

**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: 7:00 P.M.  
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday: 10:30 A.M.  
Friday: 7:00 P.M.  
Saturday: 9:00 A.M. (for Saturday devotion)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

After Friday 7:00 P.M. Mass

**CONFESSION**

After Weekday Mass on request  
Friday: 10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.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**

September – May  
4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

**ADORATION**

Tuesday & Wednesday  
11:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.  
Friday  
10:30 A.M. – 11:30 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 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

*“When He calls on me, I will answer Him;  
I will deliver Him and give Him glory, I will grant Him length of days”.*  
*Psalm 91(90):15-16*

### WHO WE ARE AND WHOSE WE ARE

The Lenten season is a fresh invitation to explore again who God is, who we are, and what it means to be human. We begin by hearing the tragic story of the first humans in the book of Genesis. As Paul describes in Romans, our struggles started when our ancestors broke the bond of unity with God, sought self-sufficiency, and grew apart from their true purpose and identity. In Matthew’s Gospel, we see how Jesus resists the lure of living outside of unity with God. Jesus rejects false promises of possessions, power, and status. Instead, he puts his life in his Father’s hands. As our model for living as a fully human person, Jesus demonstrates that we are created to live in relationship with and trust in God, and in harmony with and for all of creation.

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### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

**Psalm** — Have mercy on us sinners, O Lord (Psalm 51).

**Second Reading** — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

**Gospel** — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** The First Sunday of Lent

**Monday:** St. Polycarp

**Friday:** St. Gregory of Narek; **Abstinence**

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### ~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

#### LENTEN PRAYER

*Lord Jesus, give me a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity, and a great love of you. Take from me all lukewarmness in the meditation of your word, and dullness in prayer. Give me fervor and delight in thinking of you and your grace, and fill me with compassion for others, especially those in need, that I may respond with generosity. Amen.*

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday:** Parishioners of St. Edward’s Parish  
**Monday:** Tommy Jude O’Hara 32<sup>nd</sup> Birthday †  
Big Joe Birthday †  
**Tuesday:** Bryan Jude Cat Birthday  
Montela Birthday  
**Wednesday:** Betty McGuire Birthday †  
Huey Gabe Sherlock Birthday †  
**Thursday:** In honor Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory  
For a special intention  
**Friday:** Black Pete & Winnie Ann Birthday †  
For the souls in purgatory  
**Saturday:** Tommy Jude O’Hara †  
Ollie Michael Harrison †

### DIFFERENT APPROACH TO FASTING

#### *Fast from:*

- |                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| * Anger and Hatred          | * Discouragement          |
| * Judging others            | * Complaining             |
| * Resentment and Bitterness | * Spending too much money |

*May you find yourself walking in the love of Jesus during this Season of Lent.*

### 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** A man walks into a church, outside of mass hours and finds the priest. He pulls out a gun and says, “Give me everything you have.”

The priest panics and desperately searches his pocket. He doesn’t have any money on him, but finds several pieces of wrapped candy, which he holds out and says, “I’m sorry. This is all I have!”

The robber replies, “But, Father, I gave up candy for Lent!”

**OUR GIFTS RECORD**

Last Week's Collection	\$3,282.00	\$2,045.00
Number Families Contributing	84	68
Total Pledge for 2026	\$101,140.00	\$108,740.00
Pledged to Date (5 Weeks)	\$13,615.00	\$14,680.00
Received to Date	\$15,448.00	\$10,794.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$1,833.00)	\$3,886.00.00

**LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD**

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2026
\$253.00	\$2,080.00

20 Ladies contributed last week.

**PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT**

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2026
\$260.00	\$7,390.00

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

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

Amount given to date	2026 GOAL
\$511.00	\$17,737.00

**POOR BOX** totaled \$120.00.

2 **CHILDREN** contributed \$10.00.

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

1. the Family of Big Joe in loving memory of him on his Birthday;
2. the Family of Bessie in loving memory of her on her Birthday;
3. Billy Jude, Mary Rita, Matt, Jennifer, and Faro Thomas in loving memory of Tommy Jude on his 32<sup>nd</sup> Birthday and the blue rose is in loving memory of Deputy's Mary Ann;
4. the Family of Pete Tick Carroll in loving memory of him on his 87<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
5. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

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

Paris & Logan

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

**ADORATION ON FRIDAY** during lent will be from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**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. 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

**ENJOY THE LENTEN SEASON**

**Give up complaining...and focus on gratitude.**  
**Give up harsh judgments...think kind thoughts.**  
**Give up bitterness...turn to forgiveness.**  
**Give up hatred...return good for evil.**  
**Give up anger...practice patience.**  
**Give up gossiping...control your tongue.**  
**Give up sin...turn to virtue.**  
**You can't direct the wind,**  
**But you can adjust your sail.**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** The second collection next weekend will be for *Black & Indian Home Missions*. Please be generous.

**THANK YOU** to a parish member for a \$50 donation in honor and thanks to the Sacred Heart; a parish member for a \$50 donation in thanks to St. Theresa the Little Flower; a parish member for a \$50 donation in thanks to St. Joseph; a parish member for a \$50 donation in thanks to the Infant Jesus; a parish member for a \$50 donation in thanks to St. Jude; 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.

**READERS**

<b>Sat. Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 P.M.</b> Christina & Montela	<b>Sat. Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 P.M.</b> Natalie & Julie Ann
<b>Sun. Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 A.M.</b>	Josie & Lauren Ashley
<b>Sat. Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.</b> Leah & Dayna	<b>Sat. Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.</b> Paris & Mary Martha
<b>Sun. Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 A.M.</b>	Josie & Lauren Ashley

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

<b>Monday</b>	-	Julie Ann
<b>Tuesday</b>	-	Kinley
<b>Wednesday</b>	-	Dayna
<b>Thursday</b>	-	Marlo
<b>Friday</b>	-	Ivana

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKDAYS**

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

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

<b><u>4:00 P.M.</u></b>	<b><u>February 21<sup>st</sup></u></b>
<b>Right</b>	Theresa Hun
<b>Left</b>	Cathy Carroll
	<b><u>Saturday 7:00 P.M.</u></b>
<b><u>February 21<sup>st</sup></u></b>	<b><u>February 28<sup>h</sup></u></b>
Julie Ann	Jack's Mary Rita
	<b><u>Sunday 10:00 A.M.</u></b>
<b><u>February 22<sup>nd</sup></u></b>	<b><u>March 1<sup>st</sup></u></b>
Ned's Rose Marie	Ned's Rose Marie