

DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON
ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 18, 2026

I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

— *Isaiah 49:6b*

OUR STRATEGIC GOAL

As a Church, we now move into Ordinary Time. “Ordinary” comes from the Latin root for “order,” which is why we line the Sundays up on the calendar and count them—with “ordinal” numbers—one by one. The orderly way we proceed through the liturgical year reminds us that our faith offers a strategic goal for our lives: eternal happiness with God, who is love. Today’s readings share stories of believers who order their daily activities toward the goal of sharing God’s love. Isaiah embraces his role as God’s servant and works to bring glory not only to Israel, but to the entire world. In a similar way, Saint Paul identifies himself as Christ’s witness in the world and reminds the Corinthians of their life goal: “to be holy.” The Gospel shows us John the Baptist, servant and witness, attentive to God’s loving orders, the divine plan for salvation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

Psalm — I am here to do as you ask, O Lord (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

Gospel — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr.

Tuesday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

Wednesday: St. Agnes

Thursday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Saturday: St. Anthony

PRAYER CORNER

PRAYER TO BEGIN THE DAY

Lord God may everything we do begin with Your inspiration and continue with Your help, so that all of our work today will bring us closer to You. Guide us in our work today, that we may do it not for ourselves alone, but for the common good of all. We ask this in Your name. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: Parishioners of St. Edward’s Parish
Monday: In honor of St. Charbel for a miracle needed
For a special intention
Tuesday: Dior Birthday
Wednesday: Tommy Anthony McGuire 57th Birthday †
Edward Staightner O’Hara Birthday †
Thursday: Jr. & Bridget Ann Anniversary †
In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and
St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy
souls in purgatory
Friday: Big A. Birthday †
For the souls in purgatory
Saturday: Tommy Jude O’Hara †
Ollie Michael Harrison †

CHURCH ENVELOPES Offertory and Development Fund, Ladies’ and Children’s Envelopes for 2026 are in the Atrium of the Church. If you don’t find your envelopes, please contact the Church office immediately.

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 *An old couple who had been married for fifty years decided to take a second honeymoon. They went to the same town, rented the same room, ate in the same restaurant, and then got ready for bed. The husband noticed that his wife took a pill one hour before bed. When he asked why she did, his wife replied that it was to make her feel younger. The husband greedily swallowed the rest of the pills.*

In the morning, the wife noticed that her husband was not in the room. She went to the lobby and then out in the street, where she found him sitting on the pavement. When she asked what he was doing, he replied, “Waiting for the school bus.”

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Last Week's Collection	\$2,568.00	\$1,406.00
Number Families Contributing	61	39
Total Pledge for 2025	\$155,539.00	\$154,344.00
Pledged to Date (2 Weeks)	\$7,239.00	\$5,936.00
Received to Date	\$4,341.00	\$3,402.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$2,898.00	\$2,534.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2026
\$277.00	\$562.00

22 Ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2026
\$1,030.00	\$1,080.00

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

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2026 GOAL
\$73.00	\$17,737.00

POOR BOX totaled \$50.00.

1 CHILDREN contributed \$1.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Scully's in loving memory of Scully's Pat and Bonnie on the Anniversaries of their deaths;
2. the Family of Eddie Smith in loving memory of him on his 37th Birthday and in loving memory of Johnny Jay's Betty Rose on the 1st Anniversary of her death;
3. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

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

Kinley

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

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Thomas Andrew Sherlock and Ivana Carroll.

THANK YOU to a parish member for a \$200 donation in thanks to St. Anthony for the poor for something found; a parish member for a \$50 donation in thanks to St. Anthony a favor received; and to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

DO YOU KNOW?

PEOPLE WHO REGULARLY HELP OTHERS
TEND TO BE SIGNIFICANTLY HAPPIER AND
LESS LIKELY TO BECOME DEPRESSED AS
THEY GET OLDER.

CHURCH OFFICED CLOSED The Church Office will be closed this Monday, January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection next weekend will be for the *Church in Latin America*. Please be generous.

WHAT MONEY CAN BUY

- *A bed, but not sleep,*
- *Books, but not brains,*
- *Food, but not appetite,*
- *Finery, but not beauty,*
- *A house, but not a home,*
- *Medicine, but not health,*
- *Luxuries, but not culture,*
- *Amusement, but not happiness,*
- *Companions, but not friends,*
- *Flattery, but not respect.*

READERS

Sat. Jan. 17th, 4:00 P.M. Mary Martha & Paris

Sat. Jan. 17th, 7:00 P.M. Natalie & Julie Ann

Sun. Jan. 18th, 10:00 A.M. Sutton & Lauren Ashley

Sat. Jan. 24th, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Macy

Sat. Jan. 24th, 7:00 P.M. Mary Martha & Paris

Sun. Jan. 25th, 10:00 A.M. Sutton & Lauren Ashley

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Christina
Tuesday	-	Elegance
Wednesday	-	Kinley
Thursday	-	Bibbie's Liz
Friday	-	Julie Ann

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKDAYS

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

4:00 P.M.	January 17th
Right	Theresa Hun
Left	Cathy Carroll
Saturday 7:00 P.M.	
January 17th	January 24th
Julie Ann	Jack's Mary Rita
Sunday 10:00 A.M.	
January 18th	January 25th
Ned's Rose Marie	Ned's Rose Marie