

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 & 4:00 P.M.
Monday: 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday: 10:30 A.M.
Friday : 6:00 P.M.
Saturday: 9:00 A.M. (for Saturday devotion)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

After Friday 6:00 P.M. Mass

CONFESSION

After Weekday Mass on request
Friday: 10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.
Saturday: 3:00 P.M. – 3:30 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 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 8, 2026

*“My eyes are always on the Lord, for He rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.”
Psalm 25(24):15-16*

GOD EVER PURSUES US

We hear today of God’s unrelenting pursuit of us. Our readings tell stories of God’s intense desire to share the divine life with us. From Exodus, we see how God shows endless persistence and compassion, even to those who grumble against God, or seem to have forgotten God. From the Gospel of John, we hear of how Jesus, in his extended conversation with the Samaritan woman, gives her dignity, names uncomfortable truths, and gradually leads her into a new path of faith. We can have confidence that as we bring our own confusions, fears, and failings to God, we may receive God’s mercy and forgiveness. God always persists and continually finds new ways to invite people into unity with God. As Paul describes in Romans, in the cross we see how God will go to any length to demonstrate the depth and breadth of divine love.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the LORD heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Psalm — Listen to God’s voice today; be not hardhearted (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Third Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Frances of Rome
Friday: Abstinence

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

THANK YOU, LORD

Thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which You have given us – for all the pains and insults which You have borne for us. O Most merciful redeemer, friend, and brother, may we know You more clearly, love You more dearly, and follow You more nearly, for Your own sake. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: Parishioners of St. Edward’s Parish
Monday: Mary Lisa McNally Birthday †
Jack D. 49th Birthday †
Tuesday: Mike Thomas 16th Birthday
Jimmy Chalkston 19th Birthday
Wednesday: In honor of St. Joseph
In honor Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory
Thursday: For the suffering souls in purgatory †
Pete Suedle & Mary Louise †
Friday: Brian Benedict 37th Birthday †
For the souls in purgatory †
Saturday: Tommy Jude O’Hara †
Ollie Michael Harrison †

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.

EASTER LILIES It is asked that each family donate \$10 for the Easter lilies. Please give your donation to Duggan’s Mary Rita, Bridget Rita, or the Church Office.

JOKE OF THE WEEK **One day a police car pulled up to grandma’s house and grandpa got out. The officer explained that this elderly gentleman said he was lost in the park.**

“Why, Bill,” said Grandma. “You’ve been going there for over 30 years! How could you get lost.”

Leaning close to Grandma so the police officer couldn’t hear, he whispered, “Wasn’t exactly lost. I was just too tired to walk home.”

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Last Week's Collection	\$2,533.00	\$2,037.00
Number Families Contributing	88	69
Total Pledge for 2026	\$101,140.00	\$108,740.00
Pledged to Date (7 Weeks)	\$17,460.00	\$18,827.00
Received to Date	\$20,080.00	\$14,513.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$2,620.00)	\$4,314.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2026
\$556.00	\$2,921.00

20 Ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2026
\$0.00	\$7,390.00

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

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2026 GOAL
\$573.00	\$17,737.00

POOR BOX totaled \$100.00.

2 CHILDREN contributed \$9.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Raven in thanks for her on her 13th Birthday;
2. the Wife and Family of Jack D. in loving memory of him on his 49th Birthday;
3. Mary Jean and Family in loving memory of Ned on his Birthday;
4. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

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

Uncle's Betty

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

TRUE RICHNESS

Whenever you want to know how rich you are...

Don't count your money,

drop a tear and count how many hands reach out to wipe it.

THAT'S TRUE RICHNESS.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins this Sunday, March 8th. Remember to set your clocks forward by one hour.

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

MASS ON FRIDAYS during Lent will be at 6:00 P.M.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS during Lent, will be held every Friday after 6:00 P.M. Mass. The Stations of the Cross will be led on Friday:

Mar. 13: Lectors
Mar. 20: Youth Group & Young Girls Org.
Mar. 27: Society of Mary Immaculate
Apr. 3: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

GOD IS ALWAYS THERE

There is never a day that God isn't there.

So don't give up and surrender to your circumstances.

You are loved by God.

There may be days you struggle.

There may be days you feel weak.

But there is never a day that God isn't there.

His love will give the strength to continue to go forward.

THANK YOU to a parish member for a \$100 donation in thanks to St. Expedite and to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

READERS

Sat. Mar. 7th, 4:00 P.M. Montela & Leah
Sun. Mar. 8th, 10:00 A.M. Josie & Lauren Ashley

Sun. Mar. 8th, 4:00 P.M. Macy & Christina

Sat. Mar. 14th, 4:00 P.M. Macy & Montela
Sun. Mar. 15th, 10:00 A.M. Josie & Lauren Ashley

Sun. Mar. 15th, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Natalie

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday - Natalie
Tuesday - Elegance
Wednesday - Graclynn
Thursday - Marlo
Friday - Paris

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKDAYS

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

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

4:00 P.M.
Right Theresa Hun
Left Cathy Carroll

Sunday 10:00 A.M

March 8th Ned's Rose Marie
March 15th Ned's Rose Marie

Sunday 4:00 P.M

March 8th Natalie
March 15th Jack's Mary Rita