

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.**

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 17, 2026

He was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.

— Acts 1:9

“PUSHED” OUT ON MISSION

There is a delightful character in the original *Dr. Dolittle Tales* called the “Pushmi-Pullyu.” It is a beast with two identical halves, with a head at each end. No matter which direction the beast walks, one end is the “push me” and the other is the “pull you.” Today’s feast is a bit like that in the life of the church. In the book of the Acts of the Apostles, it is the ascension of Christ that calls for the Holy Spirit, which consequently sends or “pushes” the church out on its mission. This is the message that we hear from the angels today as they tell the friends of Jesus not to look up into the clouds, but to get busy. It is the message of Jesus himself in Matthew’s Gospel, as he sends them out to baptize. He also tells them, “I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20). And it is this message, confident in faith that Jesus has ascended to shouts of joy, that “pulls” us along to our final destiny. The life of the faithful disciple, sent into the world on mission, will one day know the same risen, ascended glory.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23).

Gospel — Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord
- Monday:** St. John I
- Wednesday:** St. Bernadette of Siena
- Thursday:** St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions
- Friday:** St. Rita of Cascia

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

THANK YOU GOD

*Dear God, I know that I am not perfect,
I know sometimes I forget to pray,
I know I have questioned my faith,
I know sometimes I lose my temper,
But thank You for loving me unconditionally
and giving me another day to start over again.
Amen.*

MASS INTENTIONS

- Sunday:** Parishioners of St. Edward’s Parish
- Monday:** Alicia Riley Birthday
Tommy Daley & Thomasanna
- Tuesday:** Hannah Dempsey †
Jack D. †
- Wednesday:** Bridget Marie Carroll †
Pete Anthony Carroll †
- Thursday:** Bibbie Birthday †
For the souls in Purgatory †
- Friday:** Apple’s Mattie Birthday †
Katie Riley Birthday †
- Saturday:** Mattie Sherlock & Katie Babe †
In honor of St. Joseph the Worker 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.

BELIEVE IN YOUR SELF

**If you believe you are right but still people criticize you, hurt you, shout at you, don’t bother.
Just remember “In every game, only audience makes noise, not players.”
Be a player...believe in yourself!
And do the best!**

JOKE OF THE WEEK

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, “How do you expect to get into heaven?”

The boy thought it over and said, “Well, I’ll just run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, “For heaven’s sake, Jimmy, come in or stay out.”

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Last Week's Collection	\$1,261.00	\$657.00
Number Families Contributing	42	30
Total Pledge for 2026	\$101,140.00	\$108,740.00
Pledged to Date (17 Weeks)	\$36,955.00	\$39,824.00
Received to Date	\$45,076.00	\$32,656.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$8,121.00)	\$7,168.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2026
\$191.00	\$7,401.00

9 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
\$2,038.00	\$17,737.00

POOR BOX totaled \$98.00.

CHILD contributed \$0.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Johnny Martin and Family in loving memory of Mary Riley on her 69th Birthday;
2. the Family of Bridget Johnson, Teter Sherlock, Frances Carroll, and Jeanette in loving memory of them on Mother's Day;
3. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

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

Tina Johnson

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

WHAT HELPS IN YOUR LIFE?

**Time, power, money, and body
may not cooperate every time in life,
but good nature, good understanding, spiritual
path and true spirit will always cooperate in life.**

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for the *Catholic Communications Campaign*. Please be generous.

HEALING RETREAT Rev. Antony Parankimalil, VC and Team will be having a Healing Retreat this Wednesday, May 20th and Thursday, May 21st from 5:30 P.M. – 9:30 P.M. in the Church. All are encouraged to attend.

MAY CROWNING OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

will be held next Saturday, May 23rd during Mass.

THANK YOU to 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 a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

"NO EXCUSES" SUNDAY

- **Cots will be placed in the narthex for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to sleep in."**
- **There will be a special section with lounge chairs for those who feel the pews are too hard.**
- **Blankets will be furnished for those who think the church is too cold, and fans for those who say it is too hot.**
- **The section by the window will be reserved for those who like to seek God in nature.**

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READERS

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

Sat. May 23rd, 4:00 P.M. **Sun. May 24th, 10:00 A.M.**
Macy & Montela Lauren Ashley & Josie

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

4:00 P.M. **May 16th**
Right Theresa Hun
Left Cathy Carroll

Sunday 10:00 A.M

May 17th **May 24th**
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