

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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

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

— Psalm 27:14

THE LIGHT OF SERVICE

The prophet Isaiah inspires us with these words: “Light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.” All of us celebrating the liturgy today praise God for these words of encouragement. Surely each of us knows the gloomy side of life, but today’s readings propose a brilliant antidote to misery: the light of service. Isaiah focuses on physical suffering, telling us to provide food, clothing, housing, and equal opportunity to those with limited resources. Moving beyond material needs, Saint Paul demonstrates how to proceed humbly when attending to people’s spiritual needs. Saint Matthew’s Gospel stirs us to bold action: whatever gifts we have, we must put them at the service of our communities. As Christians, we must engage with one another without holding back, letting our light shine before all.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

Psalm — One who is just is a model for the righteous (Psalm 112).

Second Reading — My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

Gospel — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16).

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Scholastica

Wednesday: Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday: Sts. Cyril and Methodius

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

A PRAYER OF HOPE

Lord, thank You for your healing and grace. Please restore hope in faithful around the world as they live with the unimaginable. Give us the strength to help lessen the wounds and heartaches of our Christian brothers and sisters and give them the strength to accept the struggles inflicted upon them each day. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: Parishioners of St. Edward’s Parish

Monday: Hughie Burke 4th Anniversary †

Johnny Shack Riley Birthday †

Tuesday: Tommy McGuire 57th Birthday †

Edward Straighner O’Hara Birthday †

Wednesday: Ann Sherlock 41st Anniversary †

Chalkeye 4th 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 Birthday †

Underdog Birthday & Anniversary †

Landrie 1st Anniversary †

Friday: Birdie Sherlock Anniversary †

For the holy souls in purgatory

Saturday: Tommy Jude O’Hara †

Ollie Michael Harrison †

BE WISE

***Don’t approach a goat from the front,
a horse from the back,
or a fool from any side.***

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 young clergyman preaching his first sermon, was very nervous. He started with the text, “Behold I come!” Then his mind went blank. He bravely repeated, “Behold I come!” Still his frightened brain wouldn’t function. So he leaned over the pulpit and repeated once more, “Behold I come!”

At that moment the pulpit collapsed. He tumbled over into the lap of a lady. He got up and, red-faced, stammered, “Oh, I’m sorry! Please forgive me!” the lady was not upset in the least and replied, “That’s all right. I should have been expecting you. After all you warned me three times!”

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Last Week's Collection	\$1,599.00	\$812.00
Number Families Contributing	59	43
Total Pledge for 2026	\$101,140.00	\$108,740.00
Pledged to Date (4 Weeks)	\$9,700.00	\$10,463.00
Received to Date	\$9,756.00	\$6,842.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$56.00)	\$3,621.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2026
\$327.00	\$1,495.00

17 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
\$238.00	\$17,737.00

POOR BOX totaled \$105.00.

6 **CHILDREN** contributed \$34.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Jack's Cathy in loving memory of her on the 7th Anniversary of her death;
2. the Family of Hughie Burke in loving memory of him on the 4th Anniversary of his death;
3. Ned, Stephanie, and Neylan in loving memory of Landrie on the 1st Anniversary of her death;
4. the Wife and Family of Jimmy Mulholland in loving memory of him on the 1st Anniversary of his death;
5. the Scully's in loving memory of Pete Scully on the 11th Anniversary of his death;
6. the Wife & Family of Chalkeye in loving memory of him on the 4th Anniversary of his death;
7. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

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

Dior & Montela

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

THANK YOU FROM THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF GEORGIA

Thank you so much for your donation to the Children's Hospital of Georgia. We really appreciate you thinking of the patients and families here and helping us serve them. Thanks again for your kindness, generosity, and support!
Thanks, The Child Life Department

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

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

FORGETTING

Everyone forgets at one time or other. These are the things people forget most often:

- **Name** 83%
- **Where something is** 60%
- **Telephone number** 57%
- **Faces** 42%

READERS

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| Sat. Feb. 7th, 4:00 P.M.
Mary Martha & Paris | Sat. Feb. 7th, 7:00 P.M.
Natalie & Julie Ann |
| Sun. Feb. 8th, 10:00 A.M. | Josie & Lauren Ashley |
| Sat. Feb. 14th, 4:00 P.M.
Macy & Montela | Sat. Feb. 14th, 7:00 P.M.
Leah & Dayna |
| Sun. Feb. 15th, 10:00 A.M. | Josie & Lauren Ashley |

READERS – WEEKDAYS

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

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKDAYS

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

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

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| 4:00 P.M. | February 7th |
| Right | Theresa Hun |
| Left | Cathy Carroll |

Saturday 7:00 P.M.

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| February 7th | February 14th |
| Kim Gallon | Willie's Michelle |

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

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| February 8th | February 15th |
| Ned's Rose Marie | Ned's Rose Marie |