

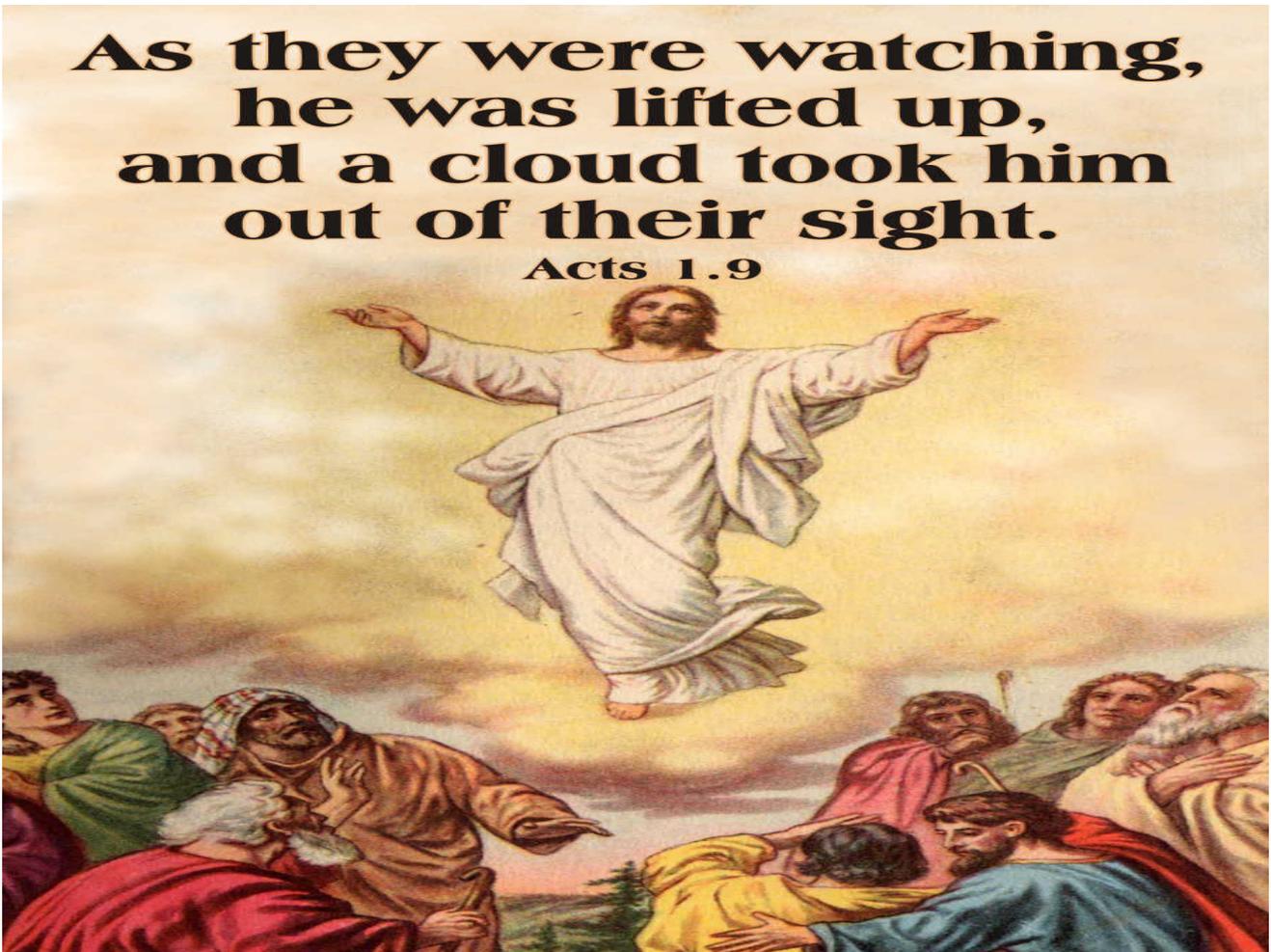
# St. Edward the Confessor

May 13, 2018

Ascension of the Lord

**As they were watching,  
he was lifted up,  
and a cloud took him  
out of their sight.**

**Acts 1.9**



## **Thank You**

Thank you very much for your support and generosity. Last Sunday's collection amounted to \$1120



## Parish Council



The Parish Council will meet this Tuesday, May 15 at 7:15 pm in the church.

## Funeral for John Bryce

The funeral for John Bryce, long time member of St John's, will be on Thursday, May 17 at noon, preceded with visitation starting at 11:00 am. Visitation will also be at Collins Clarke MacGillivray White Funeral Home Wednesday from 7 to 9 pm.



The next meeting for First Holy Communion will be on Thursday, May 17 at 6:30 pm at the church for children and parents.

Please pray for the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion. They are:

Benjamin David

Bohumil Krejcar

Isabella Krejcar

Lara Jones

Matteo Mirabella

Molly Mathews

These prayers are offered in the spirit of our common experience - every one of us has been borne by a mother. These prayers from the heart are offered for mothers everywhere

### **Gratitude for my Mother**

Dear Lord, today I turn to you to give you thanks for my mother. With your own gift of life, she bore me in her womb and gave me life. She tenderly, patiently cared for me and taught me to walk and talk. She read to me and made me laugh. No one delighted in my successes more; no one could comfort me better in my failures. I am so grateful for how she mothered me and mentored me, and even disciplined me.

Please bless her, Lord, and comfort her. Help her loving heart to continue to love and give of herself to others. Strengthen her when she is down and give her hope when she is discouraged.

Most of all, Lord, on this Mother's Day, give my mother the graces she most needs and desires today. I ask you this, in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior forever and ever.

### **For a Mother who has died**

Dear Lord, relying on your promises to us, I turn to you in trust that my mother is with you and that she is enjoying your loving embrace. You alone know how she loved the best she could and how she faithfully endured the struggles that she faced. You know the graces you gave her and you know the grace she was for me and for so many. For all the ways she truly loved the way you loved her, please reward her, Lord. May she enjoy the communion of all her family and friends who are with you.

Lord, I know my mother still loves us who are still here on earth. I ask you that you might listen to her fervent prayers for us. Help me to grow into a new and deeper relationship with my mother now, as I long for the day when we will both meet in your embrace - freed from all that might have hindered our relationship on earth, knowing and understanding everything we did not know or understand on this earth.

I ask you this with faith in the resurrection, trusting my mother's love, and desiring that she knows my love for her. Amen.

### **From A Working Mother**

My Loving Creator,

You know how really tired I am. On days when things are really frantic, I consider how you made the world in seven days -- and then I try to remember that you aren't asking me to re-create that feat.

Please help me to remain a loving mother to my children and to keep some balance in my life. Help me to remember that you are with me in every packed hour of every day. As I am finishing a work project or planning dinner or buying the kids shoes, (sometimes all at the same time) help me to remember your loving care for me and let me sometimes stop for a moment and just wallow in that.

Most of all, my caring Father, let me remember to ask for help and to rely on you for strength when I have none left; for patience when mine is so often gone; and for the wisdom and endless well of compassion and love I need in my job as mother.



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