

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

In Lectionary Cycle C, our Sunday Gospels are usually taken from the Gospel of Luke. The Gospels for the Easter Season, however, are taken from the Gospel of John. Today's Gospel is one of the post-Resurrection appearances reported by John. Recall that in John's Gospel, Jesus appears first to Mary of Magdala, second to all of the disciples except Thomas, and finally to Thomas and the disciples (which we heard last Sunday). After those appearances, John's Gospel seems to conclude with a reference to other signs that Jesus gave after his Resurrection, which have not been recorded.

Because it follows this apparent conclusion, most scholars believe today's Gospel passage (and all of John 21) to have been an addition to John's original text. Because there are significant differences between this report and the other appearances described in John's Gospel, it is quite likely that this story is from a different source. There are details in the story that recall Jesus' call to Simon Peter and the other fishermen as well as the miraculous catch of fish (found in the Gospel of Luke, with parallels in the other Synoptic Gospels). The end of the chapter, where Jesus asks Peter three times whether he loves him, most likely is meant to represent the reconciliation that occurred between the community represented by John's Gospel with the larger Christian community represented by Peter. This Gospel reading is a rich and textured story that speaks of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist and our commission to serve others as Jesus did.

Last week we heard that Jesus appeared to the gathered disciples in a locked room, probably in Jerusalem. In today's Gospel, the disciples are no longer in Jerusalem; they are in Galilee, returning to their work of fishing. Simon Peter is still presented in the role of leader: when he announces that he is going fishing, the other disciples follow. They spend the night fishing but are unsuccessful.

Jesus calls to them from the shore, but just as when Jesus first appeared to Mary of Magdala, the disciples do not recognize him immediately. Still, they follow the stranger's instructions and bring in a large haul of fish. It is at this point that one of the disciples (the "disciple whom Jesus loved") realizes that Jesus is appearing to them. Upon hearing this news, Simon Peter leads the way again, jumping from the boat and swimming to shore. The other disciples follow in the boat, dragging the fish.

The disciples have brought to shore a tremendous catch of fish that Jesus has directed them to find. But once on the shore, they see that Jesus has already prepared fish and bread on a charcoal fire. Jesus directs the disciples to bring their catch of fish as well. Jesus is host at the meal that follows, feeding the disciples the bread and fish. In this detail we see allusions to the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes told in [John 6](#).

There are also allusions in the Gospel to our gathering for the celebration of the Mass. In the Eucharist, we too are fed by Jesus in the bread and wine that have become his very Body and Blood. We also find in this story insight about the Presentation of the Gifts at Mass. The gifts we bring to the altar, bread and wine, are made from gifts that God gave first to us: grain and grapes, the fruit of the earth. God has no need of anything further. Yet God accepts the offering we bring—bread and wine, "the work of human hands"—and transforms our offering into the gift of his very presence.

After the meal, Jesus directs himself to Simon Peter. The community of John's Gospel probably looked down on Peter because of his denial of Jesus. This dialogue with Simon Peter is a reversal of Peter's three denials. Peter is forgiven. Having been restored to friendship with Jesus, Simon Peter is sent on a mission. "Feed my lambs . . . Tend my sheep . . . Feed my sheep." These commands indicate that Peter is to be as Jesus, even unto sacrificing for the flock. As Jesus has fed Peter in this meal and as Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, so he also sends us to follow him, asking that we offer our lives in service and sacrifice.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3-4, 2025

Christ is risen, creator of all;
He has shown pity on all people.

MASS MAY 3RD

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

MASS MAY 10RD

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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 26 - 27, 2025

Budget for 2024-2025 - \$564,000.00

Identified Givers	\$	7327.00
Unidentified Givers	\$	899.00
Maintenance	\$	180.00
Online Giving	\$	280.00
The Poor in VN	\$	65.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$	1105.00
Holy Land	\$	30.00
Rice Bowls	\$	5809.00

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, May 04.....Monday of the Third Week of Easter.

TUESDAY, May 05.....Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter.

WEDNESDAY, May 06...Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter.

THURSDAY, May 07.....Thursday of the Third Week of Easter.

FRIDAY, May 08..... Friday of the Third Week of Easter.

SATURDAY, May 09..... Saturday of the Third Week of Easter. *Optional Memorial of St. Damien de Veuster, Priest.*

SUNDAY, May 10... Fourth Sunday of Easter.



Vocation View: “Peace be with you.” His peace will be fully felt when you are living the vocation that he has called you to. If you think you may have a vocation to follow the Risen Lord 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: 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.



Marriage Encounter Experience: to learn how Jesus gives us the graces for a strong Sacrament. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience will be a virtual one hosted by the Atlanta WWME community. It is scheduled for June 6-8. A \$100 Non-refundable registration fee applies. Sign up at wwme.org/apply. For more information contact: Doug & Maureen Newlands at 678-242-9963

Ephata Retreat and Confirmation: There will be a retreat for 24 Twelve Graders from May 23-25, 2025. Please pray for them. Confirmation Mass will be on Saturday June 7 at 6 p.m.

End Death Penalty Executions in Louisiana: The Office of Life, Peace and Justice needs your support to end the death penalty executions in Louisiana. To join this urgent effort, please complete these steps now:

- Use the link <https://diobr.org/pm-event>
- Read the letter to Governor Landry.
- Join the campaign by adding your name and email address.
- Pray for those in death row, government officials and the success of this campaign.

The Prepare/Enrich Marital Inventory: It is scheduled for Saturday, June 14th from 9 AM to Noon at the Westerfield Center of the Catholic Life Center. There is no charge for the training. If you want to attend, there is a link for on-line registrations <https://my.prepare-enrich.com/workshops/hlwbb3oe>. If you have any questions, please contact Darryl Ducote, at (225) 242-0135.