

Sept 7, 2025, 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church



## Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time.

'In the same way, anyone of you who does not  
renounce all his possessions cannot be  
my disciple"  
Luke 14:33

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, 10:30am  
10:30-11:30am Adora-  
tion & Confession

Thursday, 10:30am  
10:30-11:30am Adora-  
tion & Confession

#### WEEKEND MASS

Sunday, 11:30am

### CONTACT US

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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday  
9:00am-3:30pm

### OUR CLERGY

#### 12TH BISHOP OF NASHVILLE

Most Rev. J. Mark Spalding,  
DD, JCL

#### PASTOR

Rev. Fr. Aby Thanickal, CMI  
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## From the Pastor's Desk

### Rev. Fr. Aby Thanickal, CMI



#### Gospel Reflection

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Luke 14:25-33

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks very directly to the crowds that followed Him. He tells them that following Him requires total commitment—so complete that it even comes before family ties, personal comfort, and possessions. These words may sound harsh at first, but Jesus is not asking us to “hate” our families in the literal sense. Instead, He is teaching us that love for Him must come first, above all else. Only then can we love others in the truest and most faithful way.

Jesus uses two strong images: a person building a tower and a king preparing for battle. Both must carefully calculate what is required before beginning. In the same way, discipleship is not something to enter into lightly. Following Christ means carrying our own cross, being ready to face sacrifice, and letting go of anything that might hold us back from God's will.

This Gospel invites us to reflect honestly: What possessions, habits, or attachments keep me from being fully free for Christ? Sometimes these “possessions” are not only material things but also our pride, grudges, or desire for control. To be a disciple means surrendering these to the Lord and trusting Him completely.

#### A Simple Example

Imagine a young student who is invited to join a sports team. The coach explains that being on the team requires daily practice, discipline, and even giving up some free time. If the student agrees without considering the cost, he may quit halfway. But if he knows the sacrifices beforehand and still chooses to commit, he can grow stronger and experience the joy of being part of the team.

In the same way, Jesus wants us to know that discipleship is demanding. It calls for sacrifice and perseverance. But it also leads us to the deepest joy—living in friendship with Christ and sharing in His victory.

#### For Our Parish Life

As a parish community, this Gospel challenges us to ask: Are we truly putting Christ first in our daily lives? Do we place our liturgical life first—making time for Sunday Mass, daily prayer, and the sacraments—or do other concerns take priority? Do we let go of distractions to make room for God's grace? Are we willing to support one another in carrying our crosses?

When we give our “yes” to Jesus with full awareness, we discover that the cross is not a burden but a path to freedom. Jesus does not ask us to renounce everything in sadness; He asks us to renounce so that we may live with greater love, peace, and trust in Him.

#### This Month in Our Parish

This month, we will start Catechism for children, beginning of OCIA, celebrations of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8, Catechetical Sunday, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14, Healing mass and anointing on September 27 & 28. Let us use these occasions to deepen our devotion, renew our parish life, and strengthen our families in prayer.

#### Prayer

Lord Jesus, You call us to follow You with all our hearts. Teach us to let go of whatever keeps us from You. Help us to carry our cross with faith, trusting that You Walk beside us. May we always put You and our liturgical life first, and in doing so, may we learn to love our families, neighbors, and parish community more deeply. Give us the courage to be Your true disciples. Amen.

Fr. Aby Thanickal CMI

Pastor

St. Francis of Assisi and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Churches.

# NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Tennessee Ridge, Tn. 37178

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

Bonnie Lill  
Dave Higingbottom  
Tom Vorholt  
Diane Lill  
Seth Rye  
Larry Walker  
Haydee Perez

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tony Arthon  
Gregg Lill

## PARISH STAFF

**SECRETARY/  
BOOKKEEPER/DRE**  
Valerie Brown

## MASS INTENTIONS

**St Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
Sun, Sept 7, St Elizabeth  
Ann Seton Parishioners

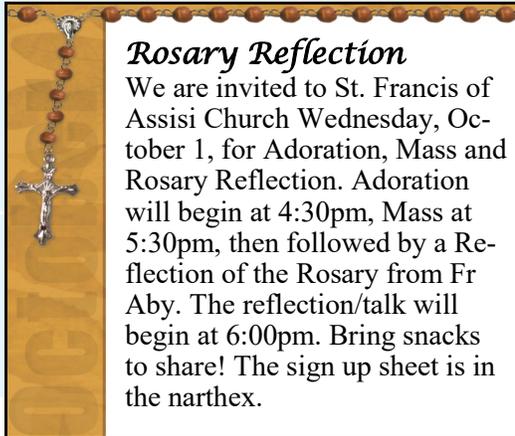
11:10am Rosary  
11:30am Mass  
**Mon, Sept 8**  
10:30am Mass  
11:00am-Noon Adoration/  
Confessions  
**Thurs, Sept 11**  
10:30am Mass  
11:00am-noon Adoration/  
Confessions

**St Francis of Assisi**  
Sun, Sept 7, St Francis pa-  
rishioners

8:10am Rosary  
8:30am Mass  
**Wed, Sept 10, Randy Garci-  
ano**  
4:30-5:30pm Adoration/  
Confessions  
5:30pm Mass  
**Fri, Sept 12 + Antonio Galo**  
8:00am Mass  
8:30-9:30am Adoration/  
Confessions  
**Sat, Sept 14 Dr Norman  
Blanco, MD**  
5:10pm Rosary  
5:30pm Vigil Mass

## WEEK IN A GLANCE

**Sunday, September 7**  
10:00am First day Religious Educa-  
tion  
**Sunday, September 14**  
10:00am-11:15am CCD  
Potluck after Mass



**Rosary Reflection**  
We are invited to St. Francis of Assisi Church Wednesday, October 1, for Adoration, Mass and Rosary Reflection. Adoration will begin at 4:30pm, Mass at 5:30pm, then followed by a Reflection of the Rosary from Fr Aby. The reflection/talk will begin at 6:00pm. Bring snacks to share! The sign up sheet is in the narthex.



A weekend retreat for juniors & seniors!

*Worship/Prayer/Friendship/  
Activities*

Several weekends to choose from.  
See bulletin board in the hallway for  
more Information or scan the QR code



## Bishop's Annual Appeal 2025



Our Bishop's Annual Appeal goal for 2025 is \$5500.00. As of now we have committed **\$1586.00** which is **28.84%** of our goal.

We need **\$3914.00** to meet our goal.

Our donation will go to different ministries, seminarian education, etc. If you would like to donate and help us meet our goal, please grab flyer/envelope from the table in the narthex.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The office will be closed, Thursday, Sept 11.

### Healing Mass

During Mass on Sunday, September 28, anyone who is suffering from any kind of sickness are welcome to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This sacrament brings spiritual strength, peace, and courage and when it is God's Will, even physical healing. The anointing has a six month validity, which means a person can receive it again after six months if needed. We warmly invite all parishioners, especially the sick and homebound, to join us in prayer and encounter the healing love of Christ.



### Have you signed up to participate in creating our Family Directory?

We have several families that have signed up to participate in our picture directory. We encourage all families to participate in our directory. **Your family will receive a free 8x10 and a free directory just for participating!!** Not only do these directories come in handy, they are part of our parish history! Please sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex if you plan to participate in having your family photo taken and be apart of our history.

### OCIA

We will begin OCIA [formally RCIA] on Tuesday, September 23, at 4:30pm. If you or someone you know is interested in the Catholic Faith, please call the office.

Reminder: Daily Mass times have changed. Instead of Mass at 8:00am the daily Masses are at 10:30am with Adoration/confessions after – 11:00am-Noon]

<b>Minister</b>	<b>Sept 7</b>	<b>Sept 14</b>	<b>Sept 21</b>	<b>Sept 28</b>	<b>Oct 5</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Bonnie Lill	Diane Lill	Seth Rye	Diane Lill	Tom Vorholt
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<b>Money Counters</b>	Arthon/Jurgovans	Lill/Walker	Arthon/Jurgovans	Lill/Walker	Arthon/Jurgovans
<b>Greeters</b>	Larry & Tony	Gregg/Diane	Zwolak	Larry and Tony	Gregg/Diane

**READNGS FOR THE WEEK/FEAST DAYS**

- Sept 7 thru Sept 14
- Sunday Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a Lk 14:1, 7 -14
  - Monday Mi 5:1-4a Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
  - Tuesday Col 2:6-15 Lk 6:12-19
  - Wednesday Col 3:1-11 Lk 6:20-26
  - Thursday Col 3:12-17 Lk 6:27-38
  - Friday 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Lk 6:39-42
  - Saturday 1 Tm 1:15-17 Lk 6:43-49
  - Sunday Nm 21:4b-9 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17

**Prayer Intentions**

Tammy Arthon, Bonnie Lill, Gregg Lill, David Russell, Dale Edwards, Ken Simpson, Frank Visconi & Robin Frederick.

**Thank you for your support!**  
Our Gifts to the Lord



Last Week's Collection: Online **\$ 51.10**  
Cash & checks: **\$610.00**  
**Total: \$661.10**

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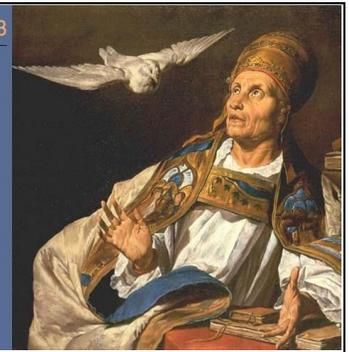
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**Pope St. Gregory the Great :: September 3**

"O God, who care for your people with gentleness and rule them in love, through the intercession of Pope Saint Gregory, endow, we pray, with a spirit of wisdom those to whom you have given authority to govern, that the flourishing of a holy flock may become the eternal joy of the shepherds.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."



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**Flocknote:**



If you are not receiving our emails or texts and would like to receive our communications, please let the office know. We send out texts for any changes, reminders, etc., and once a week there is an email which comes out on Friday which contains the bulletin and any other news. Emails may also arrive in your box for a parish announcement, etc.

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