

**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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

*I will praise the Lord all my life, sing praise to my God while I live.*

— Psalm 146:2

### THE PEOPLE OF GOD'S KINGDOM

In our Gospel reading from Matthew, we hear the Beatitudes, the stirring opening to the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is proclaiming the coming of the kingdom of God, and begins by considering what kind of people will enter and participate in this kingdom. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the clean of heart, the peacemakers. We hear both Zephaniah and Paul echo this, as God specifically chooses the weak and the lowly to be God's agents in ushering in the reign of God. By living with humility and integrity, their hearts are open to being transformed by the grace of God. We too are called to live in this way. Jesus invites us to be people with open hearts, to receive God's blessing. And working through us, God may bless all of creation.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).

**Psalm** — The Lord blesses the humble and gives them the heavenly kingdom (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

**Gospel** — Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).

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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** The Presentation of the Lord

**Tuesday:** St. Blaise; St. Ansgar

**Thursday:** St. Agatha

**Friday:** St. Paul Miki and Companions;

First Friday

**Saturday:** First Saturday

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### PRAYER CORNER

#### A FAMILY PRAYER

*Give us new eyes, Lord, to see our lives in the light of Your love. Too often our fear, anger, or hurt fogs our vision. Help us to see Your providence in the glory of trees, lakes, and cloudless skies. Help us to see Your generosity in the many gifts we enjoy each day. Help us to see Your wisdom in the rhythm of the days, the weeks, the seasons, and the years. Help us to see Your image in the faces of everyone we meet and to know Your goodness in the joy and love we feel for one another. We ask You this because we know You love us. Amen.*

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

**Monday:** Pete Jason Carroll 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary †

Maggie Taylor 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary †

**Tuesday:** Jack's Eddie Birthday

Dior Birthday

**Wednesday:** Beasley Anniversary †

In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory

**Thursday:** Jack's Cathy 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary †

For the souls in purgatory

**Friday:** Paco 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary †

Hagee Smith Birthday †

**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.

### NO NEED TO RUSH

*There's no need to rush.*

*What's meant for you always arrives on time.*

### 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

**For two solid hours, the lady sitting next to a man on an airplane had told him about her grandchildren. She had even produced a plastic-foldout photo album of all nine of the children.**

**She finally had realized that she had dominated the entire conversation on her grandchildren. "Oh, I've done all the talking, and I'm so sorry. I know you certainly have something to say. Please, tell me...what do you think of my grandchildren?"**

**OUR GIFTS RECORD**

Last Week's Collection	\$1,930.00	\$1,064.00
Number Families Contributing	55	42
Total Pledge for 2025	\$155,539.00	\$154,344.00
Pledged to Date (3 Weeks)	\$13,171.00	\$11,612.00
Received to Date	\$8,374.00	\$6,030.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$4,797.00	\$5,582.00

**LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD**

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2026
\$290.00	\$1,168.00

14 Ladies contributed last week.

**PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT**

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2026
\$0.00	\$4,630.00

No Families made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

**CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)**

Amount given to date	2026 GOAL
\$153.00	\$17,737.00

**POOR BOX** totaled \$50.00.

4 **CHILDREN** contributed \$17.00.

**FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:**

1. a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

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

Tammy & Monroe

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

**FEAST OF ST. BLAISE** St. Blaise is the patron saint of those with throat maladies. We shall celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise with Solemn Mass and Blessing of Throats during the mass this Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 A.M.

**REASONS**

The one who loves you will never leave you  
Because if there are

**100 REASONS**

To give up he/she will find

**ONE REASON**

To hold on.

**2025 TAX STATEMENTS** 2025 Tax statements for donations made during the year were mailed to those who contributed. If you did not receive your statement, please contact the Church Office at 803-279-1837.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** The second collection next weekend will be for the *Catholic Appeal of South Carolina*.

**THANK YOU** to a parish member for a \$300 donation in thanks to St. Expedite; a parish member for a \$50 donation in thanks to St. Anthony; and to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

**LIVE A LIFE THAT MATTERS**

*At the end of life, what really matters is not what we bought but what we built; not what we got but what we shared; not our competence but our character; and not our success, but our significance.*

*Live a life that matters. Live a life of love.*

**READERS**

**Sat. Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Montela & Christina  
**Sat. Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 P.M.** Leah & Dayna

**Sun. Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Josie & Lauren Ashley

**Sat. Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Mary Martha & Paris  
**Sat. Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.** Natalie & Julie Ann

**Sun. Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Josie & Lauren Ashley

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

Monday	-	Julie Ann
Tuesday	-	Kinley
Wednesday	-	Dayna
Thursday	-	Marlo
Friday	-	Ivana

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKDAYS**

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

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>January 31<sup>st</sup></b>
<b>Right</b>	Theresa Hun
<b>Left</b>	Cathy Carroll

<b>Saturday 7:00 P.M.</b>	
<b>January 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>February 7<sup>th</sup></b>
Mary Regina	Kim Gallon

<b>Sunday 10:00 A.M.</b>	
<b>February 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>February 8<sup>th</sup></b>
Ned's Rose Marie	Ned's Rose Marie