

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.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday:
10:30 A.M.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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.**

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 2, 2026

“All you who are thirsty, come to the water!”

— *Isaiah 55:1a*

OUR DEEPEST NEEDS

The word of God serves up a tremendous feast for us today. Isaiah beckons all who hunger and thirst to come to the Lord for satisfaction. The psalmist cries out, “The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs” (Psalm 145:16). Saint Paul tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Finally, in the Gospel, we hear the story of the miraculous feeding of over five thousand people from a mere five loaves and two fish. Most of us have our material needs met on a day-to-day basis. These scriptures, nevertheless, have much to say to the contemporary believer. We must ask ourselves, “Where are my deepest hungers? Where are my thirsts?” After material needs are satisfied and, in some cases, over-satisfied, many people still experience a deep longing for spiritual balance and well-being. As the loaves and fish are multiplied in today’s Gospel, perhaps our prayer can be a longing for the satisfaction of the deepest needs that only God can fill.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — All you who thirst, come to the water! You without money, come to the feast! (*Isaiah 55:1-3*).

Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (*Psalm 145*).

Second Reading — Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ (*Romans 8:35, 37-39*).

Gospel — All ate until satisfied; they collected twelve baskets of what was left over (*Matthew 14:13-21*).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. John Vianney

Wednesday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Friday: St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan; First Friday

Saturday: St. Dominic

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

FOR GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION

Loving God, I give You thanks for this day You have given me. I ask that Your Spirit be with me.

Guide and direct my thoughts and my actions, So that others may see the love that Christ has given to everyone in me. Help me to be aware of the needs of those around me, and give me the courage to share Your love with everyone I meet.

In Jesus’ name. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: Parishioners of St. Edward’s Parish

Monday: *No Mass*

Tuesday: Eddie Carroll Birthday †

Jack D. †

Maggie Butts †

Wednesday: Amalorpava Nathan †

Buck’s Jay Birthday & Anniversary †

Susanne Kaiser †

Tommy & Katie Suedle †

Thursday: Pete Jason Carroll Birthday †

Johnny Weaver & Barbara Jean †

Friday: Big Apple 10th Anniversary †

Jim Suedle & Mary Catherine †

ALL ARE FREE

*The richest wealth is **WISDOM**.*

*The strongest weapon is **PATIENCE**.*

*The best security is **FAITH**.*

*The greatest tonic is **LAUGHTER**,*

*& surprisingly, **ALL ARE FREE**.*

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 Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says,

“John, I’m 83 years old now and I’m just full of aches and pains. I know, you’re about my age. How do you feel?” John says, “I feel just like a newborn baby.”

“Really!?” like a newborn baby!?”

“Yep. No hair and no teeth.”

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Last Week's Collection	\$2,265.00	\$1,255.00
Number Families Contributing	35	24
Total Pledge for 2026	\$101,660.00	\$109,520.00
Pledged to Date (27 Weeks)	\$58,950.00	\$63,188.00
Received to Date	\$69,202.00	\$50,083.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$10,252.00)	\$13,105.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2026
\$307.00	\$10,616.00

12 Ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2026
\$80.00	\$13,790.00

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

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2026 GOAL
\$3,211.00	\$17,737.00

POOR BOX totaled \$100.00

3 CHILDREN contributed \$7.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Jimmy Jay and Mary Melissa in loving memory of Little Pat's Mary Ann on her Birthday;
2. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

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

P.A.'s Ann Marie

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection next weekend will be for *Disaster Assistance*. Please be generous.

MY PRAYER CHAIR

*In have a favorite little spot
Where I sit to say a prayer;
In a quiet corner of my home-
I call it my prayer chair.*

*Within easy reach... my bible,
My rosary and my shrine
Where I can pray to Mary
And her Son Divine.*

*If things go wrong or when I feel
My cross too hard to bear,
I find peace and encouragement,
As I sit in my prayer chair.*

THREE FAST MEANS OF COMMUNICATIONS

- Telephone

- Television

- Tell a woman

Still need faster communication.

Tell her **NOT TO TELL** anyone!!

The radius of **WIFI** is limited.

But the radius of **Wife-Eye** is unlimited.

THANK YOU to a parish member for a \$200 donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

INTERESTING DEFINITIONS

1. Dentist: fellow who bores you to tears.
2. Dieting: accepting every loss as a gain.
3. Discussion: an exchange of intelligence as opposed to argument which is an exchange of ignorance.
4. Dreams: the free movies of sleep
5. Doctor's Office: a good place where you find the newest in medicine and the oldest in reading material.

READERS

Sat. Aug. 1st, 4:00 P.M.
Montela & Macy

Sun. Aug. 2nd, 10:00 A.M.
Lauren Ashley & Josie

Sat. Aug. 8th, 4:00 P.M.
Macy & Montela

Sun. Aug. 9th, 10:00 A.M.
Lauren Ashley & Josie

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Tuesday	-	Macy
Wednesday	-	Christina
Thursday	-	Natalie
Friday	-	Julie Ann

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKDAYS

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

<u>4:00 P.M.</u>	<u>August 1st</u>
Right	Theresa Hun
Left	Cathy Carroll

Sunday 10:00 A.M

<u>August 2nd</u>	<u>August 9th</u>
Ned's Rose Marie	Ned's Rose Marie