

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)

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.**

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10, 2026

“I will ask the Father, and he will give you . . . the Spirit of truth.”

— *John 14:16-17*

THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE

“What is the reason for your hope?” Imagine somebody coming up to you and asking you that question. Not “What are you hoping for?” or “What are you hoping to do?” No, this isn’t about our desires for possessions or aspirations for life, it’s “Why do you hope?” Peter today tells us that we ought to be ready to give an answer to this question. Truth be told, few of us spend much time thinking about why we hope. Luckily, the scriptures today give us our answers. We hope because Christ suffered for us, in order that we might come to God. We hope because we know that, in the Spirit, God grants us another Advocate through Christ to remain with us always. No matter what we might hope for, whatever we might hope to do, we must always first know and proclaim the reason for our hope: the presence of God in Christ, with us through the power of the Spirit. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).

Psalm — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66)

Second Reading — Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18) or *1 Peter 4:13-16*.

Gospel — I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21) or *Jn 17:1-11a*.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter
Tuesday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus
Wednesday: Our Lady of Fatima
Thursday: St. Matthias
Friday: St. Isidore

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

A MOTHER’S DAY PRAYER FOR YOU

I said a Mother’s Day prayer for you to thank the Lord above for blessing me with a lifetime of your tenderhearted love. I thanked God for the caring you’ve shown me through the years, for the closeness we’ve enjoyed in time of laughter and of tears. And so, I thank you from the heart for all you’ve done for me and I bless the Lord for giving me the best mother there could be. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: For the Mothers of St. Edward’s Parish
Monday: Blonde Mary Birthday †
Jack D. †
Tuesday: Willie Costello †
In honor of God the Father for a special intention
Wednesday: In honor of Our Lady of Fatima on her Feast Day for a special intention
In honor of the Sacred Heart and Holy Spirit
Thursday: Deputy’s Mary Ann Anniversary †
In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Friday: In honor of the Holy Souls & Precious Blood
Barney Shot †
Saturday: Tommy Jude O’Hara †
Ollie Michael †

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.

JOKES ABOUT A MOTHER

- A mother is trying to get her son to eat carrots. “Carrots are good for your eyes,” she says.
“How do you know?” the boy asks.
The mother replies, “Have you ever seen a rabbit wearing glasses?”
- Elephant: “Why do mother kangaroos hate rainy days?”
Hippo: “I give up.”
Elephant: “Because their kids have to play inside.”
- Chris: “Why is a computer so smart?”
Mom: “It listens to its motherboard.”

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Last Week's Collection	\$2,356.00	\$1,567.00
Number Families Contributing	77	58
Total Pledge for 2026	\$101,140.00	\$108,740.00
Pledged to Date (16 Weeks)	\$35,010.00	\$37,728.00
Received to Date	\$43,930.00	\$31,999.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$8,920.00)	\$5,729.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2026
\$356.00	\$7,210.00

21 Ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2026
\$0.00	\$8,050.00

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

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2026 GOAL
\$1,828.00	\$17,737.00

POOR BOX totaled \$113.00.

4 **CHILD** contributed \$21.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Rosie Girl in loving memory of her on the 16th Anniversary of her death and Mother's Day and in loving memory of Pat L.'s Ann Marie on Mother's Day;
2. the Family of Betty Costello in loving memory of her on Mother's Day;
3. the Family of Betty Apple in loving memory of her on Mother's Day;
4. the Family of Nora Frances in loving memory of her on Mother's Day;
5. the Wife and Family of Penn in loving memory of him on his Birthday;
6. the Family of D.R.'s Patrick Jude in loving memory of him on the 2nd Anniversary of his death;
7. 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 Catherine Ann

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

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

WHAT IS A MOTHER

Mothers are the sweetest gift from God to us. There is no way we can ever really thank our mother for all she does for us, nevertheless we must make it a habit to keep reminding ourselves of the various sacrifices she made while raising us. Mother's Day is the best time to say in words how much you love and care for your Mom.

Rev. Chidi Onwuka, m.ss.cc

Wishes A Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers of St. Edward Family.

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**.

THANK YOU to 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 Holy Spirit; a parish member for a donation in honor of St. Anthony for something lost; and to two parish members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

MOTHER'S LOVE

There is only one pretty child in the world, and every mother has it.

READERS

Sat. May 9th, 4:00 P.M. Julie Ann	Sun. May 10th, 10:00 A.M. Rose Marie
Sat. May 16th, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Natalie	Sun. May 17th, 10:00 A.M. Rose Marie

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Dayna
Tuesday	-	Kinley
Wednesday	-	Graclynn
Thursday	-	Theresa Maria
Friday	-	Julie Ann

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKDAYS

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

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

<u>4:00 P.M.</u>	<u>May 9th</u>
Right	Theresa Hun
Left	Cathy Carroll
<u>Sunday 10:00 A.M</u>	
<u>May 10th</u>	<u>May 17th</u>
Ned's Rose Marie	Ned's Rose Marie