



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!*

✠ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

JESUS CHRIST is king of all creation. At the end of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (28:18). The Book of Revelation calls him, "King of kings and Lord of lords" (19:16). People wanted to make Jesus a king after he worked the miracle of the loaves, but he went away by himself instead (John 6:15). They wanted a secular king to govern their land. Jesus wanted to rule their hearts.

The Catholic Church celebrates the kingship of Christ on the last Sunday of the Church year. The liturgical year reaches its climax in a celebration that honors the supreme command of Christ. He has dominion over all creation, and he rules every person who believes in him.

The Solemnity of Christ the King entered the Catholic calendar in 1925, which Pope Pius XI had set aside as a holy year. Pius thought the feast would bring the year to a solemn close, help combat the forces of secularism, and remind the world that Christ is its ultimate ruler. The pope chose the last Sunday of October because of its proximity to the end of the liturgical year and to serve as a prelude to All Saints Day on Nov. 1. The same day was already being observed as Reformation Sunday in the Protestant traditions.

Pope Paul VI moved the observance from the end of October to the very last Sunday of the Church year in order to exalt its theme even more. Now we end the year with an idea that sums up all that we have celebrated and that prepares us to start anew: this Jesus, whose birth we will soon celebrate, is the king of all creation.



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.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION 2025-2026

This year's theme is Journey with the Saints and Seasons. Classes are held during the 12:30pm mass on the first Sunday of each month. Our remaining schedule is as follows:

December 7th: topic: Our Lady of Guadalupe

January 4th: *Epiphany Sunday, No Class*

February 1st: topic: St. Valentine of Rome

March 1st: topic: St. Patrick

April 5th: *Easter Sunday, No Class*

May 3rd: topic: St. Joan of Arc

June 7th: topic: The Eucharist

BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

Beginning November 2nd and lasting until Advent, we will have available and on display the *Book of the Names of the Dead*. You will be able to inscribe the names of loved ones who have died and at each mass leading up to Advent, we will pray for all those whose names are listed in this special book.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

It's never too early to plan. We will have mass on Christmas Day, December 25th, at 12:30PM. This will be a solemn liturgy of the Lord's Birth. Carols will be sung beginning at 12:20pm, immediately followed by mass.

CONFIRMATION & RCIA

Anyone interested in beginning preparation for Confirmation or any adult interested in receiving sacraments through the process of RCIA, classes will begin in January. Please contact Fr. Jason in person or via email to start the process or express interest.

NEW HYMNALS

Beginning November 30th, we'll be using the newest edition of *Breaking Bread*. Please help us out by taking an old hymnal home to keep or recycle. Our hymnals are an annual subscription and contain the Sunday readings.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Our next gathering for Fellowship will be after mass on **November 30th**. This is also the monthly food collection date - so it's an opportunity to support our community's needs by donating a food item to WFCM and celebrate the joys of being part of a parish family. Thank you, in advance, for your support of our brothers and sisters in need - an act of mercy and compassion.

HOME FAITH FORMATION 2025-2026

In keeping with our cherished annual parish tradition, we are pleased to offer one copy of *At Home with the Word* to each family and household within our community. Copies are now available for use starting on November 30th, coinciding with the beginning of the new liturgical year and the first Sunday of Advent. You may grab your copy from the table nearest the hymnal cart.

ADVENT CALENDARS

On November 30th, the First Sunday of Advent, we will have our annual distribution of Advent Calendars from our partners at Trader St. Joe's. A parish tradition of over 10 years, this sweet reminder that Advent is a daily journey helps keep our earthly pilgrimage intentional and prayerful. Calendars are available per person and while supplies last.

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