

**DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON**  
**ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**SHRINE OF BLESSED CEFERINO**



**MISSION STATEMENT**

As a Family of faith and love, we the members of St. Edward parish follow Jesus, Christ, by being united with Him in Prayer and Sacraments, and by strengthening this union through study and reflection of the Word of God, and by reaching out to our fellow human beings with the commitment to spread the Gospel message to us all. We thus contribute our share in the building up of the Kingdom of God.

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 P.M.  
Sunday: 10:00 A.M.  
Monday: 6:00 P.M.  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:  
10:30 A.M.  
Saturday 9:00 A.M.  
(for Saturday devotion)

**CONFESSION**

After Weekday Mass on request  
Friday 11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.  
Saturday: 3:00 P.M. – 3:45 P.M

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

By appointment only

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday  
10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

Monday 4:00 P.M.- 5:00 P.M  
September – May

**ADORATION**

Tuesday & Wednesday  
11:00 A.M – 3:30 P.M.

**WEDDINGS**

Arrangements should be made  
four months in advance

**Rev. Chidi is available in the Church at the end of Weekly and Sunday Masses to arrange  
Baptism Preparation, Marriage Preparation and for any Blessings or other non-emergency  
matters.**

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 4, 2026

*Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed.*

— 1 John 3:2a

### ALL SHARE IN THE PROMISE

Picture a nativity scene in your mind's eye. The scene likely includes figures arriving on camels, some elaborately dressed, with jeweled boxes containing precious gifts. These magi arrived from distant lands to pay homage to the Christ Child. We know little about the magi, but we do know that these visitors were not Jews. They represent people of all nations who will be drawn to the Lord. "Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance." The Good News of Jesus cannot be limited to one people; all share in the promise of God's mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** — All the nations will worship you, Lord (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrive looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord

**Monday:** St. John Neumann

**Tuesday:** St. Andre' Bessette

**Wednesday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort

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### ~PRAYER CORNER~

#### A PRAYER FOR NEW DAYS AHEAD

***Heavenly Father, thank You for making all things new! As another new year begins, help me live each day for You. May I continually have a new song in my heart to sing to You, no matter what comes my way. I trust in You because I know that Your mercies are new every morning, and nothing ahead of me will take You by surprise. In Jesus' name. Amen.***

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday:** Parishioners of St. Edward's Parish

**Monday:** For a special intention

**Tuesday:** In honor of the Holy Spirit for a special intention  
Buck's Jay & Susanne †

**Wednesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory  
Cannon & Lilly †

**Thursday:** In honor of Padre Pio  
Slugger †

**Friday:** In honor of St. Joseph and St. Anthony for a special intention

**Saturday:** Tommy Jude O'Hara †

### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

- *Laugh a little louder*
- *Smile a little bigger*
- *Love a little deeper*
- *Pray a lot harder*
- *Walk through life a little slower*

### CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC) is the primary source of funding for many critical ministries. We are impacting the lives of our brothers and sisters both spiritually and physically – but there is still much to do. We must continue to fund programs focused on charitable works, outreach, education, and evangelization. Your participation is highly appreciated and let us reach our goal by fulfilling the pledge and generous contribution. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** Before a pastor began to preach one Sunday morning, he thought he should explain why he had a Band-Aid on his chin. "As I was shaving this morning I was thinking about today's message when I lost my concentration and accidentally cut my chin with the razor." He then went on to preach the longest message of his life.

After the service one of the teens greeted the pastor and said, "Pastor, next week why don't you think about your shaving and cut the sermon."

## OUR GIFTS RECORD

Last Week's Collection	\$6,846.00	\$4,288.00
Number Families Contributing	181	155
Total Pledge for 2025	\$155,539.00	\$158,716.00
Pledged to Date (52 Weeks)	\$155,539.00	\$158,716.00
Received to Date	\$129,301.00	\$87,787.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$26,638.00	\$65,834.00

## LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2025
\$635.00	\$11,155.00

25 Ladies contributed last week.

## PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2025
\$100.00	\$18,740.00

2 Families made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

## CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2025 GOAL
\$4,663.00	\$16,196.00

POOR BOX totaled \$100.00.

7 CHILDREN contributed \$35.00.

## FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Black Betty in loving memory of her on the 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death;
2. Dezmas in loving memory of Pat Jay;
3. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

## FLOWERS IN THE ATRIUM IN FRONT OF THE BLESSED MOTHER STATUE ARE OFFERED BY:

Ann Pole & Sheryl

If anyone would like to get flowers in front of the Blessed Mother Statue contact Winnie Ann.

THANK YOU to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

## POEM FOR A NEW YEAR

*Something's moving in,  
I hear the weather in the wind,  
Sense the tension of a sheep-field  
And the pilgrimage of fins.*

*Something's not the same,  
I taste the sap and feel the grain,  
Hear the rolling of the rowan ringing,  
Singing a change.*

*Something's set to start,  
There's meadow-music in the dark  
And the clouds that shroud the mountain slowly,  
Softly start to part.*

## INSPIRING NEW YEAR'S QOUTES

- "I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past."  
—*Thomas Jefferson*
- "Although no one can go back and make a brand-new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending."  
—*Carl Bard*
- "The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide you're not going to stay where you are."  
—*J.P. Morgan*

## READERS

<b>Sat. Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00 P.M.</b> Macy & Montela	<b>Sat. Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 P.M.</b> Natalie & Julie Ann
<b>Sun. Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.</b>	Sutton & Lauren Ashley
<b>Sat. Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.</b> Montela & Christina	<b>Sat. Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.</b> Leah & Dayna
<b>Sun. Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.</b>	Sutton & Lauren Ashley

## READERS – WEEKDAYS

<b>Monday</b>	-	Christina
<b>Tuesday</b>	-	Elegance
<b>Wednesday</b>	-	Kinley
<b>Thursday</b>	-	Bibbie's Liz
<b>Friday</b>	-	Julie Ann

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKDAYS

<b>Monday</b>	-	Julie Ann
<b>Tuesday</b>	-	Willie's Michelle
<b>Wednesday</b>	-	Julie Ann
<b>Thursday</b>	-	Lauren Ashley
<b>Friday</b>	-	Rosie Marie

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>January 3<sup>rd</sup></b>
Right	Theresa Hun
Left	Cathy Carroll

## Saturday 7:00 P.M.

<b>January 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>January 10<sup>th</sup></b>
Mary Regina	Willie's Michelle

## Sunday 10:00 A.M

<b>January 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>January 11<sup>th</sup></b>
Ned's Rose Marie	Ned's Rose Marie