

**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. & 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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 22, 2026

*“Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for You, O God, are my strength.”*

—Psalm 43(42):1-2

### LIFE FROM GOD

As we approach Holy Week, our readings speak of a God who, in the midst of death, brings new life to the people. In Ezekiel, we hear that God will open the graves of the people of Israel, who faced near extinction. In the Gospel of John, Jesus gives new life to Lazarus in a manner that prefigures the resurrection of Jesus. Paul tells the Romans that in Christ, God will not only give life to our bodies after death, but God offers us abundant life here and now. We observe that the external conditions for the people described in these readings did not radically change. Israel was still in exile. Lazarus would eventually face death again. But now God's presence and power are revealed. Even when our situation in life is difficult and perhaps not likely to change soon, we remember that the Spirit dwells within us.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Thus says the LORD GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and saves us (Psalm 130).

**Second Reading** — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

**Gospel** — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** The Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Monday:** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

**Wednesday:** The Annunciation of the Lord

**Friday:** Abstinence

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

#### FOR DECEASED PARENTS

***O God, Who commanded us to honor our father and our mother, in Your mercy have pity on the soul of my father (of my mother) and forgive him (her) his (her) sins. May I see him (her) again in the joy of everlasting brightness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

**Monday:** Savvy 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Mary Cat soul

**Tuesday:** Buck's Jay & Susanne Kaiser 3<sup>rd</sup>

Anniversary †

Petie Rabbit & Francis †

**Wednesday:** Maul's Jim & Bridget Ann †

Landrie Birthday †

**Thursday:** Eric Riley 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary †

Justin 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary †

**Friday:** Cannon & Kaiser's Lily 11<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary and Birthday †

Matt Martin Birthday †

**Saturday:** Scully's Pat †

Bonnie †

### 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** A child asked his mother, "How were people born?" His mother said, "Adam and Eve had babies, then their babies became adults and had babies, and so on."

The child then went to his father, asked him the same question and he told him, "We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now."

The child ran back to his mother and said, "You lied to me!" His mother replied, "No, your father was talking about his side of the family, and I was talking about my side."

**OUR GIFTS RECORD**

Last Week's Collection	\$1,958.00	\$1,327.00
Number Families Contributing	69	52
Total Pledge for 2026	\$101,140.00	\$108,740.00
Pledged to Date (9 Weeks)	\$21,395.00	\$23,064.00
Received to Date	\$24,293.00	\$17,455.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$2,898.00)	\$5,609.00

**LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD**

<b>Amount given last week</b>	<b>Amount given to Date in 2026</b>
\$473.00	\$4,922.00

24 Ladies contributed last week.

**PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT**

<b>Amount given last week</b>	<b>Amount given to Date in 2026</b>
\$0.00	\$7,390.00

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

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

<b>Amount given to date</b>	<b>2026 GOAL</b>
\$573.00	\$17,737.00

**POOR BOX** totaled \$100.00.

4 **CHILDREN** contributed \$16.00.

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

- Pat Riley and Teri in thanks for Savvy on her 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
- the Family of High in loving memory of him on the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of his death and High's Rosie on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death;
- the Rouks in loving memory of Mary Francis on the 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death and Pete Rouk on the 57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
- Tommy Touch and Jim Carroll's Catherine Mary in loving memory of their father Thomas Tag Carroll on the Anniversary of his death and Birthday;
- the Wife and Family of Barney Sarge Riley in loving memory of him on the 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
- and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

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

Bibbie's Betty Jean

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

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE** will be this Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.

**THANK YOU** to a parish member for a donation in honor of St. Anthony for something lost and to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

**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. 27:** Society of Mary Immaculate

**Apr. 3:** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

**GOLDEN SENTENCES**

- When you are in a problem, don't think it's the *End*. It is only a *Bend in Life*.
- It is not how we *care in the beginning*, but how much we *care till the end*.
- Never *play* with *feelings of others*. You may *win*, but *lose the person for a lifetime*.

**READERS**

**Sat. Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Montela & Macy  
**Sun. Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Josie & Lauren Ashley

**Sun. Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Macy & Christina

**Sat. Mar. 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**  
*1<sup>st</sup> Reading* Montela  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading* Macy  
*Narrator* Macy  
*Speaker* Montela  
**Sun. Mar. 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
*1<sup>st</sup> Reading* Josie  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading* Jimmy Joseph  
*Narrator* Josie  
*Speaker* Jimmy Joseph

**Sun. Mar. 29<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**  
*1<sup>st</sup> Reading* Christina  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading* Natalie  
*Narrator* Natalie  
*Speaker* Christina

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>** Ned's Rose Marie  
**March 29<sup>th</sup>** Ned's Rose Marie

**Sunday 4:00 P.M**

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>** Cathy Carroll  
**March 29<sup>th</sup>** Dayna