



# ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

May 8, 2022

# MASSES AND CONFESSIONS AT ST. GERTRUDE

## Monday, May 9, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. Mother's Day Novena  
8 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Ladies of Charity  
by Ladies of Charity  
11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Dominican Order

## Tuesday, May 10, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Sharon Buonauro Cullman by Beck & Diana Wyrick  
8 a.m. Mother's Day Novena  
11:30 a.m. † Lilly Alexander by Benny Alexander

## Wednesday, May 11, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Mary G. McCormick by Pat & Bruce Buckley  
8 a.m. † George Arozarena by Laura Ringenbach  
11:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena

## Thursday, May 12, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. Mother's Day Novena  
8 a.m. † Joseph Nordloh by JoAnne Nordloh  
11:30 a.m. † Gene Cameron by Nancy DeBrunner

## Friday, May 13, Easter Weekday

- 7 a.m. † Joseph & Marjorie Schirmer by The Schirmer Family  
8 a.m. Mother's Day Novena  
11:30 a.m. † Tim Petric by Mary Petric

## Saturday, May 14, St. Matthias the Apostle (F)

- 8 a.m. Michelle Pachuk by John Pachuk  
11:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena  
4:30 p.m. † Margaretha Thung by The Goedde Family

## Sunday, May 15, 5th Sunday of Easter

- 8 a.m. People of St. Gertrude  
10 a.m. † Ronald Nieto by The Nieto Family  
12 p.m. Mother's Day Novena  
6 p.m. † James George Schuster by Knights of Columbus

Confessions will be heard in the church Monday-Friday at 4 p.m.,  
Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

## Parish Information

6543 Miami Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45243  
(513) 561-5954 | [www.stgertrude.org](http://www.stgertrude.org)

### Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

### School Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

### Church Hours

Every day: 7 a.m.-9 p.m.

## Children & Youth Faith Formation

SUMMER 2022 | 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

St. Gertrude Church is committed to supporting parents in the Christian formation of their children. We do this by offering child-centered, family-based faith formation programs throughout the year, including:

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (age 3-grade 3)
- Sacramental Formation (generally grade 2)
- Family Faith (grades 4-6)
- L'alto: Confirmation (grades 7-8)
- L'alto: High School (grades 9-12)

**Registration is now open for our summer  
2022 and 2022-2023 academic year faith  
formation programs.**

View each program, the sessions offered, and the faith formation handbook, at [stgertrude.org/childrenandyouth](http://stgertrude.org/childrenandyouth).  
To register for a program, visit [buytickets.at/stgertrude](http://buytickets.at/stgertrude).



 ST. GERTRUDE  
CHURCH



Welcome to  
St. Gertrude,  
Father  
John Paul!



HAPPY  
MOTHER'S  
DAY



Dear Parishioners,  
Christ is risen, Alleluia!

As we continue our journey through the Easter season, where we bask in the joy of the resurrection of our Savior and open our hearts to the newness of life that he came to bring, our parish is celebrating a bit of a “newness” of its own this weekend, as I arrive and begin my time as your pastor.

For those who may not have had the opportunity to watch the short introduction video that was posted on the parish website, let me take a few moments to share a bit about myself. I was raised in the suburbs of Chicago. I am a “science nerd” at heart, earning a B.S. in chemistry from the University of Illinois and an M.S. in chemistry and environmental engineering from Johns Hopkins University. I entered the Dominicans immediately after my graduate studies, professed my solemn vows in 2000, and was ordained a priest in 2002. I have been blessed to have experienced a variety of ministries during my 20 years of priesthood. I have worked in college campus ministry both at our own Providence College (PC) as well as at Johns Hopkins. I have taught theology at PC and served for a time as the director of Pastoral Formation at our Dominican House of Studies. I had the wonderful opportunity to spend a year of advanced studies in Rome at the Angelicum. Most recently, I served for over six years as pastor of our Dominican parish of St. Mary in New Haven, CT—the “mother church” of the Knights of Columbus, and the final resting place of Blessed Michael McGivney. I had the profound experience of being the pastor there when Father McGivney was beatified just over a year ago.

I’ve also worked with the pro-life movement in a variety of ways over my years, especially working with post-abortive women through Project Rachel and the Sisters of Life. I served for a time as a contract chaplain with the U.S. Army, celebrating Mass on a regular basis at several military installations, including the Pentagon. I’ve worked rather extensively with homeschooling families and, during my years in Baltimore, worked in a variety of ways with the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia at their high school, Mount de Sales Academy, just outside the city. I also have rather extensive experience in Catholic Young Adult (20s–30s) ministry and for the last four years have served as one of five members of our Dominican province’s Vocations Council.

For those who have been in the parish here for a few decades, you might remember that I helped out at St. Gertrude Church during my “young dad” summer as a newly ordained priest in 2002. Among the highlights of that summer was accompanying a busload of our parish teenagers to World Youth Day in Toronto.

I can’t tell you how excited I am to be here and how eager I am to get to know the parish and all of you. Our Gospel reading this weekend is a small portion of the rather long Good Shepherd

discourse from the Gospel of John. The line of that discourse that resonates most with me (which, alas, was not in this week’s reading) is where Jesus says, “A good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep” (Jn 10:11). The most important thing I can do for you all is to “lay down my life” for you every day. This is what I intend to do, to the best of my frail human abilities, every single day that I am here as your pastor. Please join me in praying that I receive the grace to do that well! I can’t wait to see where the Holy Spirit leads us all over the months ahead.

God bless,

*Rev. John Paul Walden, O.P.*

Father John Paul, O.P.



FROM THE DIARY OF  
ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



“O Mary, my Mother and my Lady, I offer You my soul, my body, my life and my death, and all that will follow it. I place everything in Your hands. O my Mother, cover my soul with Your virginal mantle and grant me the grace of purity of heart, soul and body. Defend me with Your power against all enemies, and especially against those who hide their malice behind the mask of virtue. O lovely lily! You are for me a mirror, O my Mother!” (*Diary*, #79)

COVER IMAGE: *Virgin Mother and Child*, photo by Father Lawrence Lew, O.P. Detail from a stained glass window in the Dominican priority of Santa Sabina in Rome. Photo used with permission.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday, May 9 - 2nd Grade Field Trip
- Tuesday, May 10 - Yearbook Pictures
- Wednesday, May 11 - 1st Grade Field Trip
- Friday, May 13 - Candle Mass
- Sunday, May 15 - Confirmation | 2 p.m.
- Monday, May 16 - 8th Grade Awards | 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 17 - Graduation | 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 26 - Last Day of School

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SECOND GRADERS

Last Saturday, April 30, St. Gertrude School's second graders received their first holy Communion. Here are a few pictures from their first Communion retreat the day before and their first Communion Mass.



## MAY CROWNING

On Tuesday, May 3, the eighth grade students led our annual May Crowning Mass. For the first time since 2019, our entire school community was invited to attend. It was wonderful to see so many families gathered together to honor our Blessed Mother. Here are some pictures from the beautiful event.



## WE HAVE OPEN POSITIONS!

St. Gertrude School is hiring the following positions for the 2022-2023 school year:

- Music teacher
- Latin teacher

Please visit [stgertrude.org/employment](http://stgertrude.org/employment) to view the full job descriptions and to apply.

## SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

For the week of May 9, 2022, the school office will be open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.



**APPLY TODAY** for the 2022-2023 School Year

[www.stgertrudesch.org/apply](http://www.stgertrudesch.org/apply)



## (TRYING TO) LIVE THE MISSION: WHO AM I?

BY MICHELLE DUSHENSKY,  
COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

A few weeks ago, I was having a conversation with a coworker when she mentioned that her parents had been in town visiting for a while: “It’s definitely crazy when they’re here, but there’s also so much peace—they remind me of who I am.”

*They remind me of who I am.* I mulled over her words for a few minutes. My dad and mom had *also* been in town for a while—but they weren’t visiting. Last November, my parents sold their house in Illinois and moved in with my husband and me while they looked for a house in the Greater Cincinnati area. As I thought about the past six months with our new roommates (yes, they are still living with us\*), I realized that my coworker was right: *they remind me of who I am.*

As a young child, I never doubted my parents’ love for me or questioned my dignity as a human person. I was confident and outgoing, secure in the truth that I was their beloved daughter—and in turn, God’s beloved daughter. But as I got older, I quickly forgot that I am loved not for the things that I do, my appearance, the amount of money I make, the house my husband and I live in, how smart I am, how fast I can run, or any other temporal thing on which society tends to base a person’s worth and success. My parents’ physical presence during the past six months has once again reminded me of who I am in their eyes and God’s eyes. They have reminded me that I am loved simply because I am their daughter, created in the image and likeness of God (see Genesis 1:26–27). What an incredible gift.

This past Lent, our Blessed Mother also reminded me of who I am when I read the book *Mary’s Mantle Consecration: A Spiritual Retreat for Heaven’s Help*, by Christine Watkins. Inspired by an ancient tradition in Mexico called “El Manto de Maria,” *Mary’s Mantle Consecration* is a 46-day journey in preparation for consecration to the Blessed Mother—46 because that is the number of stars on the cloak (mantle) of the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Incorporating fasting and a daily reading and rosary, the consecration helps one strive “to live the virtues and to walk in the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.”

While the entire experience was life-changing, one of the most powerful aspects of my 46-day consecration preparation was the last paragraph of the opening prayer, which I prayed each morning before diving into the day’s reading on a virtue.

*“Listen, put it into your heart, my dearest one, that the thing that disturbs you, the thing that afflicts you, is nothing. Do not let your*

*countenance, your heart be disturbed. Do not fear any sickness, nor anything that is sharp or hurtful. Am I not here, I, who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not the source of your joy? Are you not in the hollow of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms? Do you need anything more?”*

These are the consoling words that Our Lady of Guadalupe spoke to Juan Diego on December 12, 1531, the final time she appeared to him on Tepeyac Hill near Mexico City. Juan Diego’s uncle, Juan Bernardino, had fallen ill the day before, preventing Juan Diego from going to meet Our Lady, as he had promised. On his way to get a priest to minister to his uncle, Juan Diego traveled a different route around Tepeyac Hill to avoid the Virgin Mary—but the Blessed Mother intercepted him. Juan Diego explained the situation, and Our Lady gently chided him for not making recourse to her. Mary assured Juan Diego that his uncle had recovered, and we all know the rest of the miraculous story.

The first morning I read our Blessed Mother’s loving words, I was filled with peace and moved to tears, because I knew she wasn’t just speaking them to Juan Diego; she had the same soothing message for me, her spiritual daughter, centuries later. As easily as I had forgotten who I was in my earthly parents’ eyes and God’s eyes, I had just as quickly forgotten who I was in Mary’s eyes. But as I let our Blessed Mother’s words sink into my soul over and over again for 46 days, I began every day with the knowledge that I was her daughter, under her protection, and wrapped in her maternal arms.

From time to time, we all need to be reminded of who we really are and that our Blessed Mother is always here. I encourage you to post Our Lady’s words to Juan Diego in a spot where you will see them every day. For she’s not just speaking these words to Juan Diego and to me—her message is meant for you, too.

*\*I am happy to share that my parents did find a house and will be moving to Maineville at the end of the month!*

*One Sunday of each month, St. Gertrude Bulletin will feature stories and tips for trying to live the faith in the ordinariness of life.*



### **MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA**

Remember your mother, grandmother, aunts, sisters, and/or friends in a beautiful way this year by enrolling them in the Mother's Day novena to be offered here at St. Gertrude Church. The novena, consisting of nine Masses, begins on Mother's Day, May 8, and ends May 16. Novena cards will be available at the entrances of the church and at the parish offices.

### **MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE**

The St. Gertrude Church Respect Life Ministry will be selling beautiful hanging flower baskets at all Masses this weekend, May 7–8. These baskets are a perfect gift for Mother's Day or addition to your own garden. Cash and check (made out to Right to Life) are accepted. All proceeds benefit Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Ragusa at [rjragusa1@gmail.com](mailto:rjragusa1@gmail.com).



### **CMA UPDATE**

Thanks to your help and support, the archdiocese recently surpassed \$5.6 million in pledges for the 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal, exceeding its \$5 million goal! Our parish has also exceeded our CMA goal, with gifts and pledges totalling \$102,444.48 to date. That's 121 percent of our goal—yet only 16 percent participation from our parish families. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so today. For more information or to donate online, please visit [CatholicAOC.org/CMA](http://CatholicAOC.org/CMA). Thank you!

### **HEALTHY THOUGHTS: SPIRITUALITY AND MENTAL HEALTH**

For many years, spirituality and religion were not integrated in the treatment plan of those living with mental illness. But today, many psychologists are beginning to recognize the important role spirituality plays in the lives of their patients and their healing journeys. Read more about spirituality and mental health in this month's featured article at [stgertrude.org/parishhealthministry](http://stgertrude.org/parishhealthministry).

### **2022 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION - LAST CHANCE**

Is your daughter interested in playing volleyball next fall? Sign her up for volleyball! St. Gertrude Parish's volleyball is open to all girls who will be in grades 3–8 for the 2022–2023 school year. Practices will tentatively start in August, and the season runs through mid-October. **Registration ends Sunday, May 8.** For more information and to register, please visit [sgsbulldogs.org/registration](http://sgsbulldogs.org/registration). If you are interested in coaching, please contact Shannon Schuler at [shannon\\_schuler@hotmail.com](mailto:shannon_schuler@hotmail.com). You do not need to have a daughter on the team to coach.

### **KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS®**

Did you know that you can earn money for St. Gertrude Church just by shopping at Kroger? It's easy when you enroll in Kroger Community Rewards. To get started, sign up with your Kroger Plus Card at [kroger.com/communityrewards](http://kroger.com/communityrewards). Search for "St. Gertrude Church" or use our unique ID# BN609. Thank you for your support.

### **WE'RE HIRING: COORDINATOR OF YOUTH FORMATION**

Are you passionate about helping young people encounter Jesus Christ? Do you have experience developing and implementing faith formation content and programming for children in grades 4–8? Apply to be St. Gertrude Parish's coordinator of youth formation. Learn more about this position and apply at [stgertrude.org/employment](http://stgertrude.org/employment).

### **LEGACIES & BEQUESTS**

Are you 70-and-a-half years old and required by the IRS to take annual distributions from your IRA account? If so, you may consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA account directly to the church. QCD's will satisfy your annual distribution requirement and will not be included in your taxable income for the year. This could be a great way to save taxes and financially support the church or your favorite charity. For more details on Qualified Charitable Distributions from your IRA account, please contact your tax advisor as we cannot give specific tax advice.

## LET US PRAY

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .**

#### THE SICK:

Scott Boone, Kim Caswell, Bettie Caudill, Ann Cerone, Triset Defonseka, Lisa Ely, Dick Gelhaus, Bob Gerwin, Andrew Goad, Cameron Goad, Matthew Goad, Glenn Grismere, Hummel Family, Rhonda Keith-Stephens, Aiko Kimura, Ed Kinney, Marianne Klekamp, Diane Kosobud, Kevin Lewis, Kim McClung, Sandra Munyon, Elaine O'Connell, Sue Paas, Gerry Patterson, Ellen Schaengold, Patricia Scherer, Pegge Schuermann, Richard Seifert, Teddie Slaper, Jack Spilker, Jim Spurgin, Patricia Strauss, Judy Sullivan, Mary Valker, Bill Van Hise, and Brigitte Vielhauer

#### THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Patrick Burke, Gabe Dorsey, Jacob Dorsey, Curtis Flores, Luis Flores, Jr., Cole and Kyle Foster, Dominic Geraci, Daniel Holian, Mike Huber, Aaron Jacobson, Jacob Krumb, John Krumb, Kelly Leugers, John Murdock, Jr., John Oscar, Sarah Ries, Kolbe Roberts, Dan Roseman, Andrew Shannon, and Ian Tester

#### THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Berta Mahler, wife of Richard

## **KOC BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER**

After all Masses the weekend of April 23–24, the Knights of Columbus handed out empty baby bottles for their annual baby bottle fundraiser, benefiting the Pregnancy Care Center at Old St. Mary's Catholic Church. **The Knights will be collecting your filled baby bottles this weekend, May 7–8**, so please bring your bottles with you when you come to Mass. You can also return your filled bottle to the parish office during the week. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

## **MARY MAGDALEN HOUSE COLLECTION**

This weekend, May 7–8, the Ladies of Charity will be collecting items for Mary Magdalen House, a center in Over-the-Rhine that serves the homeless by providing bathrooms and shower facilities, telephone use, and the launder of one set of clothing. Please visit [stgertrude.org/news/marymagdalenhouse](http://stgertrude.org/news/marymagdalenhouse) for the list of needed items. Cash donations are also appreciated. If you have any questions about Mary Magdalen House or Ladies of Charity, please call Jean Wilkinson at (513) 498–5085. Thank you so much for your help!

## **SOUP KITCHEN SIGN-UPS**

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve the poor and needy in Cincinnati? St. Gertrude Church parishioners will be serving lunch at the Queen City Kitchen soup kitchen in Walnut Hills on Sunday, June 5. It takes approximately 30 people to cook and serve the main meal and side items—a great opportunity for families, groups, or ministries. Sign up outside (or in the Parish Center lobby if it's raining) before or after the 8 a.m., 10 a.m., or 12 p.m. Mass next Sunday, May 15. For more information, please contact Andy Cordier at [SoupKitchen@StGertrude.org](mailto:SoupKitchen@StGertrude.org).

## **SYNOD LISTENING SESSIONS SUMMARY**

The Synthesis of the Synod on Synodality Local Meetings is now available on the Synod page of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati website at [catholicaoc.org/synod](http://catholicaoc.org/synod). This report has been submitted to the USCCB. Many thanks to Deacon John Homoelle for his leadership and to all who participated in these listening sessions.

## **WHOLISTIC FEMINISM**

St. Bernard and Divine Mercy parishes in the Diocese of Covington, Kentucky, invite you to a luncheon and presentation by Leah A. Jacobson, founder of Guiding Star Project. Jacobson, A mother of seven children and author of *Wholistic Feminism, Healing the Identity Crisis Caused by the Women's Movement*, Jacobson was recently interviewed on Sacred Heart Radio and is excited to spread her message of faith and sisterhood in Christ in the Cincinnati area. The event, appropriate for those ages 14 and older, is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, at St. Bernard Church Garvey Hall (401 Berry Street, Dayton, KY 41074). The cost is \$10/person and includes lunch. To RSVP, please visit [signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com) and type [divinemercyoffice@gmail.com](mailto:divinemercyoffice@gmail.com) in the search bar, or call (859) 261–6172.

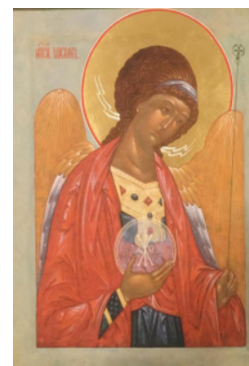
## **FRIENDS OF JESUS**

Friends of Jesus is a group for adults (18 years of age or older) with developmental disabilities. With a focus on support, prayer, and socializing, the group comes together to pray, make crafts, and enjoy refreshments. Our next gathering will be our annual picnic on Saturday, May 21, 2022, from 12 to 3 p.m. at Dick Hartmann Picnic Shelter in Sellman Park, located directly behind Madeira Middle School at 6700 Marvin Ave. New members are welcome to attend! All participants must RSVP to Jane Callan by May 16 at (513) 793–3546. We look forward to seeing you!

## **STEP BACK AND GO ON RETREAT**

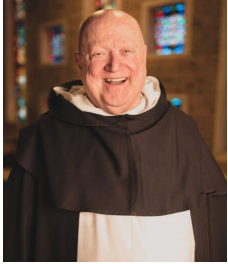
This summer, the Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford is offering 8-day personally directed retreats—an opportunity to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus through the great treasures in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. On retreat, you will spend a week in silence, meet with a spiritual director each day, and have the opportunity to rest, pray, walk, and enjoy the beautiful retreat grounds. Upcoming retreat dates include June 3–10, July 8–15, and August 5–12. For more information or to reserve your spot, visit [jesuitspiritualcenter.com](http://jesuitspiritualcenter.com) or call our office at (513) 248–3500, ext. 10.

## **ICON WORKSHOP - JUNE 27-JULY 2, 2022**



Paint your own icon of Archangel St. Michael or St. Gabriel during this six-day workshop at Iconic Studio. You will learn the ancient techniques of gilding with 24 kt gold leaf on burnished

clay and painting with egg tempera paint, as well as the meaning behind the image you're painting and the symbolism involved in the materials, colors, and drawing. The workshop, taught by Tatiana and Dmitrii Berestov, will take place Monday, June 27, 2022–Saturday, July 2, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (there will be an hour break for lunch). There is a \$90 deposit due by June 6 with your registration form, plus a \$250 tuition and materials fee due the first day of the workshop (June 27). All materials and tools are included. Download the registration form at [stgertrude.org/news/archangel](http://stgertrude.org/news/archangel) and mail it (along with your deposit) to Jenny Ward at Iconic Studio, 7886 Camargo Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45243. For more information, contact Jenny at [jward7400@yahoo.com](mailto:jward7400@yahoo.com) or visit [iconicstudio.org](http://iconicstudio.org).



### ASK A PRIEST – LITURGICAL PRACTICES

WITH FATHER JORDAN KELLY, O.P.

*St. Gertrude Bulletin recently visited with Father Jordan Kelly, O.P., regarding two liturgical questions.*

**St. Gertrude Bulletin:** Father Jordan, why is it important that the communicant responds “Amen” to the words, “the body of Christ”?

**Father Jordan:** The first reason is simple and clear: in the Novus Ordo Celebration of the Mass, both in the Roman Missal Third Edition, as well as in the Sacramentary of Pope St. Paul VI that preceded the Roman Missal, the practice of saying “Amen” is clearly indicated and called for. In the Roman Missal, we read in #134, “After this, he takes the paten or ciborium and approaches the communicants. The Priest raises a host slightly and shows it to each of the communicants, saying: ‘The Body of Christ.’ The communicant replies: ‘Amen,’ and receives Holy Communion.” Saying “Amen” is what the Church asks of us.

Our response, “Amen,” is a profession of faith—our “I believe!”—to the priest’s or other minister’s words, “the body of Christ.” At a time when so many Catholics doubt the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, our “Amen” creates a *habitus*, a virtuous habit, of grace and affirmation of the Divine Presence of Christ, body and blood, soul and divinity, under the forms of bread and wine.

As I was recently distributing Communion, I said, “The body of Christ,” and I heard, “Yes, thank you.” Figuratively, I stumbled! I have never heard that. I withdrew the host and said, “Your response is, ‘Amen.’” It took a couple of tries, but finally the communicant said, “Amen.”

**SGB:** Does a person respond, “Amen,” when he or she receives Communion during the Traditional Latin Mass?

**FJ:** No, when you attend the Traditional Latin Mass, the communicant does not reply, “Amen.” In the Extraordinary Form, the priest presents the Host while uttering a prayer for the communicant, saying (in Latin), “May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve your soul unto everlasting life. Amen.” Because the priest has ended the prayer with, “Amen,” the communicant does not need to make a reply to the priest; he or she simply opens their mouth and extends their tongue to receive the Host.

These kinds of rubrical differences call us to be aware that we are quite literally in the presence of God, and Mass has its particular

expectations and responses. Such awareness is a deep form of “full, active, and conscious participation.”

**SGB:** Thank you for explaining that, Father Jordan. Another question, unrelated to Communion but still regarding the liturgy: What should a boy do if he wants to be an altar boy?

**FJ:** That’s a great question—we *need* more servers! I have seen pictures around the parish of an army of servers, and I would love to make that army of servers a reality again.

I am happy to tell you that training is on the way! Two of our dads will be helping me shepherd the servers and will begin providing training for the servers on a regular basis. There will be one training for seventh and eighth grade boys to be trained as head servers. Keep watching the bulletin and weekly Saturday Flocknote email for news about when this training will begin.

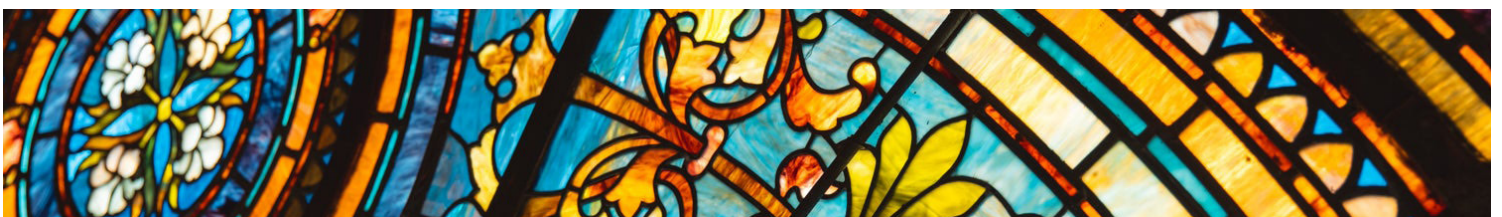
**SGB:** That’s great, Father Jordan! Speaking of altar boys, why do they sometimes wear black cassocks; at other times red cassocks; and still other times red cassocks, a surplice, and a red cape? Does this have any meaning?

**FJ:** It does have meaning. Let’s look:

1. A black cassock is the regular color of the customary dress of the diocesan clergy. In times past, the cassock would have been worn throughout the day while being in the rectory. The addition of the surplice over the black cassock was the sign that the priest was engaged in sacramental/liturgical ministry. Today, the cassock is part of the liturgical vesture of diocesan clergy. When Dominicans are involved in sacramental/liturgical ministry and not the principal celebrant, a surplice is worn over our habits to indicate the same thing. Black is the color our servers wear during the regular times of the year and the times of preparation or penance (Sundays throughout the year, Advent, and Lent).
2. Red is worn by our servers during more solemn seasons, such as the Christmas and Easter seasons. The vestment tells us that there is something special, or celebratory, taking place. The addition of a cape is a distinction of both a particular role and/or a sign of distinction as a senior or head server.

No matter the vestments, we need to see a great number of new servers!

*Ask a Priest is a regular format for our Holy Teaching section. Submit your own question to [bulletin@stgertrude.org](mailto:bulletin@stgertrude.org) for one of our Dominican priests to answer in the bulletin!*





Monday, May 9	Tuesday, May 10	Wednesday, May 11	Thursday, May 12	Friday, May 13	Saturday, May 14	Sunday, May 15
33 Days to Morning Glory Marian Consecration 12:15 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	True Devotion to Mary 12 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Resurrection Choir Practice 8:30 a.m. PC St. Joseph Room	Second Greatest Story Ever Told Video Series 9:45 a.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Amiguitas del Corazón de Jesús 4:30 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Catholic Men's Fellowship 7:30 a.m. School Cafeteria	Soup Kitchen Sign-ups After 8, 10 & 12 Masses Breezeway
Dominican Laity – Our Lady of Peace – Investiture Mass 6:30 p.m. Church	Children's Choir 3 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Adult Choir 7 p.m. PC Music Room	Cana Family Year 1 7 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room	Confirmation Rehearsal 7 p.m. Church	Ladies of Charity Board Meeting 9:30 a.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Confirmation 2 p.m. Church
Dominican Laity – Our Lady of Peace 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Dominican Laity – Bishop Fenwick Chapter 6:30 p.m. Church	Cub Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria			Ladies of Charity Planning Meeting 10 a.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	
Become Catholic (RCIA) 7 p.m. PC St. Dominic Lobby	Boy Scouts 7 p.m. School Cafeteria	Benediction 8:50 p.m. Church				
Healing Rosary 7 p.m. Rosary Garden	St. Vincent de Paul 7 p.m. PC St. Joseph Room					

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St. Gertrude Parish  
Weekly Collection and Budget Report  
Collection for May 1

Collection	\$	33,831
Weekly Budget	\$	35,294
Weekly Deficit	\$	1,463

2nd Collection (CRS) - \$3,292

**Fiscal Year-To-Date (for year ending June 30, 2022)**

Fiscal YTD Actual	\$	1,666,545
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$	1,592,642
Fiscal YTD Surplus	\$	73,903

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