



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!

The Gospel of Luke

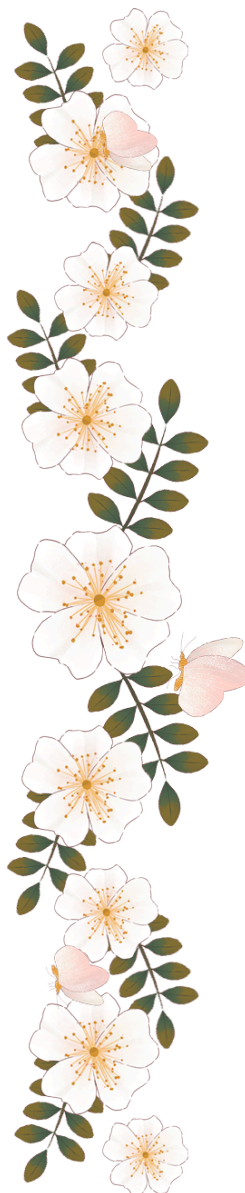
EVERY THIRD year most of the Gospels at the Sunday Eucharist come from Luke. In Ordinary Time, we hear many passages about Jesus' ministry in sequence. During Advent, Christmas, and Lent we hear sections that accent the themes of those seasons.

Luke excelled in quantity and quality. As the writer also of Acts of the Apostles, he composed nearly a third of the New Testament. The most eloquent of all the evangelists, Luke includes in his Gospel the beautifully crafted stories of the Annunciation to Mary, the Good Samaritan, and the Prodigal Son. Without his work, we would have no knowledge of those stories.

The author's identity is a mystery. The original work probably dates to AD 80–85. But the Gospel itself never identifies the name of its author and the earliest editions assigned no author's name to the Gospel's title. Paul's Letter to Philemon lists someone named Luke among his coworkers (24). At the end of the second century, Irenaeus of Lyon reported that Luke, the companion of Paul, wrote the third Gospel, and it has been called "Luke" ever since. Nevertheless, it cannot be proved that Paul's companion is also the author of this Gospel.

Legends have grown up about Luke. The Letter to the Colossians calls him a beloved physician (4:14), causing a tradition that the evangelist was also a doctor. In the Middle Ages, physicians and painters belonged to the same guild so stories formed that Luke had also created works of art.

Luke's Gospel stresses several important themes: God's necessary plan for salvation, prayer in the life of Jesus, the role of the Holy Spirit, and the dignity of the poor. Among the evangelists, Luke is symbolized as an ox, a sacrificial animal that foreshadows the sacrifice of Christ.



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.

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

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY

Above you can find the most needed items in the parish bulletin. Donations will be collected the last Sunday of each month. In February we collected and donated **66 pounds** of food!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Here are some important dates to mark on your calendar:

Adult Sacraments: Easter Sunday, April 20th

First Holy Communion: May 4, 2025

Confirmation: June 8, 2025

If you have a child preparing for First Communion or Confirmation, you will receive an email with additional steps and a project connected to the specific sacrament you are exploring. These activities are meant to deepen a child's understanding of their faith while recognizing that faith formation is a lifelong process.

LENTEN STONES

Blessed stones will be available for anyone who has not yet been able to take one for their Lenten journey. While they last, stones will be available at the back of the church nearest the hymnals. These stones were blessed and distributed at mass last week.

ADULT SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Did you know that we have two adults in our parish who are preparing to receive their sacraments on Easter Sunday? Susan and Stock will be welcomed into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of initiation on Easter Sunday after a year-long preparation that has included academic and spiritual development. Please pray for them in these final weeks of preparation and join us on Easter Sunday as we formally welcome them into the Catholic Christian Family.

CALLED TO MINISTRY

Do you feel a call to serve as a reader, server, musician/singer, or in hospitality at our parish? Let one of our priests know you are interested and we will welcome you to our team with open arms. No experience necessary and folks of all ages are called to accept the invitation to ministry.

WEATHER ISSUES

Apologies for any inconvenience that may have occurred as a result of the cancellation of Ashes-to-Go. The rain and windy weather made this outdoor service difficult to provide. Ashes or not, we are on our Lenten journey!

