



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!

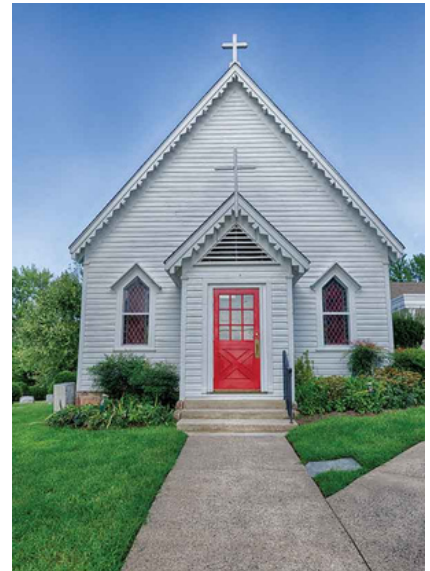
Palm Sunday Commemoration

THE OPENING of the Palm Sunday Mass is a vivid expression of public worship. Catholic Churches offer a procession to begin the liturgy, and the faithful are invited to take an active part.

This opening is called "The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem." The word *commemoration* implies more than a historical lesson. People are to do more than remember. They are to partake in the entry of the Lord.

The commemoration takes one of three different forms. The first is the procession, which begins outside the place where the Mass will be celebrated and moves toward the church. The second form takes place inside the church when an outdoor procession is not possible. Both these forms include the blessing of palm branches and the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. One of these two forms must be used at every parish church. If the first form is used at one Mass, it should not be repeated at other Masses. The second form, however, may be done as often as the parish wishes.

The third form is a simplified beginning that does not include the blessing of branches nor the proclamation of the Gospel of Palm Sunday. Mass begins in the usual way, and the entrance antiphon for the day is the only mention of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It is designed for Masses where insufficient number of ministers or a lack of time demands a simpler, shorter service. As long as one Mass includes the first or second form of the commemoration, others may observe the third. However, most Catholics take a strong interest in participating in a procession, which creates a bond among themselves and with their Lord and Christ, who enters as king of their hearts.



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.

LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Virtual Triduum

- Holy Thursday: Video Posted Online
- Good Friday: Video Posted Online
- Holy Saturday: Video Posted Online

Easter Sunday

- 12:00pm Egg Hunt
- 12:30pm Solemn Mass of the Resurrection



THE LENTEN JOURNEY

Fasting and abstinence during Lent are meaningful practices—they discipline the body, sharpen spiritual awareness, and create space for prayer. But Lent is fundamentally about conversion of heart—repentance, deeper communion with Christ, and renewal of our love for God and neighbor. If fasting does not lead to greater humility, charity, and dependence on God, it becomes an empty exercise. The focus of Lent is transformation; fasting is simply one of the tools that helps us get there. So eat meat on Friday and work to become a better person this season!

PALM SUNDAY - March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week and invites us to reflect on the Passion of the Lord. Weather permitting, mass will begin **outside** with the blessing of the palms, the reading of the first gospel, and a procession into the Church. In the event of inclement weather, the first gospel will be proclaimed inside from the church door.

EASTER SUNDAY LOGISTICS

Easter Sunday will bring visitors to our parish. With the Easter Egg Hunt taking place at 12pm, parking will be available around the entire church building. Please allow extra time to arrive, and help us keep traffic flowing smoothly for everyone on this special day. Mass will begin promptly at 12:30pm.

MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

We have updated the list of most needed items for our partners at WFCM. The next collection date will be **March 29th**. 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:

April 5th: *Easter Sunday, No Class*

May 3rd: topic: St. Joan of Arc

June 7th: topic: The Eucharist

A special shout-out to **Tina** and **Adriana** for taking the lead on supporting the faith development of our youngest parishioners.

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