



# Feast of Our Lady of La Vang 2019



On August 15 the church celebrates the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The date also marks the Feast of Our Lady of La Vang, the name given to an apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1798 to Vietnamese Catholics who had taken refuge in the rainforest of La Vang in Quang Tri Province, in central Vietnam, during a time of intense persecution of Catholics and missionaries.

# History of Our Lady of La Vang

In the deep forest they battled  
bitter cold, jungle sickness, and starvation.  
As they gathered one night in prayer,  
they were visited by an apparition of a beautiful lady  
in a long cape, holding a child in her arms,  
with two angels at her sides.



# History of Our Lady of La Vang

**The people recognized  
the lady as Our Blessed Mother,  
who comforted them and assured them  
that their prayers would be heard and answered.  
The Blessed Mother continued to appear  
at the same site throughout  
this period of religious persecution.**



# History of Our Lady of La Vang



After the persecution had officially ended, a church was built in honor of the Lady of La Vang and inaugurated in August 1901. In 1928 a larger church was built to accommodate the increasing number of pilgrims.

# History of Our Lady of La Vang

**In April 1961 the holy church of La Vang became  
the National Sacred Marian Center,  
and in August 1962 Pope John XXIII elevated  
the church of La Vang to the Basilica of La Vang.**



# History of Our Lady of La Vang



**Destroyed in the summer of 1972 during the Vietnam War,  
the church has since been rebuilt and  
remains an important pilgrimage site and symbol of  
faith and devotion for the Vietnamese people.**





# A Parish Celebration

August 18, 2019



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**The celebration of  
Our Lady of La Vang  
also commemorates the anniversary  
of the Vietnamese community in our parish.  
To begin the celebration, parishioners and visitors,  
many in traditional dress, process with the statue of  
Our Lady of La Vang, beautifully decorated with  
multicolored flowers, from the Conference Center Hall,  
along Sherman Way, into the church for  
the Sunday 4:00 p.m. Mass. Members of the community's  
ministries participate in this very special liturgy.**



# A Parish Celebration — August 18, 2019

## Opening Procession of Prayer and Song





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## Our Lady Carried into the Church





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## Anniversary Mass

### Fr. Thuan Nguyen, Celebrant





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# A Parish Celebration — August 18, 2019

## After the Mass ...



**Vietnamese  
Council  
Members**



# A Parish Celebration — August 18, 2019

## After the Mass ...



Reception



# A Parish Celebration — August 18, 2019

## After the Mass ...



Bereavement,  
Baptism, and  
Wedding  
Coordinators



# A Parish Celebration — August 18, 2019

## After the Mass ...



**Mothers' Guild  
and Sacred Heart  
Group Leaders**



# A Parish Celebration — August 18, 2019

## After the Mass ...



Emcee  
for Celebration



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## After the Mass ...



**Sacred Heart  
Group**



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**Mothers'  
Guild**



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### Mothers' Guild





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## After the Mass ...



Choir



Choir  
Members



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**After the Mass ...**



**Youth Group**



**A Parish Celebration**

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