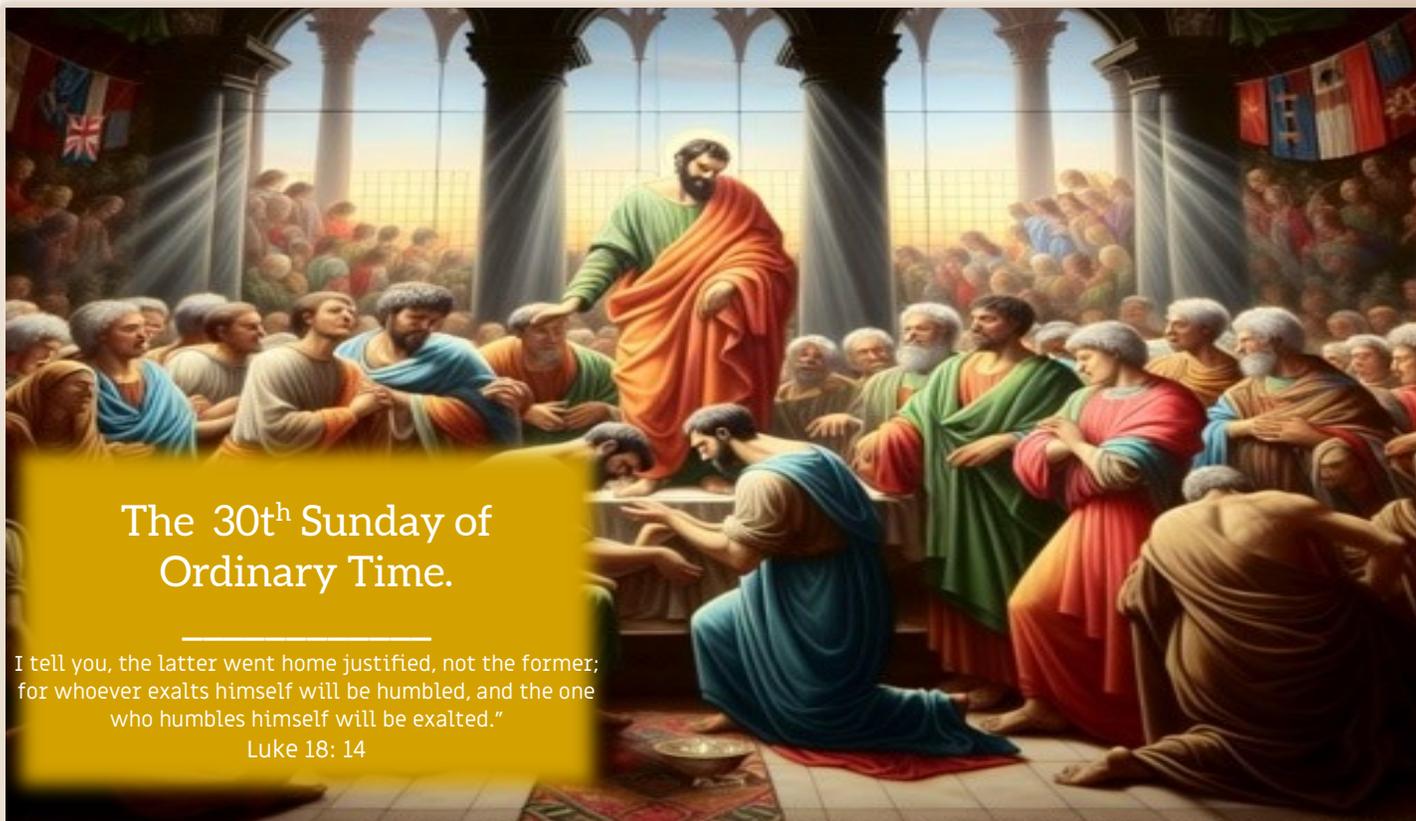


Oct 26, 2025, The 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church



The 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of  
Ordinary Time.

I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former;  
for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one  
who humbles himself will be exalted."

Luke 18: 14

## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, 8:00am  
8:30am-9:30am Adora-  
tion & Confession

Thursday, 8:00am  
8:30am-9:30am Adora-  
tion & Confession

### WEEKEND MASS

Sunday, 11:30am

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday 9:00 am—1:00 pm  
Thurs 9:00 am—2:00 pm

## OUR CLERGY

### 12TH BISHOP OF NASHVILLE

Most Rev. J. Mark Spalding,  
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## From the Pastor's Desk Rev. Fr. Aby Thanickal, CMI



Pastor's Reflection – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Lk 18:9–14)

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus offers us one of His most striking and humbling parables — the story of the Pharisee and the tax collector. It is a story about prayer, pride, and the heart's true disposition before God.

The Pharisee stood in the temple confident in his righteousness. He listed his virtues before God, boasting that he fasted and paid his tithes. Outwardly, his actions were good, but inwardly, his heart was closed. His prayer was not really directed to God but to himself — he used it to affirm his own goodness. His words revealed a spirit of pride and judgment toward others.

The tax collector, on the other hand, stood far off, unable even to raise his eyes. His only words were, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner." That simple cry of humility reached heaven. He had nothing to boast of, no defense to offer, only a repentant heart that trusted in God's mercy. And Jesus tells us that it was he — not the self-righteous Pharisee — who went home justified.

This Gospel invites us to examine the attitude of our own hearts. How often do we measure ourselves by comparing with others rather than standing honestly before God? How often do we speak to God but, in truth, are only talking to ourselves — trying to justify our choices, our comfort, or our pride?

God listens to the prayer of the humble heart. He is not impressed by titles, positions, or external works, but by a spirit that recognizes its need for grace. The tax collector's humility opened a door for God's mercy to flow freely into his life. True holiness begins not in perfection but in honest humility — the awareness that everything good in us is a gift.

As we gather for the Eucharist this weekend, may we pray not like the Pharisee who exalted himself, but like the tax collector who simply trusted in God's mercy. The Mass itself teaches us this humility: before receiving Communion, we echo the tax collector's spirit when we say, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof."

Let us approach the Lord with the same humble confidence, knowing that His mercy is greater than our sins and that He delights in raising up those who bow low before Him.



Prayer:

Lord Jesus, teach us the way of humility. Free us from the pride that blinds us and from the temptation to judge others. May our hearts be like that of the tax collector — simple, honest, and open to Your mercy. Forgive our sins and renew in us the joy of Your salvation.

Amen.

Fr. Aby Thanickal CMI  
Pastor

# NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

Tom Vorholt Chair  
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Secretary Linda Allen  
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## MASS INTENTIONS

### St Elizabeth Ann Seton

#### Sun, Oct 19, St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parishioners

11:00am Adoration/Rosary  
11:30am Mass

#### Mon, Oct 20, + Fr Gaffny

8:00am Mass  
8:30am Adoration/confessions

#### Thurs, Oct 23 +

8:00am Mass  
8:30am Adoration/confessions

### St Francis of Assisi

#### Sun, Oct 26, St Francis Parishioners

8:00am Adoration/Rosary  
8:30am Mass

#### Wed, Oct 29, + Fr. David Gaffny

4:30pm Adoration/confessions  
5:30pm Mass  
6:00pm Rosary Candlelight Procession

#### Fri, Oct 31, Clay Womack

9:00am, Mass  
9:30am Adoration/confessions

#### Sat, Nov 1

5:00pm Adoration/ Rosary  
5:30pm Vigil Mass

## WEEK IN A GLANCE

### Sunday, October 26

12:30pm Lector & Eucharist Ministry meeting

### Tuesday October 28

RCIA Class 4:30

### Wednesday October 29 Scripture Class

4:00pm.

**Saturday, Nov 1** Mass at 8:00am All Souls Day

**Sunday Nov 2** Blessing of the cemetery after Mass



**ACTION NEEDED!**

In order for the directory of both churches to go forward, we need you to sign up today!

The dates of the photo appointments are right around the corner.

**Please sign up today!** If you are unable to sign up and would like to receive help. Please write your name on the sign up sheet in the narthex and you will receive a call to help you.

Go to our website to [seastn.com](http://seastn.com)

This is the last weekend to sign up for a date and time to have your picture taken otherwise the directory will have to be postponed or canceled



Meet our newly elected Pastoral Council Ministry Heads.

Chair: Tom Vorholt  
Co-Chair: Dave Higingbottom  
Secretary: Diane Lill

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are sad to announce that Valerie has stepped down as Book keeper & Secretary at SEAS after 12 years of service and Saint Francis of Assisi after 2 years of service. Thank you for all you have done. May God Bless you in your next endeavors.

### October is the month of the Rosary!

Join us on Sunday, October 26, for Adoration and a rosary before the mass [11 AM to 11.30 AM]. All are encouraged to join, including CCD students.



All Saints Day Mass

Mass for all Saints Day which is Saturday, Nov 1, is at 8:00am

**All Soul's Day is Saturday, Nov 2.** Like last year, you will have an opportunity to sponsor a candle[s] for loved ones.

These candles, along with pictures you provide of loved ones, will be displayed until the celebration of Christ the King, Nov 23. If you would like to sponsor a candle, please contact the office.



After Mass on Sunday, November 2, Father Aby invites everyone to join him as he blesses our cemetery.

# Liturgical Ministers

Minister	Oct 26	Nov 2	Nov 9	Nov 16	Nov 23
Lector	Seth Rye	Sue Resler	Tom Vorholt	Bonnie Lill	Sue Resler
E.M.H.C	Gregg Lill	Janet Hake	Bill Resler	Sue Resler	Diane Lill
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Money Counters	Lill/Walker	Arthon/Jurgovans	Lill/Walker	Arthon/Jurgovans	Lill/Walker
Greeters	Zwolaks	Larry and Tony	Gregg & Diane	Zwolaks	Larry & Tony

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK/FEAST DAYS

Oct 26– Nov 2

- Sunday Ex 17:8-13/2Tm 3:14-4:2 Lk 18:1-8
- Monday Rom 8:12-17 Lk 13:10
- Tuesday Eph 2:19-22 Lk 6:12-16 **SS Simon and Jude Apo**
- Wednesday Rom 8:26-30 Lk 13:22-30
- Thursday Rom 8:31b-39 Lk 13:31-35
- Friday Rom 9:1-5 Lk 14:1-6
- Saturday Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 1Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:12a
- **All Saints Day**
- Sunday Wis 3:1-9 Rom 5:5-11 **All Souls Day**

## Prayer Intentions

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



**Thank you for your support!**  
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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 **\$5,372.00** which is **97.67%** of our goal. We need **\$128.00** to meet our goal.

Our donation will go to different ministries, seminarian education, etc. Thank you for your generosity. 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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