

January 4, 2023

Good Morning All,

Did the rain and thunder wake you last night? What do you think of when you hear them? Fr. Gillespie likes to say the rain on the roof is the angels applauding



God. Do we ever think about applauding God, filling our minds and words with His praise? A beautiful way to start each day....

Fr. Gillespie is on Retreat. No Mass, Adoration, or Confession today.

Catholicism for Dummies class returns at the Parish Office today at 1:30.

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. Flyer is attached.

1. Today's Readings: [Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious | USCCB](#)

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus:

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first native-born American to be canonized by the Roman Catholic Church. She was married, mother of 5, widowed and then converted to the Catholic Church. She was the founder of the Sisters of Charity where they provided free education for the poor girls of the parish—an act later considered by many to be the beginning of Catholic parochial education in the United States.

3. Quotes of the Day: from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

~ "O my God, forgive what I have been, correct what I am, and direct what I shall be."

~ "The gate of heaven is very low; only the humble can enter it."

~ "The first end I propose in our daily work is to do the will of God; secondly, to do it in the manner he wills it; and thirdly, to do it because it is his will."

St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Pray for Us!

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From a conference to her spiritual daughters by Elizabeth Ann Seton

Our daily work is to do the will of God

I will tell you what is my own great help. I once read or heard that an interior life means but the continuation of our Savior's life in us; that the great object of all his mysteries is to merit for us the grace of his interior life and communicate it to us, it being the end of his mission to lead us into the sweet land of promise, a life of constant union with himself. And what was the first rule of our dear Savior's life? You know it was to do his Father's will. Well, then, the first end I propose in our daily work is to do the will of God; secondly, to do it in the manner he wills; and thirdly, to do it because it is his will.

I know what his will is by those who direct me; whatever they bid me do, if it is ever so small in itself, is the will of God for me. Then do it in the manner he wills it, not sewing an old thing as if it were new, or a new thing as if it were old; not fretting because the oven is too hot, or in a fuss because it is too cold. You understand— not flying and driving because you are hurried, not creeping like a snail because no one pushes you. Our dear Savior was never in extremes. The third object is to do his will because God wills it, that is, to be ready to quit at any moment and to do anything else to which you may be called....

You think it very hard to lead a life of such restraint unless you keep your eye of faith always open. Perseverance is a great grace. To go on gaining and advancing every day, we must be resolute, and bear and suffer as our blessed forerunners did. Which of them gained heaven without a struggle?...

What are our real trials? By what name shall we call them? One cuts herself out a cross of pride; another, one of causeless discontent; another, one of restless impatience or peevish fretfulness. But is the whole any better than children's play if looked at with the common eye of faith? Yet we know certainly that our God calls

us to a holy life, that he gives us every grace, every abundant grace; and though we are so weak of ourselves, this grace is able to carry us through every obstacle and difficulty.

But we lack courage to keep a continual watch over nature, and therefore, year after year, with our thousand graces, multiplied resolutions, and fair promises, we run around in a circle of misery and imperfections. After a long time in the service of God, we come nearly to the point from whence we set out, and perhaps with even less ardor for penance and mortification than when we began our consecration to him.

You are now in your first setout. Be above the vain fears of nature and efforts of your enemy. You are children of eternity. Your immortal crown awaits you, and the best of Fathers waits there to reward your duty and love. You may indeed sow here in tears, but you may be sure there to reap in joy.

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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

Sunday	Jan 8	The Father's Blessing
	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
Monday	Jan 9	The Son's Healing
	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
Tuesday	Jan 10	The Spirit's Power
	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