

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.

ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Paul Hennessy

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.
Friday
9:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.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 SIXTH IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

*Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.
Psalm 31(30):3-4*

THE GLORY OF THE DIVINE WAY

Today's readings draw us into ageless, vibrant depths. Followers of God's law, we belong to ancient traditions. Children of God, we marvel at the freshness of creation. The Old Testament readings, from Sirach and the Psalms, celebrate the rich blessings we receive when we observe God's commands—not because we are slaves to the law, but because the law gives life in abundance. Saint Paul's Letter to the Corinthians confirms the glory of divine law, but warns that God's ways tend to be unpopular and misunderstood in this world. Paul speaks of the ancient wisdom of God, which is mysteriously both "hidden" and "revealed." God does not have secret codes that we earthly mortals cannot understand; in love, God reveals the glory of the divine way in Jesus. Saint Matthew's Gospel emphasizes the importance of living in God's law, enlivened by a deep and personal relationship with Jesus.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

Psalms — Happy are those who observe God's commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

Gospel — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast & Abstinence

Friday: Abstinence

Saturday: St. Peter Damian

PRAYER CORNER

TAKE PITY ON ME

*Father, I believe that You hear my cries and take pity on the anguish of my heart. Extend Your hand as I seek Your loving pardon for the selfishness in my life, when I place my own desires and comfort above other's needs and failed to offer You due thanks for Your care and mercy. May selfishness, my enemy, be overcome by Your grace so that I may never cease to proclaim Your praise now and in eternity. Amen.
Alleluia!*

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: Parishioners of St. Edward's Parish
Monday: Tommy Taylor †
Johnny Man's Bridget Ann †
Tuesday: Jr. & Bridget Ann †
Big Jimmy's Joanne †
Wednesday: Big Johnny & Winnie †
In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory
Thursday: Little Jim †
For the souls in purgatory †
Friday: In honor of the holy souls & Precious Blood Barney Shot †
Saturday: Tommy Jude O'Hara †
Ollie Michael Harrison †

GOD ALWAYS MAKES A WAY

GOD DIDN'T REMOVE THE RED SEA. HE PARTED IT. SOMETIMES HE DOESN'T REMOVE YOUR PROBLEMS. BUT HE ALWAYS MAKES A WAY THROUGH THEM.

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 morning a lame man struggled into a Catholic Church. He stopped in front of the holy water font, splashed some on both legs, and then threw away his crutches.

An altar boy witnessed the scene and rushed into the rectory to tell the pastor what he'd just seen.

"Son, you've just witnessed a miracle!" the priest cried. "Tell me, where is this man now?"

"Flat on his back over by the holy water," the boy said.

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Last Week's Collection	\$2,823.00	\$1,907.00
Number Families Contributing	97	75
Total Pledge for 2026	\$101,140.00	\$108,740.00
Pledged to Date (5 Weeks)	\$11,670.00	\$12,576.00
Received to Date	\$12,507.00	\$8,749.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$837.00)	\$3,827.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2026
\$332.00	\$1,827.00

16 Ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2026
\$2,500.00	\$7,130.00

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 \$125.00.

4 **CHILDREN** contributed \$18.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Jack's Cathy in loving memory of her on her 75th Birthday;
2. the Family of Underdog in loving memory of him on his 61st Birthday and 16th Anniversary of his death;
3. Jimmy Jay and Mary Melissa in loving memory of Rev. Peter Clarke on the 6th Anniversary of his death;
4. the Gallons in loving memory of Johnny and Catherine Ann Gallon on their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversary;
5. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

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

Stacy

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

ASH WEDNESDAY Lent begins with **ASH WEDNESDAY**. Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, will be celebrated at 12 NOON. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of 6 ½ weeks of repentance, fasting and abstinence in preparation for Easter. The ashes are symbols of being sorry for things we have done and want to get rid of them forever. This is also a reminder to us that we all come from ashes and to ashes we return.

MASS ON FRIDAYS during Lent will be at 7 P.M.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS during Lent, will be held every Friday after 7:00 P.M. Mass. The Stations of the Cross will be led on Friday:

- Feb. 20:** Legion – O.L. of Presentation
Feb. 27: Legion – O.L. of Epiphany
Mar. 6: Religious Education Teachers
Mar. 13: Lectors
Mar. 20: Youth Group & Young Girls Org.
Mar. 27: Society of Mary Immaculate
Apr. 3: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

SPECIAL COLLECTION The collection on Ash Wednesday will be for the *Church in Central & Eastern Europe*. Please be generous.

THANK YOU to a parish member for a \$200 donation in thanks to St. Expedite; a member for a \$100 donation in thanks to St. Charbel; and a member for a \$50 donation in thanks to St. Anthony and the Sacred Heart; a member for a \$50 donation in honor and thanks to the Holy Spirit; a member for a \$50 donation in honor and thanks to Our Lady of Lourdes on her Feast Day; a member for a \$50 donation in honor and thanks to St. Charbel; a member for a \$50 donation in honor and thanks to the Holy Face of Jesus on his Feast day; a member for a donation in honor of St. Joseph the Worker; and to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

READERS

- 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
Sat. Feb. 21st, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Montela
Sat. Feb. 22nd, 7:00 P.M. Natalie & Julie Ann
Sun. Feb. 15th, 10:00 A.M. Josie & Lauren Ashley

READERS – WEEKDAYS

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

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.**
Right Theresa Hun
Left Cathy Carroll
- Saturday 7:00 P.M.**
February 14th Willie's Michelle
February 15th Julie Ann
- Sunday 10:00 A.M.**
February 21st Ned's Rose Marie
February 22nd Ned's Rose Marie