

Feast of
Our Lady of La Vang
2019

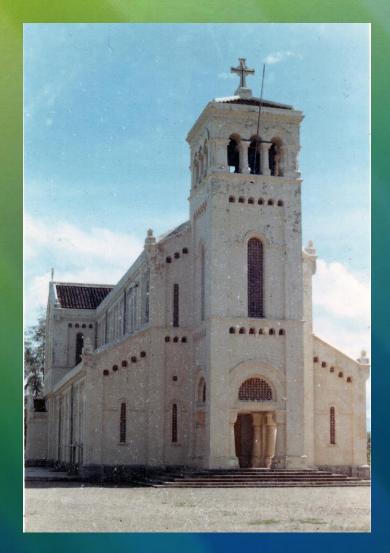
On August 15 the church celebrates the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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.

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.

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.



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.

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.



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.



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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





A Parish Celebration — August 18, 2019 Our Lady Carried into the Church







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Anniversary Mass

Fr. Thuan Nguyen,

Celebrant



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Vietnamese Council Members



Reception



Bereavement,
Baptism, and
Wedding
Coordinators



Mothers' Guild and Sacred Heart Group Leaders



Emcee for Celebration



Sacred Heart Group



Mothers'
Guild



Mothers' Guild





Choir



Choir Members



Youth Group

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