St Helen Catholic Parish in Lauderdale Lakes, INC,
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"For He testifieth: Thou art a Priest forever, according to the order of Melchisedech." ~Hebrews 7:17

This is with great sadness that we announce the sudden death of Rev. Father Joseph Long Nguyen (Rev. Joseph Long Kim Nguyen) a Vietnamese-born Catholic priest who served as the first pastor of Our Lady of La Vang Parish in Hallandale Beach, Florida.



Born April 25, 1964, in Vietnam, Father Long was Ordained to the priesthood on May 11, 2002

He attended the seminary in Saigon (1982–1990), ministered in Vietnam, served at Toronto's St. Augustine's Seminary as an associate pastor at Nativity of Our Lord Parish in Canada, and spent time in California (Orange Diocese).

Father Long arrived in the Archdiocese of Miami in 2011. He initially served the Vietnamese Community in our St. Helen Catholic Parish. He was appointed leader of the South Florida Vietnamese Catholic Community at Our Lady of La Vang Catholic Parish in 2014, guiding it until it was officially elevated to parish status in July 2023.

Father Long passed away on Tuesday October 27, 2026, at age of 62. His funeral services were Saturday November 7, 2026 at 10AM by Archbishop Thomas Wenski, at Our Lady of La Vang Catholic Church, 123 NW Sixth Ave., Hallandale Beach. Father Long's body was transported to Vietnam for burial.



Very Rev. Father Lucien Eugene Pierre will hold a Memorial Mass at St. Helen Catholic Parish for the Repose of the Soul of Father Long, on Tuesday November 10, 2026, at 7:30 PM. All parishioners and friends are invited.

Our deepest sympathy to the Vietnamese Community, the Vietnamese Sisters who are faithfully serving our St. Helen Catholic Parish & School, and to Father Long's family.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen