



# 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!



### 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.

## Baptism of the Lord

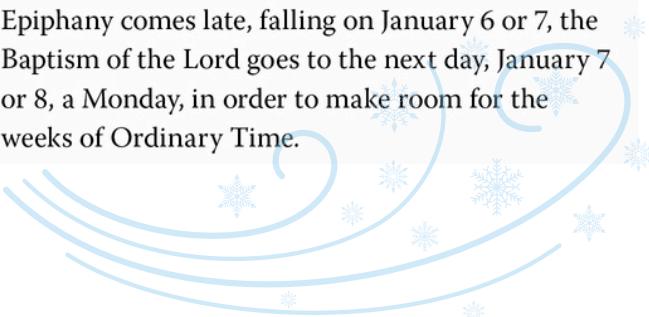
**CHRISTMAS TIME** comes to its close when we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, an event recorded in all four Gospels. To begin his public ministry, Jesus presented himself to be baptized by John the Baptist, and God manifested Jesus as the Divine Son.

Because we associate baptism with the forgiveness of sins, the idea that the sinless Jesus would undergo baptism seems out of place. The evangelists must have thought the same; as a whole, they downplay the incident. But the baptism of Jesus had nothing to do with forgiveness; it had everything to do with manifestation. It was a new beginning because it publicly revealed Jesus' identity, and that testimony came not from just any witness but from God.

Three incidents in the Bible are traditionally called the "epiphany" events or the "manifestations" of Jesus, newly arrived on the biblical scene: the visit of the Magi, the baptism, and the miracle at the wedding in Cana. Prior to 1969, we heard all three of these Scriptures in successive weeks: January 6, January 13, and on the following Sunday. All three stories form a unit because they progressively reveal the identity, the authority, and the power of Jesus.

In today's liturgical calendar, the Sunday readings spread over a three-year cycle. On the Baptism of the Lord, we hear a different evangelist's account each year. Only in year C does the following Sunday feature the Gospel of the Wedding Feast at Cana to unify the three celebrations.

In the United States, we celebrate Epiphany on a Sunday. But in countries where the Epiphany is a holyday of obligation, it is celebrated on January 6. In the United States, the Baptism of the Lord is usually the Sunday after the Epiphany, but if Epiphany comes late, falling on January 6 or 7, the Baptism of the Lord goes to the next day, January 7 or 8, a Monday, in order to make room for the weeks of Ordinary Time.



## 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.

## MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

We have updated the list of most needed items for our partners at WFCM. The next collection date will be **January 25th**. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity in support of our brothers and sisters in need.

## 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:

**February 1<sup>st</sup>:** topic: St. Valentine of Rome

**March 1<sup>st</sup>:** topic: St. Patrick

**April 5<sup>th</sup>:** Easter Sunday, No Class

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>:** topic: St. Joan of Arc

**June 7<sup>th</sup>:** topic: The Eucharist

## INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTICES

In case of inclement weather, notification will be made on Facebook & Instagram. Be sure to follow, like and subscribe to get updates.

## Talk To Us...

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