

*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)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

After Friday 6:00 P.M. Mass  
during Lent

**CONFESSION**

After Weekday Mass on request  
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.

**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.**

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2026

*“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”*

— John 14:6

### VOCATION

Roman Catholics in the United States spend a good deal of time speaking of “vocation” and the manner in which each of us discerns our vocation for life. In today’s apostolic letter, however, Peter gives us the “cornerstone” of our vocation, the description of what each of us is called to first and foremost by our baptism. He describes our vocation as “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of [God’s] own, so that you may announce the praises” of Christ, who called us out of darkness into light (1 Peter 2:9). All of us, no matter what path our life’s vocation may take us down, have been chosen by God, made holy, and anointed as priests in the high priesthood of Christ through baptism. All of this, so that we may announce the praises of Christ. Vocation is given for proclamation at home, in the workplace—wherever life takes us—in service, in word, and in sacrament.

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### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7).

**Psalm** — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).

**Gospel** — “Show us the Father,” Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: “Whoever sees me, sees the Father” (John 14:1-12).

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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Fifth Sunday of Easter

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### PRAYER CORNER

#### **JESUS GIVE ME**

**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 mediation 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 might respond with generosity. Amen.**

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday:** Parishioners of St. Edward’s Parish  
**Monday:** Kody 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Mary Doates Birthday  
**Tuesday:** Pete Suedle 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary &  
Mary Louise †  
Buck’s Jay & Susanne Birthday †  
**Wednesday:** Rosie Girl 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary †  
Johnny & Mary Carroll Sherlock †  
**Thursday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague  
and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all  
the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
For the souls in Purgatory †  
**Friday:** Penn Birthday †  
D.R.’s Patrick Jude 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary †  
**Saturday:** In honor of the Holy Family  
In honor of St. Joseph for a special  
intention

### 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** During one “generation gap” quarrel with his parents, a young man cried,

“I want excitement, adventure, money, romance. I’ll never find it here at home, so I’m leaving. Don’t try to stop me!”

With that he headed toward the door, his parents close behind.

“Didn’t you hear what I said? I don’t want you to stop me!”

“Who’s stopping you?” replied his parents. “We’re going with you!”

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

Last Week's Collection	\$1,409.00	\$865.00
Number Families Contributing	60	44
Total Pledge for 2026	\$101,140.00	\$108,740.00
Pledged to Date (16 Weeks)	\$33,065.00	\$35,632.00
Received to Date	\$41,729.00	\$30,432.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$8,664.00)	\$5,200.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

<b>Amount given last week</b>	<b>Amount given to Date in 2026</b>
\$277.00	\$6,864.00

17 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	\$8,050.00

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

### CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

<b>Amount given to date</b>	<b>2026 GOAL</b>
\$1,828.00	\$17,737.00

POOR BOX totaled \$106.00.

1 CHILD contributed \$1.00.

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Pat Raphael, Beauty, Liam Patrick, and Mary Ann in thanks for Paisley on her 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
2. the Wife and Family of Pat Raid in loving memory of him on the 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
3. the Family of Buddy's Winnie Ann in loving memory of her on 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:

Raid's Cathy & Bridget Rita

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

THANK YOU to a parish member for a \$100 donation in thanks to St. Anthony; a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Anthony Food for the Poor; a parish member for a donation in honor of the Sacred Heart and the Holy Spirit; a parish member for a donation in honor of St. Anthony for something lost; a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Joseph and the Divine Mery; and to four parish members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

### TO BE STRONG

Even solid things like **IRON** becomes **WEAK** when its **HOT**.

People can **USE** it as they **WISH**.

So always try to stay **COOL** if you wish to be **STRONG**.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection next weekend will be for the *Catholic Charities of South Carolina*. Please be generous.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The Church Office will be closed this Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and will reopen Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

### UPLIFTING QUOTES

“God has *PERFECT TIMING*: never early, never late. It takes a little patience and a lot of *FAITH*, but it's worth the wait.”

“God only puts us through as much as we can handle so the people who struggle the most have been *CHOSEN* by God to be the strongest ones.”

### INTERESTING FACTS

- 50% of a person's bones and 50% of the muscles, are in the two legs.
- The largest and strongest bones of the human body are also in the legs.
- 70% of human activity and burning of energy in one's life is done by the two feet.
- When a person is young, his/her thighs have enough strength to lift a small car of 800kg.
- The foot is the center of body locomotion.
- Aging starts from the feet upward.

### READERS

**Sat. May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**  
Dayna & Leah

**Sun. May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
Lauren Ashley & Josie

**Sat. May 9<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**  
Julie Ann

**Sun. May 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
Rose Marie

### READERS – WEEKDAYS

<b>Monday</b>	-	Dayna
<b>Tuesday</b>	-	Kinley
<b>Wednesday</b>	-	Graclynn
<b>Thursday</b>	-	Theresa Maria
<b>Friday</b>	-	Julie Ann

### EUCHARISTIC 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

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>May 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
<b>Right</b>	Theresa Hun
<b>Left</b>	Cathy Carroll
<b>Sunday 10:00 A.M</b>	
<b>May 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>May 10<sup>th</sup></b>
Ned's Rose Marie	Ned's Rose Marie