

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, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:
10:30 A.M.
Saturday 9:00 P.M.

CONFESSION

After Weekday Mass on request
Friday 11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
Saturday: 3:00 P.M. – 3:45 P.M.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

By appointment only

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Tuesday 4:00 P.M.- 5:00 P.M.
September – May

ADORATION

Tuesday & Wednesday
10:30 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 18, 2025

“Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.”

— Revelation 21:3

MAKING ALL THINGS NEW

Although we are five full weeks into the celebration of Easter, today’s readings focus on newness. Our Easter food leftovers may be long gone, but the readings insist on every moment’s freshness in the risen Jesus. The Acts of the Apostles depicts Paul and Barnabas reflecting on all the innovative work that God has done with them. They have traveled hundreds of miles, introducing faith in Jesus Christ to all who listen, even Gentiles. For the dutiful Jewish scholar Paul, preaching to Gentiles is a completely unique development. Jesus calls Paul, and us, not to be afraid of new challenges: as John the Evangelist reports in Revelation, Jesus promises to “make all things new.” In the Gospel reading, Jesus even gives us a new commandment. The Hebrew Scriptures overflow with commandments, but Jesus knows we need one more, perfect mission: “love one another.”

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Paul and Barnabas continue their travels, spreading the faith and unifying the churches (Acts 14:21-27).

Psalm — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — John’s vision of God dwelling with the human race (Revelation 21:1-5a).

Gospel — As Jesus has loved us, so we must love one another (John 13:31-33a, 34-35).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Tuesday: St. Bernadine of Siena

Wednesday: St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions

Thursday: St. Rita of Cascia/Sidore

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

A PRAYER FOR HOPE

Heavenly Father, there are times when I feel helpless and weak, when my faith seems at a low ebb, and I feel frighteningly alone. In those moments, Father, instill within me the hope that fills my soul with light, renews my faith and allows me to bask in the glory of Your love. Help me to always look toward tomorrow with hope, knowing that in all things, Your will, and not mine, will be done. In the name of Your Son, Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: Parishioners of St. Edward’s Parish

Monday: In honor of St. John Paul

Tuesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday: Bibbie Birthday †

Thursday: Tommy Rabbit †

Friday: Apple’s Mattie Birthday †
Katie Riley Birthday †

Saturday: In honor of St. Paul the Apostle for a special intention

EVERY PROBLEM HAS A SOLUTION

Mathematics may not teach us how to add happiness or how to minus sadness. But it does teach one important thing: EVERY PROBLEM HAS A SOLUTION

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.

SMILING

SMILING is the best way to face every problem, to crush every fear, and to hide every pain.

JOKE OF THE WEEK Joe was broke. His business had gone bust and in desperation he prayed to God to make him win the lottery. But he was out of luck and had to sell his car. The next week he again prayed to God to make him win the lottery, but once more he was out of luck and had to sell his house.

With his wife about to leave him, Joe made one last plea to God to make him win the lottery. God came back to him and said: “Listen, Joe, meet me halfway on this – buy a ticket.”

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Last Week's Collection	\$1,184.00	\$1,082.00
Number Families Contributing	55	39
Total Pledge for 2025	\$155,539.00	\$158,716.00
Pledged to Date (18 Weeks)	\$56,286.00	\$57,801.00
Received to Date	\$49,818.00	\$37,966.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$6,468.00	\$19,835.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2025
\$140.00	\$5,006.00

13 Ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last wee	Amount given to Date in 2025
\$50.00	\$14,020.00

1 Family made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2025 GOAL
\$1,748.00	\$16,196.00

POOR BOX totaled \$60.00.

1 **CHILD** contributed \$5.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Pete Anthony Carroll in loving memory of him on the 7th Anniversary of his death;
2. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

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

Karen & Charisma

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

BANNS OF MARRIAGE are announced for the third time for Jack Patrick Sherlock and Skylar Sherlock.

"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.**

SMART QUESTIONS

1. **If swimming is good exercise to stay fit, why are whales fat?**
2. **Why is it that everyone wants to go to Heaven, but nobody wants to die?**
3. **In our country we have freedom of Speech, so why do we have telephone bills?**
4. **If money doesn't grow on trees, then why do banks have branches?**
5. **Why do we still call it a building, when it is already built?**

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

SUCCESSFUL IN LIFE

*To be most successful in life,
always forget the problems that you faced in life,
but never forget the lessons that those problems taught you.*

READERS

Sat. May 17th, 4:00 P.M. Leah & Dayna	Sun. May 18th, 4:00 P.M. Jimmy Joseph & Lauren Ashley
Sat. May 24th, 4:00 P.M. Montela & Macy	Sun. May 25th, 4:00 P.M. Jimmy Joseph & Lauren Ashley

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Cheryl
Tuesday	-	Mary Martha
Wednesday	-	Graclynn
Thursday	-	Josie
Friday	-	Theresa Maria Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKDAYS

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

<u>Saturday 4:00 P.M.</u>	<u>May 17th</u>
Right	Theresa Hun
Left	Cathy Carroll

Sunday 10:00 A.M

<u>May 18th</u>	<u>May 25th</u>
Ned's Rose Marie	Ned's Rose Marie