

January 1, 2023

Good Morning All,

~Happy New Year! May 2023 be a peaceful and productive year for you!

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1*

~Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary Blessings to all our parishioners who are celebrating a



special occasion this month!

~As the new year begins, oftentimes people think about changes that they want to make for the coming year. With that in mind, I personally want to express more gratitude. So occasionally you may see a "gratitude" message in our daily message. This was shared with me recently and I thought it was something that fell into my new year's category! Today's gratitude message is for our choir at St. Joseph's. If you are interested in trying out for the choir, please contact Jerrad Fenske, Director of Music.

~From composer Travis Boyd:

*"Things have changed. There aren't as many people participating in church choirs these days. Some have gone on to sing in the heavenly choir. Some of the voices have weakened a bit. Some have lost a portion of their vocal range. The traditional ways of doing things are disappearing. Many choirs do not sing in robes anymore. The instrumentation has changed. The piano and organ are supplemented with other instruments, including drums and guitars. Things definitely have changed, and change is inevitable (and sometimes very healthy!).*

*However, choral singing is still beautiful. Dynamics are still breathtaking. Articulations and phrasing are still painting vivid pictures of the text. Good breath support is still creating notes that are on pitch and carry with them great depth of sound. Choir members are still dedicated to working hard each week to bless the Lord and His people.*

*What has not changed is the fact that choir is still one of the most beautiful and engaging ministries in the local church. It provides a powerful expression of praise and worship that a soloist, a band, or the congregation cannot do. So make sure your choir (if you are still fortunate to have one) is affirmed and appreciated regularly. Don't take the choir for granted. It takes a lot of commitment to create and maintain a church choir. Pray for your choir members regularly. Let them know how much you are inspired by their ministry.*

*Hurray for all those church choir members and their leaders! May God continue to use you powerfully in a world that desperately needs to hear your message."*

**~Beginning next weekend, Fr. Bill Garrott, will be visiting the Parish and will be doing the Homily at the Masses. On Sunday evening he will begin his Parish Mission. It will begin with a Rosary at 6:30 each evening followed by 3 presentations: The Father's Blessing; The Son's Blessing, The Spirit's Power. Fr. Garrott will also have a Mass on Monday morning (Jan 9) at 8:30 am and at the end of the evening presentations he will be available for confessions. Please note: These presentations will not be recorded. Please come to this very special event. See flyer attached.**

1. Today's Readings: [The Octave Day of Christmas Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God | USCCB](#)

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: As we begin the New Year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. What a title to spend time considering! Instead of an article today, we share a video from EWTN Vaticano titled: *The True Face of the Virgin Mary* which explores the many ways Our Lady has been depicted in art over the centuries.

[The True Face of the Virgin Mary | EWTN Vaticano - YouTube](#) - 20 minute program from EWTN

3. Prayer and Quote of the Day:

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us, your children, and lead us ever closer to your Son - the baby you bore, the child you raised, the man you beheld on the cross and in your arms.

"If anyone follows Mary, he will not lose his way. If anyone prays to her, he will not despair. If anyone thinks of her, he will not sin. If anyone reaches out to her, he will not fail. If anyone places himself under her protection, he need have no fear. If anyone places himself under her leadership, he will never give up. If anyone pays homage to her, he is certain to reach his destination." *St Bernard of Clairvaux, Doctor of the Church*

***Holy Mary Mother of God, Pray for Us!  
St. Joseph, Pray for Us!***

***This week if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Jan Heithaus at [jan.heithaus@sjccs.net](mailto:jan.heithaus@sjccs.net) as she is managing the daily emails as I am traveling. Thank you.***

--

Linda McCormick  
St. Joseph Catholic Church & School  
1200 Cornelia Road  
Anderson, SC 29621

Phone: (864) 225-5341, ext. 102  
Fax: (864) 225-6432

**PARISH MISSION**  
**iMERCY: THE DIVINE HOTSPOT**  
**Fr. Bill Garrott, OP**  
**JAN 8 - JAN 10, 2023**

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**1200 CORNELIA ROAD**  
**ANDERSON, SC 29621**  
**864-225-5341 ~ WWW.SJCCS.NET**



Fr. Bill Garrott, OP, entered the Order of Preachers in 1988 and was ordained a priest in 1994. He has a master's degree in spiritual theology from the Angelicum in Rome. He has served as a Parochial Vicar, Campus Minister and Director of Vocations. Fr. Bill has preached nearly 200 parish missions throughout the United States and Canada using his musical abilities on piano and guitar. He has released two CDs. His home base is Washington, DC.

**MISSION SCHEDULE**

**Fr. Bill Garrott will be present at all Sunday Masses January 7 & 8, 2023**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan 8</b>	<b>The Father's Blessing</b>
	6:30 PM	Rosary
	7:00 PM	Presentation with Blessing with Oil of St. Joseph from St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal
	8:00 PM	Confessions - Fr. Garrott
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jan 9</b>	<b>The Son's Healing</b>
	8:30 AM	Mass
	9:30 AM	Confessions - Fr. Garrott
	6:30 PM	Rosary
	7:00 PM	Presentation with Eucharistic Procession and Adoration
	8:00 PM	Confessions - Fr. Garrott
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Jan 10</b>	<b>The Spirit's Power</b>
	5:30 PM	Mass
	6:30 PM	Rosary
	7:00 PM	Presentation with Veneration of a First Class Relic of St. John Paul II
	8:00 PM	Confessions - Fr. Garrott

**Free Will Offerings Are Mandatory\***

\* Only kidding. 😊 Free Will Offerings are gratefully accepted. ~ Fr. G