

St. Elizabeth

December 7, 2025 Second Sunday of Advent

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

Monday 8:00am-11:00am.
Tuesday 9:00 am—1:00 pm
Thurs 9:00 am—2:00 pm

OUR CLERGY

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



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter the second week of Advent, the Gospel presents us with the powerful and challenging figure of John the Baptist, the voice crying out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” His message is simple, clear, and urgent—“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” Advent is a sacred season of preparation. It is a time to open our hearts, examine our lives, and allow God to straighten the crooked paths within us.

John the Baptist reminds us that true preparation is not merely external but deeply interior. Repentance is more than feeling sorry; it is turning our hearts back to God. It means examining our choices, habits, and relationships in the light of God’s grace, and making space for Christ to enter anew. As John challenges the Pharisees and Sadducees, he reminds us that faith is not based on heritage, status, or appearance, but on the fruit our lives produce. Advent invites us to ask: Am I bearing good fruit for Christ? Do my words and actions reflect the Gospel?

John also teaches us humility. He declares he is unworthy even to carry the sandals of the One who is coming after him. In this holy season, we too are called to humility—to recognize our need for God and our dependence on His mercy. Christ comes not only in glory at the end of time, but quietly, daily, in the moments we make room for Him. He comes with the fire of the Holy Spirit to purify, renew, and transform us.

Let this Advent be a time of sincere renewal—a season where we slow down, pray more deeply, reconcile with one another, and rediscover the joy of the Gospel. May we become people whose lives shine with hope, mercy, and compassion as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

As we continue this journey, may the voice of John the Baptist echo in our hearts, calling us to conversion and reminding us that God desires to do something new within each of us. Let us welcome the Lord with hearts ready to receive His love.

Prayer



Lord Jesus, awaken our hearts this Advent. Help us turn away from sin and make room for Your presence. Purify us with Your Holy Spirit and guide us to bear good fruit in our daily lives. Prepare us to welcome You with joy at Christmas. Amen.

Fr. Aby Thanickal CMI
Pastor

Rite of Welcome for Cody, Antonio and Hailey



NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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, Dec 7, St Elizabeth
Ann Seton Parishioners**

11:00am Adoration/Rosary

11:30am Mass

Mon, Dec 8, Chris Conway +

8:00am Mass

8:30am Adoration/confessions

**Thurs, Dec 11, Chris
Conway+**

8:00am Mass

8:30am –9:30am Adoration/
Confession

**Fri, Dec 12 Our Lady of
Guadalupe/Kathleen
Joiner+**

6:00pm Mass/ **5:30** Rosary

St Francis of Assisi

**Sun Dec 7, St Francis
Parishioners**

8:00am Rosary

8:30am Mass

Mon Dec 8 Kathleen Joiner+

5:00pm—6:00pm Adoration/
Confession

6:00pm Mass

**Wed, Dec 10 Dorothy
Weigel+**

4:30pm Adoration/confessions

5:30pm Mass

Sat, Dec13, Joiner Family

5:00pm Rosary

5:30pm Vigil Mass

WEEK IN A GLANCE

Mon, Dec 8, The **Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed Virgin
Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)**
Mass at 8:00am

Tues, Dec 9th OCIA at 4:30pm

Wednesday, Dec 10 Scripture
Study at 4:00pm

Thurs, Dec 11 Anniversary of our
Church– Mass at 8:00am

Friday, Dec 12 Celebration of Our
Lady of Guadalupe. Spanish
Rosary at 5:00pm Spanish Mass at
5:30pm.

Sunday Dec 14 Christmas Potluck
Please bring a dish to share!



The Second Week of Advent invites us to open our hearts to peace—not simply the absence of conflict, but the deep, steady peace that comes from trusting God’s presence. As the candles of our wreath grow brighter, Christ calls us to quiet our anxieties, surrender our worries, and make space for the peace only He can give.

This prayer helps you welcome His calming presence into your home and your heart.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a money counters meeting after Mass today

Mon, Dec. 8th is The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day of obligation.

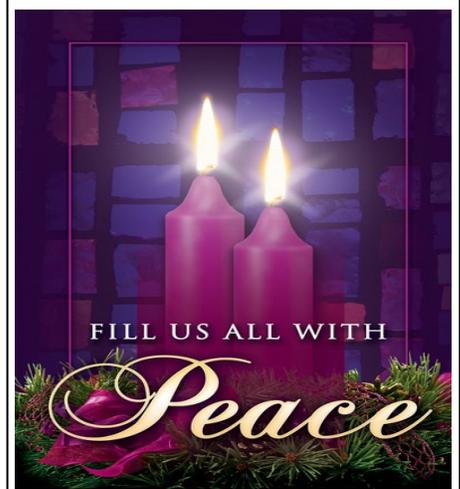
Kathleen Joiner passed away, please keep her family in your prayers.



She was a homemaker, Licensed Practical Nurse, Store Owner, and organist for St. Elizabeth Anne Seton Catholic Church in Tennessee Ridge for many years. She loved everything she did, loved her family, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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	Dec 7	Dec 14	Dec 21	Dec 25	Dec 28
Lector	Tom Vorholt	Seth Rye	Diane Lill	Bonnie Lill	Sue Resler
E.M.H.C	Bonnie Lill	Connie Vorholt	Janet Hake	David H.	Diane Lill
E.M.H.C	Bill Resler	Sue Resler	Glenn Hake	Diane Lill	Gregg Lill
Gift Bearer	Schroeder	Smith	Vorholt	Walker	Williams
Money Counters	Lill/Walker	Arthon/Jurgovan	Lill/Walker	NA	Arthon/Jurgovan
Greeters	Zwolaks	Larry & Tony	Greg & Diane	Zwolaks	Larry & Tony

READINGS FOR THE WEEK/FEAST DAYS

Dec 7-14

- Sunday Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12 2nd Advent
- Monday Gn 3:9-15,20/Eph a:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 I/C
- Tuesday Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14 St. Juan Diego
- Wednesday Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30 Our Lady of Loreto
- Thursday Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15 St. Damasus I, Pope
- Friday Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Saturday Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17,9a, 10-13 Saint Lucy
- Sunday Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11 3rd 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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