

St. Elizabeth

November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent

Ann Seton Catholic Church

"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." Mt 24:44

Hope



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

Monday 8:00am-11:00am.
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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PASTOR

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



PASTOR'S SUNDAY MESSAGE

First Sunday of Advent – End of Ordinary Time

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we gather this weekend, we stand at a beautiful threshold in our liturgical journey. Today we bid farewell to Ordinary Time and joyfully enter the holy season of Advent—a season of hope, longing, and intentional preparation. The Scriptures set before us a clear and urgent invitation: “Stay awake... be prepared!” (Mt 24:42, 44). Advent is not merely a countdown to Christmas; it is a spiritual wake-up call that reminds us of Christ’s coming—past, present, and future.

In the Gospel, Jesus compares the coming of the Son of Man to the days of Noah, when ordinary life carried on and few paid attention to the deeper reality unfolding around them. The warning is not meant to inspire fear, but readiness. Discipleship is not passive; it is a daily commitment to awareness, vigilance, and conversion. To be awake is to be spiritually alert—attentive to God’s presence in our daily lives, ready to respond with faith, love, and humility.

St. Paul’s words to the Romans deepen this call: “It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep... the day is at hand” (Rom 13:11-12). Advent shines a gentle but decisive light into the places where we may have grown spiritually drowsy. We are urged to “throw off the works of darkness” and “put on the armor of light.” This season invites us to examine the patterns, habits, and attitudes that may distance us from Christ and from one another. It calls us to choose grace over temptation, charity over indifference, reconciliation over resentment.

As we light the first candle of the Advent wreath, we proclaim our hope in Christ, the Light of the World. Each flame is a reminder that God’s love is already breaking into our lives. Let us use these four weeks to prepare room in our hearts—not only for the celebration of Christ’s birth, but for His ongoing presence among us and His promised return in glory. And let us always strive to keep Christ at the center of our Christmas.

May this Advent be a time of renewed faith, deeper prayer, patient waiting, and generous love. Let us walk together with joyful expectation, trusting that our salvation is indeed nearer than when we first believed.

A Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent:



Lord Jesus, awaken our hearts to Your coming. Light within us the flame of hope, strengthen us to walk in Your ways, and help us prepare a place for You in our lives. May this Advent season draw us closer to You and to one another. Amen.

Fr. Aby Thanickal CMI

Pastor

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

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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PARISH STAFF

Secretary **Linda Allen**
Tues: 9:00- 1:00
Thurs: 9:00-2:00
Book Keeper **Tin Williams**
Monday 8:00-11:00am
Wednesday 8:30-2:30 (SFOA)

MASS INTENTIONS

St Elizabeth Ann Seton
Sun, Nov 30, St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parishioners
11:00am Adoration/Rosary
11:30am Mass
Mon, Dec 1, Quinn Slater +
8:00am Mass
8:30am Adoration/confessions
Thurs, Dec 4 No Mass
Fri, Dec 5 Tom Vorholt
10:30am Mass
11:00am Adoration/
Confessions

St Francis of Assisi
Sun Nov 30, St Francis Parishioners
8:00am Rosary
8:30am Mass
Wed, Dec 3 Bill Starnert+
4:30pm Adoration/confessions
5:30pm Mass
Thurs, Dec 4, Marechan-Borens +
5:30pm Mass
Fri, Dec 5, Chuck & Linda Allen
5:30pm Mass/Penance Service/Adoration
Sat, Dec 6, Wanda Thomas+
5:00pm Rosary
5:30pm Vigil Mass

WEEK IN A GLANCE

Retreat at St. Francis Wednesday, Dec 3, Thurs, Dec 4 and Fri, Dec 5th. Penance service has been moved to Friday Dec 5th at 6:30pm

No morning Mass on Dec 4

Dec 5 First Friday Adoration

Save the Dates

Christmas Retreat at St. Francis of Assisi Church

Prepare your hearts for the birth of Christ!

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

Dec 4th 4:30pm5:30pm Adoration& Confession/ 5:30pmMass
6:00pm-6:30pm – Talk
6:30pm– Soup & Salad

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

The feast of the **Immaculate Conception, holy day of obligation is Dec 8th**. Please bring flowers to mass on Sunday, Dec 7th so we can have enough time to decorate.

Dec 11th– Anniversary of our Church. Mass at 8:00am

“Dec 12th Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe Spanish Rosary at 5 PM. Spanish Mass at 5:30pm”

We will have the card mail box hung up in the hallway and the children's age for the stockings is baby to 13 years. There are 2 baby ages with 11 non baby.

For decorating this year, Haydee would appreciate donations.

We will have 2 trees. One will be in the narthex and the other in the fellowship hall for ccd classes to decorate.



December 14th will be our Potluck

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 30	Dec 7	Dec 14	Dec 21	Dec 28
Lector	Bill Resler	Tom Vorholt	Seth Rye	Diane Lill	Bonnie Lill
E.M.H.C	Gregg Lill	Bonnie Lill	Connie Vorholt	Janet Hake	David H.
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Gift Bearer	Williams	Schroeder	Smith	Vorholt	Walker
Money Counters	Arthon/Jurgovan	Lill/Walker	Arthon/Jurgovan	Lill/Walker	Arthon/Jurgovan
Greeters	Gregg&Diane	Zwolaks	Larry & Tony	Greg & Diane	Zwolaks

READINGS FOR THE WEEK/FEAST DAYS

Nov 30– Dec 7

- Sunday Is 2:1-5?Rom13:11-14/Mt24:37-44 Advent
- Monday Is 4:2-6 /Mt 8: 5-11
- Tuesday Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37 Mem St. Francis
- Thursday Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27 St. John
- Friday Is 29: 17-24/Mt 9: 27-31
- Saturday Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8
- Sunday Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12 2nd Advent

Prayer Intentions

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



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Bishop's Annual Appeal 2025 Update

Congratulations!!! We have met our Goal!!! Bishop Spalding sent a letter and a gift. It is on the bulletin board. Our donation will go to different ministries, seminarian education, etc. Thank you to everyone who contributed and thank you for your generosity.



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