



SAINT ANTHONY of PADUA

Catholic Community

SUNDAY MASS

12:30pm

5649 Mount Gilead Road
Centreville, VA

Also streamed live on Facebook

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

1st Sunday of Each Month

class is held during the 12:30pm mass and supplemental materials are made available on the parish website.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Last Sunday of Each Month

contact a member of the hospitality team if you'd like to bring a treat to share!

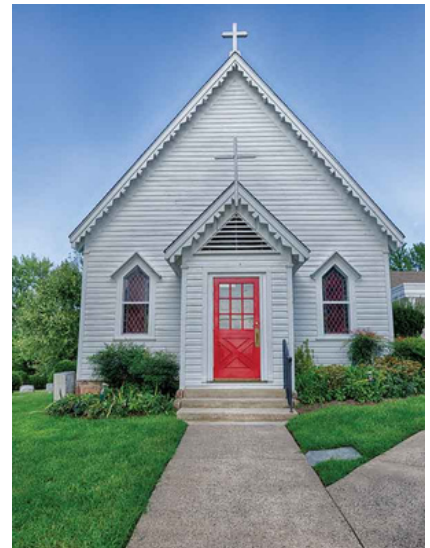
WHY BLUE IN ADVENT?



Blue represents hope and expectation, while purple represents preparation and penitence. Deep blue is the color of the predawn sky, the color that covers the world in the dark, cold hours before the dawn. It is meant to inspire us in the hope of faith, and to encourage us to keep watch for the promised light of Christ, changing night into day, and darkness into light. As the color associated with Mary, blue reminds us that during Advent the church waits with Mary for the birth of Jesus.



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YOUR PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Julian, Fr. Jason, and Fr. David are honored to walk with you on your journey of faith and to support your spiritual needs.

ADVENT CALENDARS

On December 1st, the Season of Advent sparks an intentional time to prepare for the coming of Christ in the Incarnation. Advent calendars were distributed after mass last week and there are a few remaining. You can pick them up in the back of the church while supplies last. Remember that Advent is a daily journey so if a small piece of chocolate connects you to the intentional act of daily prayer and contemplation, so be it! All good things come from God and we can all admit that chocolate is good....unless you're a dog. Happy Advent, y'all!

MOST NEEDED ITEMS FOR WFCM**Food & Beverages**

- Flour
- Sugar (1 or 2 lb. bags)
- Vegetable Oil
- Pasta Sauce
- Pasta
- Cereal (low sugar preferred)
- Pancake Mix
- Family Sized Snacks (pretzels, crackers, etc.)
- Canned Chicken

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

As part of our outreach to support individuals and families in need, we have committed to collection food items throughout the month for Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM). This outreach helps us reach a far wider community of those in need as we pool together our collections and resources with other faith communities in our region. You can find the most needed items in the parish bulletin. Donations can be placed in the baskets in the back of the church and a drop-off is made at the end of each month. A special thank you to Lourdes who has volunteered to be the drop-off ambassador for the parish with all of our donated items from the month. Gracias, Lourdes!

2025 RESOURCES AVAILABLE!

With the start of a new liturgical year on December 1, we begin a new cycle of readings at mass. "At Home with the Word" is now available while supplies last. All lectors can pick up their 2025 workbook in the sacristy before or after mass. These books are available now and will be helpful for your ministry preparations.

LECTOR NOTE - CHECK YOUR EMAIL

If you are on the rotation for reading at mass, please check your email and respond, if necessary, with any updates or changes you need for the next schedule. Our scheduling coordinator, Frank, is working to make sure all of your requests can be accommodated for the upcoming Advent and Christmas Season. Thank you for ALL that you do in service to the Church through this important ministry.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

This Sunday we not only begin Advent, but we welcome our youngest parishioners for Youth Faith Formation. This month's theme will be "advent" and a small craft activity is being planned. This is a gathering you won't want to miss out on. If your child is preparing for a sacrament this year, these monthly gatherings are an important part of their preparation. As the months progress, a special project and activity will be shared with those preparing for sacraments to further deepen their understanding and practice of their faith. Stay tuned for those details.



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