified Givers	\$ 7587.00
Unidentified Givers	\$ 992.00
Maintenance	\$ 110.00
Online Giving	\$ 280 .00
Donation for St. Therese P	\$ 14,000.00

# THIS WEEK

**MONDAY, December 01.....**Monday of the First Week of Advent.

**TUESDAY, December 02.....**Tuesday of the First Week of Advent.

**WEDNESDAY, December 03...**Wednesday of the First Week of Advent. *The Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest.*

**THURSDAY, December 04.....**Thursday of the First Week of Advent. *The Optional Memorial of St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church.*

**FRIDAY, December 05.....** (First) Friday of the First Week of Advent.

**SATURDAY, December 06.....** (First) Saturday of the First Week of Advent.

**SUNDAY, December 07...** Second Sunday of Advent



**Vocation View:** “Like a man away on a journey, he assigns each of us a task; be on the alert.” Being chosen to serve as a priest or in consecrated life is an amazing work of the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225-336-8778 or via email: [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto: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.

## **Monetary Donations Needed for Catholic Charities Christmas Program**

This Christmas, Catholic Charities invites you to share the light of Christ by helping families keep a roof overhead and the lights on. Instead of collecting toys and gifts, *A Season of Hope* will focus on monetary donations for rent and utility assistance, bringing stability and dignity to those in need. **Donations are accepted through December 19, with a special collection day on Friday, November 21, 9 AM–4 PM at CCDBR Office - 1900 S. Acadian Thruway.** Come enjoy hot chocolate and visit with Santa while helping those most in need! **Give online or learn more at [CatholicCharitiesBR.org/christmas](http://CatholicCharitiesBR.org/christmas).**

**Diocesan Human Resources Generalist:** As an HR practitioner, this position performs HR-related duties and has responsibilities in the following functional areas: compliance and reporting, recruiting and onboarding, policies and procedures, employee relations, research, training and development. Subject-matter expert for the development, implementation and management of HRIS talent modules. Provides direct human resources services for the Catholic Life Center and human resources support for all diocesan locations, handles special projects, and other duties that contribute to the functions of the Human Resources Department. To apply please click the link below <https://jobs.dayforcehcm.com/en-US/diobr/CANDIDATEPORTAL/jobs/889>

**Christmas Schedule:** Wednesday Dec. 24: 2 Masses at 4 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Christmas Carols at 7:00- 9:00 p.m. Thursday Dec. 25: 2 masses at 7:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.