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# Church of Saint Edward the Confessor

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*Alleluia!*

*"Yes, Christ, my hope is arisen; To Galilee He goes before you"  
(Easter Sequence)*

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY: 5:00 P.M.  
SUNDAY: 8:15 A.M.  
10:45 A.M.

### HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE:

TBA IN BULLETIN

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY  
9:00 A.M.

### ADORATION:

MONDAY: 9:30 A.M.-12:00 NOON  
FRIDAY: 9:30 A.M.-12:00 NOON

### CONFESSIONS:

SATURDAY: 4:00-4:30 P.M.

### BULLETIN DEADLINE:

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

#### Sunday, May 16

8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Members  
of St. Edward Parish

10:45 a.m. Marjorie "Muffy" Chrysler (RIP)  
by Theresa Contini

#### Monday, May 17

9:00 a.m. Dave Kurto (RIP) by Jodie Crecca

#### Tuesday, May 18 – St. John I, Pope & Martyr

9:00 a.m. Jack Kihm by Members of SVDP

#### Wednesday, May 19

9:00 a.m. Intentions of Vince & Treva Walsh

#### Thursday, May 20 – St. Bernardine of Sienna, Priest

No 9:00 a.m. Rita Pagura (RIP)

Mass by Msgr. Paul Enke

#### Friday, May 21 – St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Companions, Martyrs

9:00 a.m. Helen Reding (RIP)  
by Dennis & Janell Rogers

#### Saturday, May 22

5:00 p.m. Deceased Members of Myers Family  
by John & Marilyn Jauch

#### Sunday, May 23 – **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

8:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Members  
of St. Edward Parish

10:45 a.m. Christine Beckman (RIP)  
by Amber Beckman

Participate in weekend Mass from your home via  
Online Mass at the parish website  
[www.saintedwards.org](http://www.saintedwards.org).

## ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 16, 2021 – YEAR B

Music and readings are printed in the worship aid  
for this weekend's Masses.

### CANTORS

5:00 p.m.	Zachary & Maya Ratliff
8:15 a.m.	Kevin Skinner
10:45 a.m.	Michael Flanigan



### NOTES FROM THE LOFT

*"Sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
Sing to the Lord, bless His name"*  
Psalm 96

♪ Alleluia! He is risen... and Ascended! As we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord this weekend, today's music reminds us that Jesus both reigns in His heavenly kingdom and blesses us here on earth. He is with us, today and always. May we rejoice in His presence during this final week of the Easter season.

~ Paul Radkowski, Music Director  
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*"I rejoiced when they said unto me,  
let us go into the house of the Lord."*  
Psalm 122:1

We welcome all visitors and parishioners who have come to worship at St. Edward Church today. To our visitors, you may have come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray you will find peace, hospitality, and friendship with us.

## SUPPORTING ST. EDWARD CHURCH

*"Each one must do as he has purposed in his heart,  
not grudgingly or under compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful giver."  
2 Corinthians 9:7*

**Thank you for your generous support of St.  
Edward Church**

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Offertory for the week of May 9 was \$ 4,922.46  
Online Giving was \$ 9,200.00

This weekend is the offering for "Catholic Communications Campaign." Please put your offering for this in the basket marked "Catholic Communications."

### OFFERTORY BASKET

Please place your offertory envelope in the basket as you enter or exit the church.

***If you no longer need envelopes, please  
contact the Parish Office.***

Online Offertory and donating to SVdP is easy to do. Go to the St. Edward website [www.saintedwards.org](http://www.saintedwards.org) and click on the "DONATE ONLINE" button.

**Please DO NOT use Online Giving for Bishop's Annual Fund.**

**Note:** With any changes to your credit card, please login to update your online account for making online contributions. As a safeguard, the program automatically suspends your contributions if changes have occurred to your card. For help, contact Cheryl Boggess at the Parish Office.



Thank you to Lia Cannon, who donated the flowers on Mother's Day in memory of her beloved mother.



## USHERS NEEDED

Ushers are needed for all Masses. Would you become an usher? To help, please see the following parishioners:

Ginny after the 5:00 p.m. Mass

Ed or Ian at the 8:15 a.m. Mass

Gene or Jim at the 10:45 a.m. Mass

Any help would be appreciated, either long-term or short-term. Please prayerfully consider joining this important ministry. We need your help.

## A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

1. The good news continues for our Bishop's Annual Appeal campaign for 2021. Our current pledges stand at \$125,000.00, which exceeds our diocesan goal of \$100,850.00. We hope to make it to \$200,000.00, enabling us to pay down on our total parish debt of \$284,000.00 for land purchase and the rectory, (\$250,000.00). Let us forge ahead. Thanks to all for your commitment to the diocese and our parish.
2. A heartfelt thankyou to the women of our parish Flower Gardening Committee: Chair Michelle Shoats and team members Cindy Barbour, Barbara Lechner, Mary Luellen and Kimberly Reding who have beautified our grounds with their plantings and care of the beds. God bless all for your good work.
3. Thanks to all who made our Confirmation ceremony such a beautiful experience. We thank our PSR Director Rebecca Bucknam, Sarah Sween, catechists Mark Motz Sr. and Mark Motz Jr., and our Music Director, Paul Radkowski. The music was exceptional. Thanks to cantor, Maya Ratliff, trumpeter Adam Spiels and the bell choir. We are grateful as well to our ushers from the Knights of Columbus directed by Ginny Prusacyk.
4. Do note the informational insert on Helping Hands in the bulletin.

## ADDITIONS TO MOTHER'S DAY MEMORIALS

### In Memory of:

Edith Brandt  
by Dennis & Linda Foley

### In Honor of:

Clodagh Grayson  
by Cathy Schumaker  
& Gwenn Grayson  
Joan Foley  
by Dennis & Linda Foley



***Please continue to pray for the second-grade children of the parish who are receiving First Communion in the coming weeks.***

## *Know Your Saints*

**St. John I, Pope & Martyr** ~ was born in Tuscany, and served as an archdeacon in the Church for several years. He was chosen to become the Bishop of Rome in 523, succeeding Pope St. Hormisdas. During his papal reign, Italy was ruled by King Theodoric. The king adhered to the Arian heresy, holding that Christ was a created being rather than the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. In 523, the Byzantine Emperor Justin I ordered Arian clergy to surrender their churches into orthodox Catholic hands. In the West, meanwhile, Theodoric was angered by the emperor's move, and responded by trying to use the Pope's authority for his own ends. Pope John was thus placed in an awkward position. Despite the Pope's solid orthodoxy, the Arian king expected him to intercede with the Eastern emperor on behalf of the heretics. John's refusal to satisfy King Theodoric eventually led to his martyrdom. The Pope was imprisoned and deprived of food. He died on May 18, which is his feast day.

**St. Bernardine of Sienna** ~ is known as "the Apostle of Italy" for his efforts to revive the country's Catholic faith during the 15th century. Born to upper-class parents in the Italian republic of Siena during 1380, he was orphaned at the age of 7. His aunt Diana cared for him and taught him to seek consolation by trusting in God. He had a concern for the poor, and accustomed to fasting, he often went without food to help someone in need. He ministered to the sick and dying at a hospital in the town of Scala, from 1397 to 1400. During that time, a plague broke out in Siena that killed many of the hospital workers. Although the plague did not infect him, he contracted a different sickness that kept him in bed for 4 months. Later he joined the Franciscans and was ordained a priest. His devotion to God amazed even the strict Franciscans. His hearers were moved to abandon their vices, turn back to God, and make peace with one another. He always promoted devotion to Jesus as a simple and effective means of recalling God's love. Widely admired throughout Italy, he was offered the office of a bishop three times, but turned it down, choosing missionary work. In 1444, 40 years after he first entered religious life, Bernardine died on May 20. Only 6 years later, Pope Nicholas V canonized him as a saint.

**St. Christopher Magillanes, Priest, companions and martyrs** ~ "Long live Christ the King and the Virgin of Guadalupe!" was the slogan of the "Cristero" uprising in the 1920's against the anti-Catholic government of Mexico which had instituted and enforced laws against the Church in an attempt to eradicate the Catholic faith in Mexico. Even foreign clergy was banned from celebrating Mass. St. Christopher Magillanes, along with 21 other priests and three lay companions, were martyred between 1915 and 1937, by shooting or hanging, throughout eight Mexican states for their membership in the Cristero movement. They secretly preached and ministered to the faithful. Pope John Paul II canonized the Cristero martyrs in 2000.



# Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

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*Month of May ~ Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary*

***"The name of Jesus is in fact the great foundation of the faith that turns people into children of God. The Catholic Faith indeed consists in the news of Jesus Christ as light of the soul, gate of life, and foundation of eternal salvation."***

**+SAINT BERNARDINE OF SIENA**

## **Monday, May 17 ~ Seventh and Last Week in the Season of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: John 16:29-33** The disciples said to Jesus, "Now you are talking plainly, and not in any figure of speech. Now we realize that you know everything and that you do not need to have anyone question you. Because of this we believe that you came from God." Jesus answered them, "Do you believe now? Behold, the hour is coming and has arrived when each of you will be scattered to his own home and you will leave me alone. But I am not alone, because the Father is with me. I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world."

**Meditation:** Notice how Jesus warned his disciples that their faith would be put to the test and that they would fail. Jesus spoke plainly about the tragedy of betrayal and the triumph of the cross. Jesus knew the hearts of his disciples better than they knew. He knew they would desert him in his hour of trial. Such knowledge could have easily led to bitterness and rejection. Jesus met the injury of betrayal and disloyalty with supreme love and trust in his disciples. He loved his disciples to the very end even when they left him alone to die on the cross. He knew that the cross would not bring defeat but victory over sin and death. Jesus speaks the same word to us today. "My love for you is unconditional and I will never abandon you." While we cannot avoid all pain and suffering in this life, Jesus, nonetheless assures us that he will guide us safely through any difficulty or trial we may have to undergo for his sake. Jesus calls each of us to take courage, because he has overcome the world. The Holy Spirit gives us a living hope in the power of the resurrection and a confident trust in God's abiding presence. Nothing can overcome this faith and hope in Christ's victory – no trial, suffering, temptation, or testing. The Holy Spirit gives us the strength and courage we need to overcome adversity and to persevere in faith.

**Prayer:** May the power of the Holy Spirit come to us, we pray, O Lord, that we may keep your will faithfully in mind and express it in a devout way of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** How did Jesus convince his disciples that he was the Son of God? Jesus could read their hearts like an open book. He answered their questions before they could even speak them out. And he showed them the glory of God. For a Christian, believing in God cannot be separated from believing in the One he sent, his "beloved Son," in whom the Father is "well pleased." We can believe in Jesus and in the words he speaks because he is himself God, the Word made flesh. Since he "has seen the Father," and is "one with the Father," Jesus is the only one who knows the Father as he truly is and can reveal him to us. Our faith is "certain" because it is founded on the very word of God who cannot lie. Faith is already the beginning of eternal life. Saint Basil the Great says: "When we contemplate the blessings of faith even now, as if gazing at a reflection in a mirror, it is as if we already possessed the wonderful things which our faith assures us we shall enjoy one day."

## **Tuesday, May 18 ~ Seventh and Last Week in the Season of Easter**

**Saint John I, Pope and Martyr**

**Holy Gospel: John 17:1-11a** Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the

only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began. I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you."

**Meditation:** What is this "glory" of which Jesus speaks in this scripture passage? It is the cross which Jesus speaks of here. How does the cross reveal his glory? In the cross God reveals the breadth of his great love for sinners and the power of redemption which cancels the debt of sin and reverses the curse of our condemnation. Jesus gave his Father the supreme honor and glory through his obedience and willingness to go to the cross. In times of defense the greatest honor belongs not to those who fought and survived but to those who gave the supreme sacrifice of their own lives for their fellow citizens. Jesus speaks of the Father bringing glory to the Son through the great mystery of the Incarnation and Cross of Christ. God the Father gave us his only begotten Son for our redemption and deliverance from slavery to sin and death. There is no greater proof of God's love for each and every person on the face of the earth than the Cross of Jesus Christ. In the cross we see a new way of love – a love that is unconditional, sacrificial and generous beyond comprehension.

**Prayer:** O God, who reward faithful souls and who have consecrated this day by the martyrdom of Pope Saint John the First, graciously hear the prayers of your people and grant that we, who venerate his merits, may imitate his constancy in the faith. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Jesus tells his disciples that they can know the only true God. Knowledge of God is not simply limited to knowing something about God, but we can know God personally. The essence of Christianity, and what makes it distinct from Judaism and other religions, is the knowledge of God as our Father. Jesus makes it possible for each of us to personally know God as our Father. To see Jesus is to see what God is like. In Jesus we see the perfect love of God – a God who cares intensely and who yearns over men and women, loving them to the point of laying down his life for them upon the Cross. Jesus is the revelation of God – a God who loves us completely, unconditionally and perfectly. And so we might ask ourselves: Do I seek unity of heart, mind and will with God? With my neighbor?

### **Wednesday, May 19 ~ Seventh and Last Week in the Season of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: John 17:11b-19** Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed, saying: "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the Evil One. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth."

**Meditation:** Jesus prayed that his disciples would be sanctified and consecrated in God's truth and holiness. The scriptural word for consecration comes from the same Hebrew word which means "holy" or "set apart for God." This word also means to be "equipped with the qualities of mind and heart and character for such a task or service." Just as Jesus was called by the Father to serve in holiness and truth, so we, too, are called and equipped for the task of serving God in the world as his ambassadors. God's truth frees us from ignorance and the deception of sin. It reveals to us God's goodness, love, and wisdom. And it gives us a thirst for God's holiness. The Holy Spirit is the source and giver of all holiness. As we allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives, he transforms us by his purifying fire and changes us in the likeness of Christ. Is your life consecrated to God?

**Prayer:** Graciously grant to your Church, O merciful God, that, gathered by the Holy Spirit, she may be devoted to you with all her heart and united in purity of intent. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Have you ever given time, thought and prayer to know what your purpose and mission in life is? Jesus' aim and mission was to glorify his heavenly Father. All he said and did gave glory to his Father. On the eve of his sacrifice and in the presence of his disciples, Jesus made his high priestly prayer: "Holy Father, keep them in your name that they may be one as we are one". Jesus prayed for the unity of his disciples and for all who would believe in him. Jesus' prayer for his people is that we be united with God the Father in his Son and through his Holy Spirit and be joined together, in unity with all who are members of Christ's body. Jesus saw glory in the cross rather than shame. Obedience to his Father's will was his glory. Jesus kept his Father's word even when tempted to forgo the cross. His strength was not in himself but in his Father who kept him. We, too, must take up our cross and follow the Lord Jesus wherever and whenever he may call us.

### **Thursday, May 20 ~ Seventh and Last Week in the Season of Easter** **Saint Bernardine of Siena, *Devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus***

**Holy Gospel: John 17:20-26** Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "I pray not only for these, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

**Meditation:** The unity of Jesus and his Father is a unity of love and obedience, and a unity of personal relationship. Because Jesus loves us and united us through the Sacrament of Baptism we are called to live in a unity of love. Through the Eucharist, we are united to Christ in the greatest gift to us – Christ's Body and Blood. Through his teachings, we follow him wherever he leads us as his disciples. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we demonstrate our heartfelt desire to reunite ourselves with him, recognizing our sinfulness, our sorrow for having sinned, and our pledge not to sin again. Jesus' prayer on the eve of his sacrifice shows the great love and trust he has in his beloved disciples. He knows they would abandon him in his hour of trial, yet he entrusted to them the great task of spreading his name throughout the world and to the end of the ages. The Lord entrust us with the same mission...to make him known and loved by all. Jesus died and rose again that all might be one as he and the Father are one.

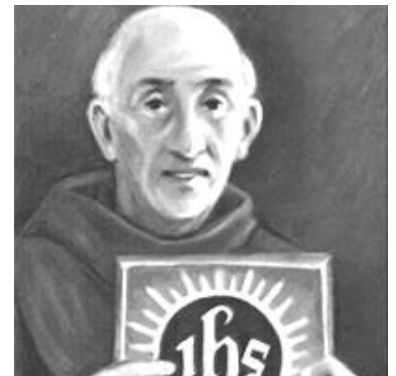
**Prayer:** O God, who gave the Priest Saint Bernardine of Siena a great love for the holy Name of Jesus, grant through his merits and prayers, that we may ever be set aflame with the spirit of your love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Look around at the people in the pews who are with you in Church. Look around at the people in your office, your school, your home, your neighborhood. The distinctive mark of Jesus' disciples is their love for God and their desire to do his will, and their love for one another. Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper concludes with the prayer for all men and women who will come after him and follow him as his disciples. In a special way Jesus prays here for us that as members of his body we would be one as he and his Father – God the father – are one.

**What does the Holy Name of Jesus mean?** Saint Bernardine of Siena encouraged devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus and often held the IHS monogram in his hand when preaching. This devotion was later incorporated as a feast day into the universal calendar of the Church.

The name *Jesus* comes from the Greek *Iesous* which was derived from the Aramaic *Yeshu*. It means "Yaweh is salvation." The name was not unique, even in biblical times, and today it is common in Arabic-speaking East and in Spanish-speaking countries. From apostolic times the name has been treated with the greatest respect, as honor is due the name which represents Our Lord, himself.

The Holy Name of Jesus is, first of all, an all-powerful prayer. Our Lord Himself solemnly promises that whatever we ask the Father in His Name we shall receive. God never fails to keep His word.



When, therefore, we say, "Jesus" let us ask God for all we need with absolute confidence of being heard. For this reason, the Church ends her prayer with the words, "through Jesus Christ" which gives the prayer a new and Divine efficacy.

But the Holy Name is something still greater.

Each time we say "Jesus" we give God infinite joy and glory, for we offer Him all the infinite merits of the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ. St. Paul tells us that Jesus merited the Name Jesus by His Passion and Death.

Each time we say "Jesus" let us clearly wish to offer God all the Masses being said all over the world for all our intentions. We thus share in these thousands of Masses.

Each time we say "Jesus" we gain indulgences for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, thus relieving and liberating very many of these holy souls from their awful pains. Thus they may be our best friends and pray for us – they cannot pray for themselves, however.

Each time we say "Jesus" it is an act of perfect love, for we offer to God the infinite love of Jesus.

The Holy Name of Jesus saves us from innumerable evils and delivers us especially from the power of the devil, who is constantly seeking to do us harm.

The Holy Name of Jesus gradually fills our souls with a peace and joy we never had before.

The Holy Name of Jesus gives us strength that our sufferings become light and easy to bear.

### **Friday, May 21 ~ Seventh and Last Week in the Season of Easter** **St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Martyr, and his Companions, Martyrs**

**Holy Gospel: John 21:15-19** After Jesus had revealed himself to his disciples and eaten breakfast with them, he said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to Simon Peter a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."

**Meditation:** Jesus calls us, even in our weakness and sin, to love him above all else. Saint Augustine in his book *Confessions* wrote: "Late have I loved you, O Beauty so ancient and so new. Late have I loved you! ...You shone your Self upon me to drive away my blindness. You breathed your fragrance upon me... and in astonishment I drew my breath...now I pant for you! I tasted you, and now I hunger and thirst for you. You touched me! - and I burn to live within your peace." Nothing but our stubborn human pride, our sinfulness, and our willfulness can keep us from the love of God. God's love is a free gift, unmerited and beyond payment. We can never outmatch God in love. He loved us first; we must reciprocate with total love for Him by following His commands, and the teachings of His Son and His Catholic Church.

**Prayer:** Almighty and eternal God, who made the Priest Saint Christopher Magallanes and his companions faithful to Christ the King even to the point of martyrdom, grant us, through their intercession, that, persevering in confession of the true faith, we may always hold fast to the commandments of your love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Do you want the fire of God's love to burn in your heart? John the evangelist tells us that "God is love" (1 John 4:16). His love is unconditional, without limit, and everlasting. It's the beginning and the end; and it's the essence of Christianity. It draws us to the heart of God and it compels us to give to him our full allegiance and our very lives. Saint Paul the Apostle tells us that God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given us (ref. Romans 5:5). As so we ask ourselves: Do I love God with all my mind, all my heart, and all my soul? If not, then ask yourself: what is holding me back?

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# SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



## Make Us a Gift

Loving Father,  
you sent your Son into the world  
that we might see you by seeing him.  
He offered his life as a gift  
for the life of the world.  
On the third day, you raised him to life,  
a life so powerful it could never again die.  
Grant us the grace to offer our lives  
as a gift for the life of the world,  
so that, dying with Jesus, we might  
rise with him.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Sunday, May 16, 2021

We Hope to Follow



*Today's readings: Acts 1:1–11; Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9; Ephesians 4:1–13; Mark 16:15–20.* After the resurrection, Jesus appeared again and again over a forty-day period. He explained the Scriptures to his disciples, they touched him, and they shared meals together. Often it took them time to recognize him.

On the fortieth day, Jesus commissioned the apostles to preach the Gospel to all creatures and to baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Sometimes it seems that these first witnesses were the lucky ones. They saw Jesus, heard his voice and teachings, and perhaps even touched his wounds. Having seen, how could they have done anything but believe? And yet until the Holy Spirit descended at Pentecost, they were afraid. They had seen what had happened to him, and even though he had

risen, they could not have been eager to face persecution themselves. But even though Jesus was gone, he had not abandoned them.

The Ascension is a feast of joy, joy in the Father glorifying Jesus. It is also a feast of anticipation, because we hope that we too will be raised, that we too will be taken up to Jesus because we belong to him. We hope that by believing in Jesus and by living in imitation of him, we too might be citizens of heaven, raised up by the Father.

Our lives become gifts to God when we die to ourselves and unite ourselves to Jesus. May our prayer be one of offering our whole lives to the Father so that dying with the Lord, we might rise with him. Where he has gone, we hope to follow.



## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, May 17

#### Transformed by the Spirit

In the reading from Acts, the men begin to speak in tongues after Paul lays hands on them. Our lives should also look markedly different because the Holy Spirit is within us. Where do you see the Holy Spirit at work in your life? When making big decisions, do you rely on the guidance of the Spirit? How can you invite God to be part of your process of discerning your best way forward? *Today's readings: Acts 19:1–8; Psalm 68:2–3ab, 4–5acd, 6–7ab; John 16:29–33.*

### Tuesday, May 18

#### Bearing Witness

As Paul looks at the possibility of his future martyrdom, his words echo the words of Jesus before the passion. Both focused on the people they served, the people who were their mission. Jesus, sent by God, and Paul, sent by the risen Christ, both call all people into the light so that the plan of God might be fulfilled. God is always sending us too. How are you called to “bear witness to the gospel of God’s grace”? *Today's readings: Acts 20:17–27; Psalm 68:10–11, 20–21; John 17:1–11a.*

### Wednesday, May 19

#### Spring and New Life

As spring progresses in the northern hemisphere, the natural world abounds with beauty. Take some time to walk in nature and experience the beauty of God’s creation. Is this a time when it is easy for you to experience God’s presence? How can you take more time for listening in this way? Care of creation is one of our duties as human beings, to whom God entrusted the natural world. Is there something simple you can do to care for God’s creation today? *Today's readings: Acts 20:28–38; Psalm 68:29–30, 33–35a, 35bc–36ab; John 17:11b–19.*

### Thursday, May 20

#### Peacemakers

The reading from Acts portrays an event in which religious people react to Paul’s actions out of their conviction. So stirred up are the factions that they have a difficult time responding peacefully. Sometimes people who love the Church can be like this. Strong emotions arise when people become defensive, when it seems like their ways of being in relationship with God are challenged. Yet we are called to be peacemakers, even as we are called to speak the truth and give prophetic witness. Christ’s peace is received in the Eucharist. How can you live out this call to make peace within the Church? *Today's readings: Acts 22:30, 23:6–11; Psalm 16:1–2a and 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; John 17:20–26.*

### Friday, May 21

#### Our Lives as a Gift

The number of times Peter declares his love for Jesus corresponds to his three denials of the Lord before the crucifixion. With these affirmations, Jesus tells Peter to “feed my sheep.” No matter what we have done in the past, God is waiting to redeem it. Everyone’s life can be offered as a gift to God, the giver of life. *Today's readings: Acts 25:13b–21; Psalm 103:1–2, 11–12, 19–20ab; John 21:15–19.*

### Saturday, May 22

#### Preparing for Pentecost

Consider planning a celebration for Pentecost. Gather party supplies in red, the liturgical color of the day. The celebration could be a birthday party, since Pentecost is often considered the birth of the Church. Decorate with doves or tongues of fire. Prayer cards could highlight the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel, fear of the Lord, piety, and fortitude. *Today's readings: Acts 28:16–20, 30–31; Psalm 11:4, 5 and 7; John 21:20–25.*





## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HELPING HANDS



If you would like to volunteer to help the St. Edward's Knights of Columbus with their Helping Hands projects – or if you need help – please add your name to the

sign-up on sheets in the Gathering Space.

See the insert for information about Helping Hands.

## LIVING I DO



Are you frustrated, perhaps even angry, that your husband doesn't seem to want to communicate? Is your spouse letting you down in some way?

Remember Jesus' words, "If you only love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them." Jesus calls us to love as part of a higher call. Your marriage is your chance to love heroically.

(Mary, who had the world's most perfect marriage is always ready to help you.)

## *This Week at St. Edward*

### Sunday, May 16 ~ ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Mass – 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

PSR ~ 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Last Youth Group of the Year – 6:00-8:00 p.m.

### Monday, May 17

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Adoration after Mass until noon.



### Tuesday, May 18

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

### Wednesday, May 19

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

### Friday, May 21

Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Adoration after Mass until noon.



### Saturday, May 22

Confession – 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Mass – 5:00 p.m.

Participate in Online Mass via the parish website at [www.saintedwards.org](http://www.saintedwards.org).



The theme of the Bishop's Annual Appeal, "Living the Joy of the Gospel," inspires us, as people of faith, to share joyfully the Good News of Christ to those who most need to feel His love as we continue His work on earth as faithful disciples.

The appeal provides financial support to:

- Education – (PSR) and Catholic Schools
- Education of future priests and deacons
- Marriage preparation courses
- Social concerns

We have met our parish goal of \$100,850.00. Every dollar raised over our parish goal will be returned to the parish.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



*"No one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit."*

*John 3:5*

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

Congratulations on the upcoming birth of your child! To prepare for a Baptism, expectant parents attend the Baptismal Preparation Class and choose godparents for their child. Godparents are models of faith for their godchildren. A godparent must be a fully-initiated Catholic who is *actively* living a life of faith and is at least 16 years old. For information about Baptismal Preparation and godparents, contact Cheryl Boggess in the Parish Office at 740-587-3254.



## YOUTH GROUP

*"Let no one look down on your youthfulness,  
but rather show yourself as an example  
of those who believe."*

*1 Timothy 4:12*



*We're not settling for just knowing "about" Jesus.  
We want to know Him personally!*

### THE LAST YOUTH GROUP OF THE YEAR IS MAY 16

**WHAT** – LAST 8-12th grade Youth Group & Bible Study of the Year!

**WHEN** – Sunday, May 16th

**TIME** – 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**WHERE** – Parish Hall

***This is the last Youth Ministry of the year! Join us for the big sha-bang and hear about some AWESOME opportunities over the summer!***

**Congratulations to the 2021 Confirmation Class!**

~Zachary Ratliff, Youth Minister  
[youth@saintedwards.org](mailto:youth@saintedwards.org)

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION



*"Train the young in the way they should go;  
even when old, they will not swerve from it."*

*Proverbs 22:6*

**PSR – online 12:30-1:30 p.m. for grades 2-7**

**Confirmation Class Attends Youth Group  
on May 16**

**Congratulations to the 2021 Confirmation Class!**

~ Rebecca Bucknam, PSR Director  
[reled@saintedwards.org](mailto:reled@saintedwards.org)



*"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone  
who asks you to give the reason for your hope."*

*1 Peter 3:15*

Are you thinking about becoming Catholic and have a lot of questions about the faith? RCIA is the process by which non-Catholics learn about the teachings of the Church and the tenants of the Catholic Faith before entering the Catholic Faith. If you are curious about the Catholic Faith, but are unsure about becoming Catholic, please feel free to attend RCIA classes. Are you already a Catholic who wants to deepen your faith or take a "refresher" course on your faith? Would you be interested in supporting someone in the process of becoming Catholic? If you said "yes" to any of these questions, then RCIA is for you! For more information, please contact:

~ Deacon John Barbour, RCIA Director  
[barfamilybour@yahoo.com](mailto:barfamilybour@yahoo.com)

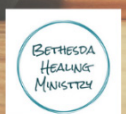
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*Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me."*

*Matthew 25:40*

### NEXT WEEKEND IS SVDP FOOD COLLECTION



In these trying times, our neighbors in need can use your support. Help those who are less fortunate by supporting the St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Contributions can be sent in the following ways:

1. Mail to the church by check, made payable to "St. Vincent de Paul."
2. Send directly to St. Vincent de Paul Center, 135 Wilson Street, Newark, OH 43055.
3. Use **Online Giving**. Go to the church website [www.saintedwards.org](http://www.saintedwards.org) and select "SVdP" and/or "Food Pantry" fund.

**WE**  **VOLUNTEERS**

*Jesus said, "I am among you as one who serves."*

*Luke 22:27*

### FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- **COOKING TEAM** – join a team to cook dinner for the Haven
- **STOCK SHELVES** – Mondays and/or Thursdays
- **ASSIST FOOD PANTRY GUESTS** – Tuesday evenings or Saturday mornings – one time per month
- **CLEAN FOOD PANTRY** – your choice of day and time

For more information, call Barb Scholten at 740-258-3230.

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*"Give me a person of prayer, and such a one will be capable of accomplishing anything."*

*~ St. Vincent de Paul*

Is there someone in your life who is in need of prayer? Members of the St. Edward PRAYER CHAIN are ready to pray for you, a family member or a friend. Contact Cindy Kendrick at 740-366-2871 or email [ckk1@att.net](mailto:ckk1@att.net) to be covered in prayer. Would you like to pray for others? Please contact Cindy for information.



### AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

You are invited to attend an American Legion Memorial Day service. Services will be at both St. Joseph Cemetery, located on Route 13 North of Newark, at 10:00 a.m., following the 9:00 a.m. Mass (the Mass will be outdoors, so bring a chair) or a service at Mount Calvary Cemetery, located on Route 13 in Heath, at 11:15 a.m.



### REMINDERS DURING COVID-19

For the safety of your staff during COVID-19, please **DO NOT ENTER** the office. Also, do not cross the roped off areas that are Emergency Exits only. **ENTRY** and **EXIT** from the church are only through the main front doors. Masks must be worn when entering the church. Thank you.

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### ASCENSION SUNDAY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**ACTS 1:15-17, 20A, 20C-26; PS 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 JN 4:11-16; JN 17:11B-19**

As we celebrate Christ's Ascension into heaven, we recall that He is not of this world and we were not made for this world. We were made for eternal life. Our readings today remind us that we are called to be set apart as disciples of Christ.

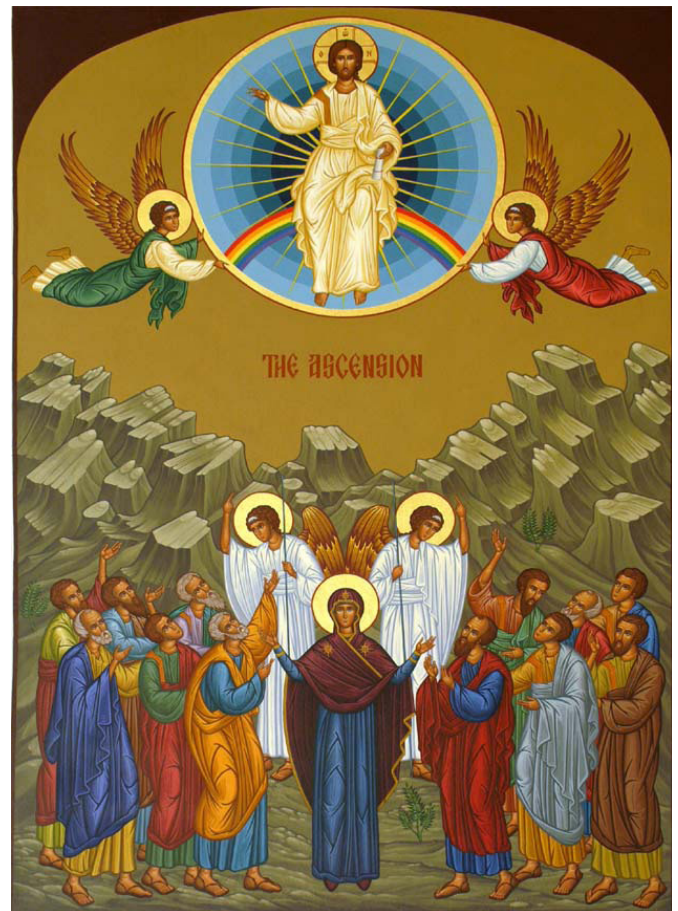
In our Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that as Christian disciples, we do not belong to the world.

We must stop and ask ourselves, "Who do we belong to?" We belong to our Loving and Gracious God. How we spend our time, what we do with our talents and how we spend our treasures are a good reflection of who or what we belong to.

Being a disciple of Christ will not always be easy. As our early disciples experienced, "I gave them your word, and the world hated them." But it is because we were not made for the world. We were made to be saints, truly a calling that is out of this world.

Although we do not belong to the world, Jesus clearly prayed, "I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one." We are called to live in this world but to not become consumed by it. We need to keep our minds and hearts fixed on our goal — eternal life.

Jesus' Ascension is a good reminder for us that we, too, are called to heaven. Let us strive to live our lives as a reflection of this goal in mind.





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**Helping Hands Ministry:** Since 2019 the Knights of Columbus provided home maintenance to those in need, including parishioners, St. Vincent de Paul clients and community members. Over 85 projects were completed, typically involving minor house repairs completed within a day or less, with a focus on emergency, safety, or accessibility improvement.

**Helping Hands Projects:** building wheelchair ramps; improving bathroom accessibility for a handicapped veteran; plus, fixing problems such as:

- Interior and exterior painting and siding repairs
- Landscape edging, weeding, pruning
- Door repairs, lock replacement and new door installation
- Leaking roof and rain gutter repairs
- Light fixture and faucet changes
- Stairway, handrail, and deck repairs
- Drywall and flooring repairs
- Window and screen repairs and replacement
- Household moving assistance

### **Please Help Us Help Others Volunteer and Identify Those Who Need Help**

Helping Hands provides the opportunity for volunteers to give back in response to our Lord's blessings. You can serve in any of three ways:

- **Pray for Helping Hands:** Pray for the safety and well-being of those who labor; pray for the success of projects and pray for blessings and answered prayers to those we serve.
- **Help Us Help Others:** Sign up to volunteer. No special skills needed! Does not require a lot of time! There are plenty of tasks and you help when you can and however you can. Ideally, projects are completed in a half day, and we generally organize Helping Hands teams for the 4th Saturday each month.
- **Help Us Help You:** If you need help, let us know! God gives everyone times in their life when they can serve, and times when they need to be served. Both ends are blessings from God, so allow us to help you when you need a Helping Hand. Service provided at no cost.

To sign up as a volunteer or submit a request for assistance, please call the Helping Hands Message Line at 740-527-0517, or send an email to [lickingcountyhelpinghands@gmail.com](mailto:lickingcountyhelpinghands@gmail.com), or call the Parish Office at 740-587-3254.

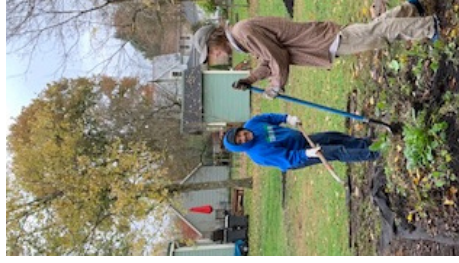




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