

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!

Advent Gospels

ON THE four Sundays of Advent, the Catholic lectionary presents a series of Gospel readings that prepare for the celebration of the Birth of Christ. The Sunday Advent readings all rotate on a three-year cycle, but they always follow the same pattern.

The Gospel for the First Sunday of Advent always tells of the reign of Christ at the end of time. It echoes the theme of the previous Sunday, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Advent starts with the message that we await the Second Coming of Christ. This entire season is not just a reminder of a past birth but also an anticipation of future glory.

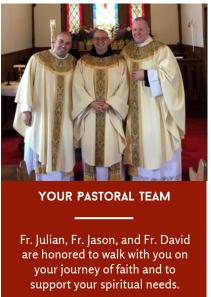
The Second and Third Sundays of Advent always have Gospel readings about John the Baptist. John is an adult in these passages, proclaiming the nearness of the Kingdom of God and serving as the prophet who bridges the Old and New Testaments. John foreshadows Jesus in his birth, his preaching, and his death. John's message on these two middle Sundays of this season inspires us to follow Christ.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent always tells part of the story that just precedes the Birth of Christ. These familiar episodes set the stage for one of the Bible's best-known passages, the story of Christmas.

The Gospel readings of the four Sundays of Advent come to us in reverse chronology. We start with the end of time. We continue to the period when Jesus was an adult. We end in the days before his birth. Like a funnel, Advent opens with a giant theme, the grandness of Christ the King, and it ends with a specific one, the child lying in a Bethlehem manger.







YOUTH FAITH FORMATION 2025-2026

This year's theme is <u>Journey with the Saints</u> and <u>Seasons</u>. 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

ANUAL COOKIE EXCHANGE

Get those family recipe cards out and start thinking about your contribution to our cookie exchange. Participants are asked to make 2 dozen cookies for sharing on January 25, 2026. Those bakers who sign up in advance will be able to participate in the cookie exchange after 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.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Our next gathering for Fellowship will be after mass on **November 30**th. 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.

Advent Wreath Year A

IF YOU are setting up an Advent wreath in your home this year, here are some prayers you could say while you light its candles. You may say these before or after a meal, when waking up, before going to bed, or whenever you and the members of your household gather for prayer. Before you say the prayer, read and talk over the Gospel reading you heard at Sunday Mass that week.

Week 1: O God, who invite us to stay awake because we do not know the day the Lord will come, let this candle signify the dawn of the day when your Son will come again. Help us to avoid doing things we want to hide and to live always as children of the light. Through Christ our Lord.

Week 2: O God, who sent John the Baptist to tell us to prepare the way of the Lord, let these two candles light the way for us. Help us to walk now and always in a straight path to you. May love of God and love of neighbor light our way. Through Christ our Lord.

Week 3: O God, who promised that the least one born into the Kingdom of God is greater than John the Baptist, fill us with joy as we light the rose candle. Make us happy when we serve you, and let us see the light of your glory. Through Christ our Lord.

Week 4: O God, who sent an angel to comfort Joseph in his dream, comfort us when we are afraid. Turn our darkness into light. Let these four candles warm our hearts as we await the coming of Emmanuel, God-with-us. Through Christ our Lord.

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