

# St. Elizabeth

December 21, 2025 Fourth Sunday  
of Advent

# Ann Seton Catholic Church

## The Gift of Love

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear  
a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel!"

Mt1:23



## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, 10:30 am  
11:00 am Rosary/  
Confession

Thursday, 10:30am  
11:00 am Rosary/  
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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# Christmas message from the Pastor's Desk

## Rev. Fr. Aby Thanickal, CMI



**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

Merry Christmas!

As we gather to celebrate the joyful feast of Christmas, our hearts are filled with gratitude and wonder at the great mystery of God's love. On this holy night, the eternal Word becomes flesh and dwells among us. The Son of God is born in humility, laid in a manger, and entrusted to the loving care of Mary and Joseph. In this simple yet profound event, God draws very near to us.

Christmas reminds us that God enters our world not with power and splendor as the world understands it, but with tenderness, vulnerability, and mercy. The light that shines from the stable in Bethlehem continues to shine in every place of darkness—bringing hope to the weary, comfort to the suffering, and peace to troubled hearts. No matter what burdens we carry, the birth of Christ assures us that we are not alone. Emmanuel—God with us—is our greatest gift.

In a world often marked by division, fear, and uncertainty, the message of Christmas calls us to be bearers of Christ's light. Like the shepherds who went in haste to see the Child, we are invited to encounter Jesus personally and allow our lives to be transformed by His presence. Like the angels who proclaimed "peace on earth," we are sent forth to share that peace through our words, actions, and compassion for one another.

Christmas also challenges us to rediscover the true meaning of love. The Child in the manger teaches us that genuine love is self-giving. It reaches out to the poor, the lonely, the forgotten, and the broken. As we celebrate with family and friends, exchange gifts, and enjoy festive traditions, let us not forget those who are in need of our kindness, forgiveness, and care. Even a small act of love, offered in Christ's name, can become a sign of God's presence in someone's life.

As your pastor, I thank you for your faith, your generosity, and your commitment to our parish community. Your prayers, service, and support make Christ present here in a living and visible way. May this Christmas renew our faith, strengthen our families, and deepen our trust in God's loving plan for each of us.

May the newborn King bless you with peace, joy, and hope, now and throughout the coming year. Merry Christmas to you!

A Christmas Prayer



Loving Father,

We thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus, born for us in Bethlehem. Fill our hearts with His peace, our homes with His love, and our lives with His light. Help us to welcome Christ anew and to share His joy with all we meet.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Fr. Aby Thanickal CMI**

**Pastor**



# 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 21, St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parishioners**

**11:00am Adoration/Rosary**

**11:30am Mass**

**Mon, Dec 22, For the children of our Parish**

**10:30am Mass**

**11:00am Rosary/Confession**

**Thurs, Dec 25 The Nativity Of our Lord**

**11:30am Mass**

### St Francis of Assisi

**Sun Dec 21 St Francis of Assisi Parishioners**

**8:00am Rosary**

**8:30am Mass**

**Wed, Dec 24, The Nativity of Our Lord Vigil /Raymond & Mary Story +**

**5:30pm Carols**

**6:00pm Mass**

**Thurs, Dec 25, The Nativity of our Lord**

**8:30am Mass**

**Fri, Dec 26**

**9:00am Mass/Rosary**

**Sat, Dec 27, For our Sacristans**

**5:00pm Rosary**

**5:30pm Vigil Mass**

**Sun, Dec 28, St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners**

**8:00am Rosary**

**8:30 am Mass**

## WEEK IN A GLANCE

Tues, Dec 23 OCIA at 4:30pm

New Mass times on Mondays & Thursdays (10:30am)

### Christmas & New Year Mass schedule

December 25th The Nativity of the Lord 11:30am Mass

**January 1st The Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God** Adoration

at 11:00am-11:30am– Mass at 11:30am.

Holy Day of Obligation



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Prepare your hearts for Christmas!**

On Monday, December 22 Father Aby will hear confessions after the 10:30 Mass

Jan 2nd No First Friday Adoration/Mass

“We are thankful to the generous donor who has given \$7,000 to the church for our parish hall tile project.”

## Spread some Christmas Joy!

Each year, we have a fun tradition of hanging stockings in the hallway for our children, and people are free to put candies, little gifts or toys, holy cards, etc. in the stockings. Each stocking is marked with the child's name. The children will receive their loot on Christmas or thereafter. This year we have 14 children ranging in age from about 1-14. Their names, sex, and ages are on the bulletin board if you need that info - there are sheets to take with you if you like.



# Liturgical Ministers

Minister	Dec 21	Dec 25	Dec 28	Jan 1	Jan 4
Lector	Diane Lill	Bonnie Lill	Sue Resler	Bill Resler	Tom Vorholt
E.M.H.C	Janet Hake	David H.	Diane Lill	Gregg Lill	Bonnie Lill
E.M.H.C	Glenn Hake	Diane Lill	Gregg Lill	Bonnie Lill	Bill Resler
Gift Bearer	Vorholt	Walker	Williams	Zwolak	Arthon
Money Counters	Lill/Walker	NA	Arthon/Jurgovan	NA	Lill/Walker
Greeters	Greg & Diane	Zwolaks	Larry & Tony	Greg & Diane	Zwolaks

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK/FEAST DAYS

Dec 21-28

- Sunday Is 7: 10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1: 18-24 4th Sun/Adv
- Monday 1Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
- Tuesday Mal3:1-4, 23-24/Lk1: 57-66
- Wednesday morn 2Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 Lk/1:67-79
- Thursday Vigil of the Nativity Is 62:1-5Acts 13:16-17,22-25Mt/1:1-25 Day Is 52:7-10 Heb1:1-6 Jn1:1-18
- Friday Acts 6:8-10 Mt/10:17-22
- Saturday 1 Jn 1:1-4 /Jn20: 1a,2-8
- Sunday Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Col 3:12-21/Mt 2:13-15,19-23
- The Holy Family

## Prayer Intentions

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



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