

Oct 5, 2025, The 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church



MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, 8:00am
8:30am-9:30am Adoration & Confession

Thursday, 8:00am
8:30am-9:30am Adoration & Confession

WEEKEND MASS

Sunday, 11:30am

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday
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OUR CLERGY

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Most Rev. J. Mark Spalding,
DD, JCL

PASTOR

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



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – October

Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel (Luke 17:5–10), the apostles approach Jesus with a very simple yet profound request: "Increase our faith." They had walked with the Lord, heard His teachings, and witnessed His miracles, yet they realized how weak their faith could still be. Jesus' response is striking: "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

The Lord reminds us that faith is not about quantity but about authenticity and trust. Even a small, genuine faith—rooted in God rather than in ourselves—can do great things. At the same time, Jesus speaks about the humble attitude of a servant: when we have done our duty, we should not expect praise or reward, but simply say, "We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do." True discipleship is lived in faith and humility. Our Christian service is not about recognition, but about love and fidelity to the Lord.

This call to deeper faith and humble service is especially meaningful as we begin the month of October, a month dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Rosary is a powerful prayer that helps us grow in faith and remain humble disciples of Christ. Through the mysteries of the Rosary, we walk with Mary through the life of Jesus—His joys, His sorrows, His light, and His glory. Each "Hail Mary" is like a mustard seed of faith, and when prayed with love, it has the power to move mountains in our lives.

The Rosary is more than a repetition of prayers—it is a school of faith. It teaches us to listen, to meditate, and to entrust ourselves to God as Mary did. When we take time to pray the Rosary, we learn patience, perseverance, and humility. Just as the apostles asked the Lord to "increase our faith," the Rosary is a daily way for us to ask the same.

October is a special time to renew this devotion. In a world often filled with noise, division, and uncertainty, the Rosary is a prayer of peace. It strengthens families, builds unity in the parish, and draws us closer to Christ. St. John Paul II called the Rosary his "favorite prayer," because it puts us in spiritual communion with Mary, who always leads us to her Son.

I encourage every family in our parish to set aside time each day in October to pray the Rosary—whether together at home, before bedtime, or individually when possible. Even one decade prayed with devotion can be a seed of great faith.

Let us pray that this month of the Rosary may deepen our faith, strengthen our humility, and unite us more closely to Christ through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. May we, like the apostles, continue to ask the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

In Christ,
Fr. Aby



Pet Blessing Memories



“Where we go hereafter depends on what we ‘go after,’ here!”

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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MASS INTENTIONS

St Elizabeth Ann Seton
Sun, Oct 5, St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parishioners
 11:10am Rosary
 11:30am Mass
Mon, Oct 6, No Mass
Thurs, Oct 9, No Mass

St Francis of Assisi
Sun, Oct 5, St Francis parishioners
 8:10am Rosary
 8:30am Mass
Wed, Oct 8, No Mass
Fri, Oct 10, No Mass
Sat, Oct 11 +Crispen Garciano
 5:10pm Rosary
 5:30pm Vigil Mass

We are looking for a few people to be a part of our Facility Management group. We would like to have individuals that can perform minor repairs that are needed around the church and work together to maintain the upkeep of the church. If you would like to be a part of this group, please sign up on the sign up sheet in the narthex.

WEEK IN A GLANCE

Sunday, October 5
 10:00am-11:15am CCD
Tuesday, October 7
 4:30pm OCIA
Sunday, October 12
 Parish Picnic. See below



SAVE THE DATE

Make your appointment to be included in the new pictorial directory!

St Francis of Assisi & St Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic
 Dover, TN

Photo dates: Nov. 4 - 5, 2025

Go to SEAS website and schedule your family photo appointment.

If you do not have the means to make an appt online for your photo, please sign your name on the signup sheet in the narthex and you will receive help thru a phone call.

Because of the recent targeted violence at churches in our country, the diocese has suggested guidelines for us to follow. We are looking for a group of individuals who can help implement these diocesan suggestions at our parish. Please contact the office if you can help.

NEW DATE!!

Parish Picnic in the Park

Hosted by St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday, October 12, 2025

1:00pm-4:30pm picnic at the park

New Location!

Lick Creek Park Dover Tn, 37058

Bring a chair, something to drink, and a dish to share

Sign up sheet in narthex

Bring an outdoor Game to share!

Pumpkin Decorating

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be no weekday Mass October 6 thru October 9.

First Pastoral Council meeting October 19, Sunday after Mass



Special Notice:

Because Fr. Gaffny 's funeral Mass is the same day as the Parish Picnic, we rescheduled the picnic to Sunday, Oct 12. See below. All are encouraged to attend the funeral

October is the month of the Rosary!

Rosary Rally at the courthouse in Dover at noon on Saturday, Oct 11.

All are encouraged to pray the rosary every day personally and with family to get special intercession of our Blessed Mother during the month of October. We have to pray for Catholic church, our parish, country and our family.

Join us on for the following Sundays: Oct 12, 19 and 26 for Adoration and a rosary before the mass [11 AM to 11.30 AM]. All are encouraged to join, including CCD students.

Camp Marymount registration opens on November 3rd! This is a Catholic youth summer camp in our Diocese for all school-aged youth. <https://campmarymount.com/dates-rates/> Sponsorships are encouraged! If you would like to sponsor a camper, please contact the office for additional information



Liturgical Ministers

Minister	Oct 5	Oct 12	Oct 19	Oct 26	Nov 2
Lector	Tom Vorholt	Bonnie Lill	Bill Resler	Seth Rye	Sue Resler
E.M.H.C	Bill Resler	Gregg Lill	Janet Hake	Gregg Lill	Janet Hake
E.M.H.C	Sue Resler	David Higingbottom	Glenn Hake	Diane Lill	Bonnie Lill
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Money Counters	Arthon/Jurgovans	Lill/Walker	Arthon/Jurgovans	Lill/Walker	Arthon/Jurgovans
Greeters	Zwolaks	Larry and Tony	Gregg & Diane	Zwolaks	Larry and Tony

READINGS FOR THE WEEK/FEAST DAYS

Oct 5 thru Oct 12

- Sunday Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4/2Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 Lk 17:5-10
- Monday Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Lk10:25-37 St Bruno
- Tuesday Jpn 3:1-10 Lk 10:38-42 Our Lady of the Rosary
- Wednesday Jon 4:1-11 Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday ML 3:13-20B Lk 11:L5-13St Denis & companions/St John Leonardi
- Friday Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2 Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday Jl 4:12-21 Lk 11:27-28 St John XXIII
- Sunday 2 Kgs 5:14-17/ 2Tm2:8-13 Lk 17:11-19

Prayer Intentions

Tammy Arthon, Bonnie Lill, Gregg Lill, David Russell, Dale Edwards, Ken Simpson, Frank Visconi, Robin Frederick Laws and Sue Resler.

Thank you for your support!

Our Gifts to the Lord

Last Week's Collection: Online **\$325.00**
Cash & checks: **\$633.00**
Total: \$ 958.00

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Bishop's Annual Appeal 2025

Our Bishop's Annual Appeal goal for 2025 is \$5500.00. As of now we have committed **\$1729.00** which is **31.44%** of our goal. We need **\$3771.00** 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.



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