

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, 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.**

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 24, 2026

There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.

— Acts 2:3

THE RICHNESS OF THE SPIRIT

Students, and most adults recalling their school days, are familiar with the phrase “compare and contrast” that shows up from time to time on tests. Today we hear two different accounts of the giving of the Holy Spirit to the church. Let’s contrast, then compare. Luke’s account from Acts is filled with arresting details: the mighty wind from heaven, the tongues of flame, the miracle of different languages. John’s account seems timid: fearful disciples, the wounded Christ, the expelling of breath from his risen body, not from the sky. Our literal, modern minds wonder which way it happened; our noisy culture probably makes us prefer the former. But if we compare the two, we find that the dazzling richness of the Spirit fills both accounts, for it is the very breath of the risen Christ, ascended to the sky in Luke, that appears to his disciples in John and sends his followers forth to carry on his mission of forgiving sin and proclaiming the mighty acts of God.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13).

Gospel — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

Monday: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Tuesday: St. Philip Neri

Wednesday: St. Augustine

Friday: St. Paul VI

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

PENTECOST PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I thank You for the gift of Pentecost and for the new life You offer in the Holy Spirit.

Fill me with Your Holy Spirit and set my heart ablaze with the fire of Your love that I may serve You in joy and freedom. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: Parishioners of St. Edward’s Parish

Monday: Tom Tite & Katie †

Buddyman & Betty Ann †

Tuesday: Big Pierre Anniversary †

Jimmy Riley & Bridget Riley †

Wednesday: Jim Carroll 86th Birthday †

In honor of St. Joseph the Worker for a special intention

Thursday: Jim Riley 1st 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 Spirit for a special intention

In honor of the Sacred Heart for a special intention

Saturday: Pete Suedle & Mary Louise Birthday †

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

By the time the morning service was to begin in a church, only one man was present. The minister said to him, “It looks like everyone has slept in. Do you want to go home, or should I preach the sermon?”

The man replied, “When I go to feed the chickens and only one comes, I still feed it.”

The minister took that as a yes, mounted the pulpit and delivered an hour-long sermon. At the end, he asked the man what he thought. His answer: “When I go to feed the chickens and only one comes, I don’t give it the whole bucket!

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Last Week's Collection	\$1,905.00	\$1,345.00
Number Families Contributing	56	43
Total Pledge for 2026	\$101,140.00	\$108,740.00
Pledged to Date (18 Weeks)	\$38,900.00	\$41,920.00
Received to Date	\$46,911.000	\$34,001.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$8,011.00)	\$7,919.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2026
\$298.00	\$7,699.00

19 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
\$2,248.00	\$17,737.00

POOR BOX totaled \$160.00

1 **CHILD** contributed \$1.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Apple's Mattie in loving memory of him on his Birthday and in loving memory of Katie Riley on her Birthday;
2. Jimmy Jay and Mary Melissa in loving memory of Little Pat's Mary Ann on the 1st Anniversary of her death;
3. the Wife and Daughters of Jim Carroll in loving memory of him on his 85th Birthday;
4. the Family of Eddie Gerard Riley in loving memory of him on the Anniversary of his death;
5. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

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

Dallas & Raven

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

PENTECOST

*Today we feel the wind beneath our wings
 Today the hidden fountain flows and plays
 Today the church draws breath at last and sings
 As every flame becomes a tongue of praise.
 This is the feast of fire, air and water
 Poured out and breathed and kindled into the earth
 The earth herself awakens to her maker
 And is translated out of death to birth.
 The right words come today in their right order
 And every word spells freedom and release
 Today the Gospel crosses every border
 And tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace
 Today the lost are found in His translation
 Whose mother-tongue is Love, in every nation.*

MONDAY MASS Beginning this Monday, May 25th Mass on Monday will be at 10:30 A.M. until further notice.

BEAUTIFUL LINES

- Prayer is not a "SPARE WHEEL" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "STEERING WHEEL" that directs the right path throughout life.
- Why is a car's windshield so LARGE and the rearview mirror so SMALL? Because our PAST is not as IMPORTANT as our FUTURE. So, LOOK AHEAD and MOVE ON.
- FRIENDSHIP is like a BOOK. It takes a FEW SECONDS TO BURN, but it takes YEARS TO WRITE.
- All things in life are TEMPORARY. If they are GOING WELL, ENJOY them. They WILL NOT LAST FOREVER. If they are going wrong, DON'T WORRY, they CAN'T LAST LONG EITHER.
- Old FRIENDS are GOLD! New FRIENDS are DIAMONDS. If you get a DIAMOND, DON'T FORGET the GOLD! To HOLD A DIAMOND, you always need a BASE OF GOLD!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The Church Office will be closed this Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

THANK YOU to a parish member for a \$500 donation in thanksgiving to Jesus, Mary and Joseph for prayers answered; a parish member for a \$400 donation in thanksgiving for prayers answered; a parish member for a \$200 donation in honor of St. Expedite for answered prayers; a parish member for a \$100 donation in honor of St. Anthony for something found; a parish member for a \$100 donation to St. Anthony for the needy; and to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

SATURDAY MORNING MASS Beginning in June there will not be Saturday morning Mass at 9:00 A.M. until further notice.

READERS

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

Sat. May 30th, 4:00 P.M. **Sun. May 31st, 10:00 A.M.**
 Christina & Natalie 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 17th**
Right Theresa Hun
Left Cathy Carroll

Sunday 10:00 A.M

May 24th **May 31st**
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