

St. Elizabeth

November 16, 2025 The Thirty Third Sunday
In Ordinary Time

Ann Seton Catholic Church

“BY YOUR PERSEVERANCE YOU
WILL SECURE YOUR LIVES.”

33rd Sunday

“You will be hated by all because of my
name, but not a hair on your head will be
destroyed.” Lk 21:18

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

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



“By your perseverance you will secure your lives.” (Luke 21:19)

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, today's Gospel invites us to reflect on the enduring strength of faith in times of trial. Jesus' words to His disciples are both sobering and consoling. He speaks of wars, divisions, natural disasters, and persecution — realities that can fill hearts with fear and uncertainty. Yet, in the midst of these challenges, Jesus reminds us not to be terrified, for “such things must happen first,” and through steadfast faith, we will find life.

In every generation, believers have faced moments that test their faith — moments when the world seems unstable, when hope seems dim, and when our own strength feels insufficient. But it is in these very moments that Christ calls us to perseverance. Perseverance is not mere endurance or passive waiting; it is the active choice to remain faithful, to trust in God's providence, and to keep walking in hope even when the road is hard.

Jesus promises, “I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute.” This is His assurance that we are never alone in our struggles. When we face misunderstanding, rejection, or hardship because of our faith, the Spirit of Christ speaks within us. Our witness, even in suffering, becomes a testimony of hope to the world.

In our own lives, perseverance may mean holding fast to prayer when answers seem delayed, staying faithful to our family and community when relationships are strained, or continuing to serve and love when gratitude is scarce. These daily acts of quiet faithfulness are the stones from which God builds His eternal temple — not of marble or gold, but of human hearts rooted in love and trust.

As we near Advent, let us renew our perseverance in faith. Let us not be deceived or disheartened by the turmoil around us, but remember that our salvation is not found in worldly stability, but in the unshakable promise of Christ. In Him, every trial can become a path to deeper life.

Prayer:



Lord, grant us steadfast hearts and enduring faith. Strengthen us in times of trial, that through our perseverance we may secure our lives in You. 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

Tom Vorholt -Chair
Dave Higingbottom -Co-Chair
Diane Lill-Secretary
Bonnie Lill
Larry Walker
Haydee Perez

Finance Council
Chair- Gregg Lill
Seth Rye
Marilyn Jurgovan—Secretary

PARISH STAFF

Secretary **Linda Allen**
Tues: 9:00– 1:00
Thurs: 9:00-2:00
Book Keeper **Tin Williams**
Monday 8:00-11:00am

MASS INTENTIONS

St Elizabeth Ann Seton
Sun, Nov 16, **St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parishioners**
11:00am Adoration/Rosary
11:30am Mass
Mon, Nov 17, Diamon Brown+
8:00am Mass
8:30am Adoration/confessions
Thurs, Nov 20, Kevin Stinnet
8:30 am Mass/ Adoration and Confession 8:30pm-9:30pm

St Francis of Assisi
Sun Nov 16, **St Francis Parishioners**
8:00am Adoration/Rosary
8:30am Mass
Wed, Nov 19, Aurea Muana+
4:30pm Adoration/confessions
5:30pm Mass
Fri, Nov 21, Souls in Purgatory +
9:00am Mass
9:30 Adoration/confessions
Sat, Nov 22, Pedro Cadarve+
5:00pm Adoration/ Rosary
5:30pm Vigil Mass

WEEK IN A GLANCE

Sunday November 16th
Worship Committee Meeting after Mass. & Finance Council meeting (Budget discussion) after Mass.
Wednesday, November 18th
OCIA at 4:30pm
Sun, Nov 23rd Parish Council meeting (Budget Presentation)

Your loved deserves a beautiful gift!

A mass said for a loved one whether they are here with us or passed away, is one of the best gifts you can give to a loved one! The mass is the greatest prayer on earth, why not have one said for someone!

If you would like to have a mass said for someone, fill out a request. The requests can be found on a table in the Narthex.



Meet our newly elected Pastoral Council Ministry Heads.

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

Finance Committee Chair:
Gregg Lill

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is a worship committee meeting and Finance council meeting after Mass today.

Save the Dates

Christmas Retreat at St. Francis of Assisi Church

Dec 3rd 4:30pm-5:30pm Adoration & Confession– Mass 5:30pm
6:00pm-6:30pm- Talk
6:30pm- Soup & Salaad

Dec 4th 5:30pm Mass
6:00pm-6:30pm – Talk
6:30pm- Penance Service & Adoration
7:30pm Soup & Salad

Dec 5th 4:30pm-5:30pm Adoration & Confession
5:30pm Mass
6:00pm– 6:30pm- Talk
6:30pm Soup & Salad

Prepare your hearts for the birth of Christ!



Please consider end of year giving to the church.

Secretary Position

We are looking for a part time Secretary for both parishes starting in April. See Fr. Aby for more details.

Liturgical Ministers

Minister	Nov 16	Nov 23	Nov 30	Dec 7	Dec 14
Lector	Bonnie Lill	Sue Resler	Bill Resler	Tom Vorholt	Seth Rye
E.M.H.C	Sue Resler	Diane Lill	Gregg Lill	Bonnie Lill	Connie Vorholt
E.M.H.C	Janet Hake	David Hingingbottom	Bonnie Lill	Bill Resler	Sue Resler
Gift Bearer	Vorholts	Walkers	Williams	Schroeder	Smith
Money Counters	Arthon/Jurgovans	Lill/Walker	Arthon/Jurgovan	Lill/Walker	Arthon/Jurgovan
Greeters	Zwolaks	Larry & Tony	Gregg&Diane	Zwolaks	Larry & Tony

READINGS FOR THE WEEK/FEAST DAYS

Nov 16-23

- Sunday Mal3:19-20, 2 Thes 3:7-12 Lk21:5-19
- Monday Mal1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63 Lk18:35-43
- Tuesday 2Mc6:18-31 Lk 19:1-10 Basilica St. Peter & Paul & St. Rose
- Wednesday 2Mc 7:1,20-31 Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday 1Mc 2:15-29 Lk 19:45-48
- Friday 1Mc 4:36-37,52-59 Lk 19:45-48 Virgin Mary
- Saturday 1 Mc 6:1-13 Lk 19:45-48
- Sunday 2 Sm 5:1-3/Coll:12-20 Lk 23:35-43 Christ the King

Prayer Intentions

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



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