



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!*

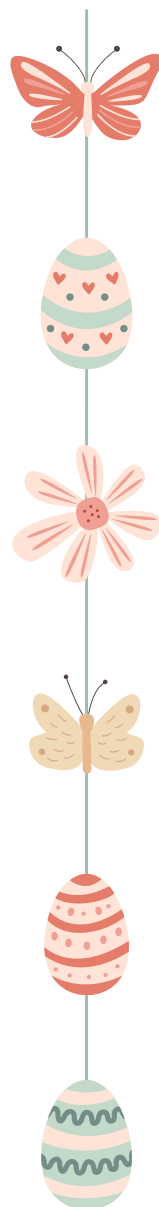
✠ Ascension on Sunday

THE ASCENSION of the Lord, which traditionally falls on a Thursday, may be celebrated on a Sunday in certain parts of the world.

The Ascension originated as a Thursday celebration because of the story of the event from the opening of the Acts of the Apostles. There, Luke says that Jesus rose from the dead, appeared to believers for forty days and then ascended to the heavens. Even though the accounts of the Ascension in the Gospels suggest it took place after a shorter period of time, the liturgy of the Church has honored the chronology from Acts by celebrating the Ascension on Thursday of the sixth week of Easter.

The Solemnity of the Ascension is one of ten days that may be a holyday of obligation. Not all countries have the same holydays. In those countries where the Ascension is not a holyday, the solemnity is transferred to the following Sunday. The United States is so large and its needs so varied that Rome has granted it permission to decide by region on the date of this one solemnity. It is possible within the United States for Ascension to be on a Thursday in one state and on a Sunday in another. Travelers are expected to honor the custom of the place where they are that week.

Those celebrating Ascension on Sunday will miss the Mass texts of the Seventh Sunday of Easter, filled with anticipation for the Spirit of Pentecost. The Second Reading and the Gospel of the Seventh Sunday of Easter may replace those usually heard on the Sixth. Those attending weekday Masses may notice that the Responsorial Psalm on Friday and Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter is a seasonal psalm for the Ascension, even if their community will not celebrate the solemnity until Sunday.



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.

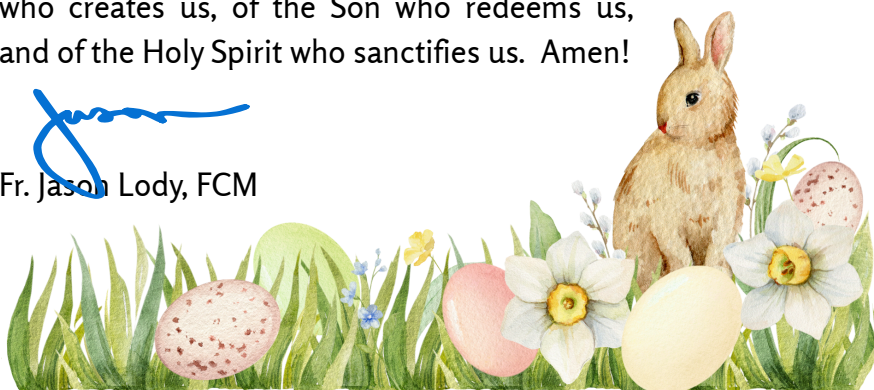
RERUM NOVARUM - WHO IS POPE LEO?

The Roman Church has selected a new pope who chose the name Leo XIV (Leo the 14th). To understand the significance of this name, one must look to Pope Leo XIII (Leo the 13th) who, in 1891, penned the papal encyclical *Rerum Novarum*. The main point of *Rerum Novarum* is to establish a framework for addressing the social and economic problems arising from the Industrial Revolution and the socialist responses to it. It outlines the Church's stance on the rights of workers, the responsibilities of employers, and the role of the state in ensuring a just society. This summer we will be hosting a brief series where we will read and discuss this encyclical and its significance for modern times. After a period of time spent reading and reflecting individually, we will meet on Zoom for 3 sessions exploring the history (session 1), the implementation and implications of the document (session 2) and we'll interpret it's relevance to today's time (session 3). This document is readily available online for free and can also be found in the texts our parish used for the Adult Faith Formation sessions on the Documents of Vatican II.

EASTER BLESSINGS

On behalf of Fr. Julian and Fr. David, thank you for being an integral part of our church family. We pray all of this in the name of the Father who creates us, of the Son who redeems us, and of the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us. Amen!


Fr. Jason Lody, FCM



FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY - THIS WEEK!

This week will be our monthly gathering of community after the 12:30pm mass. Why do we do this? Because we strive to be a community of faith and the 'community' part of our parish identity extends beyond our sharing of the Eucharist to how we care for and spend time with one another. Plus, it's delicious and fun. Consider staying after mass to chat with and learn more about the community of saints-in-the-making we call St. A's! If you'd like to contribute to the communal table of nibbles and sips available, reach out to a member of the hospitality ministry!

SUMMER SCHEDULE AND VACATIONS

At St. A's we are here every Sunday of the year. As you plan your summer travels, consider joining us online if you're able and support us from afar. We strongly encourage regular giving/tithing electronically so you can continue to support the needs of the parish even if you are not physically present to share a collection envelope. Online giving is easy, secure, and supports our parish whether you are joining us in person or watching us from the beach! Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

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