

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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 25, 2026

Wait for the LORD with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

— *Psalm 27:14*

GOD'S LOVING CARE

Two readings today refer to the northeast region of ancient Israel: “the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali.” Upon hearing these names, some of us might consult maps and determine exactly where these regions lie. Others might let the unfamiliar names drift by unnoticed. If no maps are handy—but we don’t want to ignore the references completely—consider this: we might not know the latitude and longitude of Zebulun and Naphtali, but God does. We praise God for watching over every inch of land and sea, caring perfectly for each creature on the planet. While Isaiah celebrates the depth of God’s care with “abundant joy and great rejoicing,” Saint Paul begs us to remember how the Lord shows this loving care: through the cross. In today’s Gospel, Jesus calls Peter, James, and John to follow him. We follow too, confident that God accompanies us, wherever we are. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The burdens that were once laid upon the people have been vanquished (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3).

Psalm — The Lord guides and saves me (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

Gospel — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel, and curing the people (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Sts. Timothy and Titus

Tuesday: St. Angela Merici

Wednesday: St. Thomas Aquinas

Saturday: St. John Bosco

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

PRAYER TO LOVE MY ENEMIES

Lord God, Prince of Peace, You have asked us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. To teach us how, You sent us Your son Jesus Christ who, even in the agony of crucifixion, cried, “Father forgive them.” Help me pray for those who have harmed or tried to harm me. Give me the grace to truly forgive my enemies and bless those who persecute me. In so doing, I may reflect the loving grace You have shown to me. I ask this in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: Slinger & Betty Suedle
Popeye & Babe

Wednesday: Catherine Ann Pole Anniversary 19th
Anniversary †
Duggan Birthday †

Thursday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and
St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy
souls in purgatory
For the Holy Souls

Friday: Cannon 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.

EDUCATE YOUR CHILDREN

Don’t educate your children to be RICH.

Educate them to be HAPPY.

**So when they grow up they will know the VALUE
of thing; not the PRICE.**

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 One day a man spotted a lamp by the roadside. He picked it up, rubbed it vigorously and a genie appeared.

“I’ll grant you your fondest wish,” the genie said.

The man thought for a moment, then said, “I want a spectacular job—a job no man has ever succeeded at or has ever attempted to do?”

“Poof!” said the genie. “You’re a housewife.”

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Last Week's Collection	\$2,852.00	\$1,564.00
Number Families Contributing	69	48
Total Pledge for 2025	\$155,539.00	\$154,344.00
Pledged to Date (3 Weeks)	\$10,205.00	\$8,709.00
Received to Date	\$6,931.00	\$4,966.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$3,274.00	\$3,743.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2026
\$316.00	\$878.00

19 Ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2026
\$3,550.00	\$4,630.00

3 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 \$12.00.

4 **CHILDREN** contributed \$20.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

- Dallas and Raven for a special intention;
- and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

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

Tommy Touch & Richlie

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 third time for Thomas Andrew Sherlock and Ivana Carroll.

3 CLASSES OF PEOPLE

- The few who make things happen.
- The many who watch things happen.
- The majority who have no idea what is happening.

THANK YOU to a parish member for a \$50 donation in thanks to St. Anthony for something found; a parish member for a \$50 donation in thanks to the Baby Jesus; a parish member for a donation in thanks to the Sacred Heart and Holy Spirit for a favor received; a parish member for a donation in honor of St. Padre Pio; and to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

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

CHURCH COLLECTIONS & OFFERINGS

- ❖ *The collection is a church function in which many take a passing interest.*
- ❖ *The way people give, you would think the church is coin operated.*
- ❖ *It's funny how a dollar can look so big when you take it to the church and so small when you take it to a restaurant.*
- ❖ *Anybody who thinks there's a shortage of coins hasn't been to church lately.*

READERS

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| Sat. Jan. 24 th , 4:00 P.M.
Christina & Macy | Sat. Jan. 24 th , 7:00 P.M.
Mary Martha & Paris |
| Sun. Jan. 25 th , 10:00 A.M. | Josie & Lauren Ashley |
| Sat. Jan. 31 st , 4:00 P.M.
Montela & Christina | Sat. Jan. 31 st , 7:00 P.M.
Leah & Dayna |
| Sun. Feb. 1 st , 10:00 A.M. | Josie & Lauren Ashley |

READERS – WEEKDAYS

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKDAYS

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

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| <u>4:00 P.M.</u> | <u>January 24th</u> |
| Right | Theresa Hun |
| Left | Cathy Carroll |

Saturday 7:00 P.M.

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| <u>January 24th</u> | <u>January 31st</u> |
| Jack's Mary Rita | Mary Regina |

Sunday 10:00 A.M

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| <u>January 25th</u> | <u>February 1st</u> |
| Ned's Rose Marie | Ned's Rose Marie |