

St. Elizabeth

January 11, 2026
The Baptism of the Lord

Ann Seton Catholic Church



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,
DD, JCL

PASTOR

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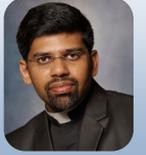
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Reflection from the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, a beautiful moment that concludes the Christmas season and opens the door to Jesus' public ministry. At the Jordan River, we see the mystery of who Jesus is and who we are called to be.

Jesus approaches John the Baptist not because He needs repentance, but to stand fully with us in our humanity. By entering the waters of the Jordan, He sanctifies the waters themselves and reveals God's deep desire to be close to His people. This humble act reminds us that God's ways are not about power or privilege, but about love, obedience, and solidarity.

In the Gospel, as Jesus comes up from the water, the heavens open, the Holy Spirit descends like a dove, and the voice of the Father is heard: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." This is a profound revelation of the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—working together in harmony. It is also a message of identity. Jesus is named, loved, and affirmed by the Father before He performs any miracles or teaches any crowds. Love comes first.

The Second Reading from the Acts of the Apostles helps us understand the meaning of this moment. Peter proclaims that God shows no partiality and that Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and power to go about doing good and healing all who were oppressed. From His baptism onward, Jesus' mission is clear: to bring peace, healing, and hope to all people, without exception.

Our own baptism connects us directly to this mystery. Through baptism, we too are claimed by God, filled with the Holy Spirit, and sent out with a mission. We are called to live as beloved sons and daughters, reflecting Christ in our words, actions, and choices. Baptism is not just something that happened in the past; it is a daily calling to reject sin, choose love, and witness to the Gospel in our families, workplaces, and communities.

On this feast, let us renew our gratitude for the gift of baptism. Let us remember that we are deeply loved by God and entrusted with the work of bringing Christ's light to the world.

Prayer



Loving Father,

We thank You for the gift of baptism and for calling us Your beloved children.

Renew in us the grace of the Holy Spirit,

that we may follow Your Son with faith and humility

and bring Your love and peace to 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, Jan 11, St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parishioners

11:00am Rosary/Confession

11:30am Mass

Sun, Jan 18, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parishioners

11:00am Rosary/Confession

11:30am Mass

St Francis of Assisi

Sun Jan 11, St Francis of Assisi Parishioners

8:00am Rosary

8:30am Mass

Sat, Jan 17, Larry & Terri Borders

5:00pm Rosary/Confession

5:30pm Mass

Sun, Jan 18, St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners

8:00am Rosary/Confession

8:30 am Mass

Congratulation Fr. Aby on your 13th year of Priesthood! (Dec 31st) May God continue to Bless you in your Ministry!



WEEK IN A GLANCE

Tues, Jan 13 OCIA/RCIA at 4:30pm

Tues Jan 13th Houston County Community Prayer meeting at SEAS at 7:00pm



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The fellowship project will begin soon. The cost is approx. \$17,000.

All items in the hall need to be moved to allow for the renovation. Please ensure all important items are kept safe. Contact Mr. Tony for more information.

THANK YOU to all those parishioners who filled our Christmas stockings to overflowing! Jesus was a kid once, and we are sure he appreciates your kindness and generosity as much as we do.

We Love you!

From the children of the parish

A big **Thank you** to those who stayed after Mass on Sunday to help put away all the Christmas Decorations!

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,

I have noticed that during the Hbly Mass, some parishioners are using words that differ from the approved prayers of the Roman Missal. In some cases, singular words are used in place of plural words, or plural in place of singular. For example, in the Penitential Rite, the approved text is "through my fault," but some pronounce it as "though my faults." Another example occurs during the Lamb of God, where the proper text is "you take away the sins of the world," yet some recite it as "sin of the world." These changes are not approved or promulgated by the Catholic Church. Even small changes in wording can affect the unity of our worship. The Hbly Mass is the sacrament of unity that binds us together with Christ and with the whole community. The word Catholic itself means universal and points to our unity and universality. Unity and uniformity in worship are part of our Catholic identity and an expression of our obedience to the Church.

The Hbly Mass is not a personal form of worship; it is a communal and liturgical action of the whole Church. Therefore, it is important—and safest—to use the exact words approved by the Church in the Roman Missal.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Fr. Aby

Minister	Jan 11	Jan 18	Jan 25	Feb 1	Feb 8
Lector	Seth Rye	Diane Lill	Bonnie Lill	Sue Resler	Bill Resler
E.M.H.C	Bill Resler	Connie Vorholt	Janet Hake	David Hingingbottom	Gregg Lill
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Greeters	Larry & Tony	Greg & Diane	Zwolaks	Larry & Tony	Greg & Diane

READNGS FOR THE WEEK/FEAST DAYS

Jan 11-18

- Sunday Is 42:1-4,6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt3:13-17 Baptism
- Monday 1Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday 1Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday 1Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk1:29-39
- Thursday 1Sm 4:1-11/Mk1:40-45
- Friday 1Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk2:1-12
- Saturday 1Sm 9:1-4, 17-19;10:1a/Mk2:13-17
- Sunday Is 19:3,5-6/1Cor1:1-3/Jn1:29-34

Prayer Intentions

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



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