

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.
Weekday: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:
10:30 A.M.
Saturday 9:00 A.M.
(for Saturday devotion)

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
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 3, 2025

“Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.”

— *Psalm 90:12*

THE CENTER OF A MEANINGFUL LIFE

Today’s readings invite us to reflect upon some of life’s deepest questions, and to explore the meaning of faith. We hear of the universal human search for meaning in our lives in the book of Ecclesiastes. In Luke’s Gospel, we hear Jesus’ parable about one who foolishly seeks ultimate security through the accumulation of wealth. In Colossians, faith in the crucified and resurrected Christ is proclaimed as the path to a richly purposeful and meaningful life. The path of Christian faith places our work, our sufferings, and our limitations within the larger picture of God’s purposes for all of us. In Jesus, God is revealed as our companion in human suffering and limitation. God’s love is at the center of a meaningful life. We place our trust in this loving God, who created us to share in this love, and to share this love with others.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Do not spend your life toiling for material gain (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Christ has raised you to new life, so seek now what is above (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).

Gospel — Be on guard against all greed, for your life does not consist of earthly possessions, but of the riches of the reign of God (Luke 12:13-21).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Monday: St. John Vianney

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

Wednesday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Thursday: St. Sixtus II

Friday: St. Dominic

Saturday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

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

PRAYER FOR EASING OF STRESS AND ANXIETY

Lord, there has been too much change in my life recently, and I feel overwhelmed. Because I try to be a responsible person, I sometimes forget that it is unwise for me to allow my sense of duty to override my common sense.

Lord, help me to allow myself more time to rest, relax and pray.

Guide me toward something spiritual to read every day and a quiet time afterwards to reflect on what I have read and how it pertains to my life. I truly want to simplify my life and live more as You did. Help me remember that there is no loss or problem I must face alone. You are always near, with Your love and compassion to comfort me. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: Parishioners of St. Edward’s Parish

Monday: Eddie Carroll Birthday †

Tommy Rabbit †

Ollie Michael †

Hagee Smith †

Jimmy Christopher Cat †

Tuesday: Knight Birthday

Thomas Paco Birthday

Wednesday: Pete Suedle & Mary Louise †

Petie Cat Gorman Birthday †

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

Thursday: Big Apple 9th Anniversary †

Little Pat’s Mary Ann Birthday †

Suffering Souls †

Friday Bibbie Anniversary †

Margaret Sherlock Birthday †

Nim’s Lena †

Mockhem †

Saturday: Pete Jason Birthday †

Barbara Jean Carroll †

Johnny Weaver †

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

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|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Last Week's Collection | 1,313.00 | \$833.00 |
| Number Families Contributing | 42 | 31 |
| Total Pledge for 2025 | \$155,539.00 | \$158,716.00 |
| Pledged to Date (28 Weeks) | \$88,127.00 | \$90,578.00 |
| Received to Date | \$70,903.00 | \$52,069.00 |
| Envelopes Outstanding | \$17,224.00 | \$38,509.00 |

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2025 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$114.00 | \$6,601.00 |

12 Ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2025 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$50.00 | \$14,860.00 |

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

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

| Amount given to date | 2025 GOAL |
|----------------------|-------------|
| \$2,453.00 | \$16,196.00 |

POOR BOX totaled \$50.00.

1 CHILD contributed \$1.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Jimmy Jay and Mary Melissa in loving memory of Big Apple on the 9th Anniversary of his death;
2. Jim Jay and Mary Melissa in loving memory of Little Pat's Mary Ann on her Birthday;
3. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

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

Kaiser's Theresa & Touch's Bridget Ann

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

THANK YOU to a parish member for \$100 donation in thanks to St. Expedite and to a member for a \$50 donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

MONDAY MASS During the month of August, mass on Monday will be at 6:00 P.M.

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

THREE FAST MEANS OF COMMUNICATIONS

- Tele phone
- Tele vision
- 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.

FAMILY RENEWAL & HEALING SERVICE

Come experience the power of God's unconditional love! Please join Fr. Antony Parankimalil, V.C. and team for a special Family Renewal and Inner Healing Service on August 26th & 27th from 5:30 P.M. – 9:30 P.M. This prayer service will include Holy Mass, Eucharistic adoration, Testimonies by special guests, and Praise and Worship.

Fr. Antony is the Director of the Divine Retreat Centre, Rwanda, East Africa, founded four years ago. He has served in various leadership roles within the US, UK, Kenya, and India zealously preaching the Word of God through inner healing retreats and prayer services. Fr. Antony holds a Ph.D. in Spiritual Theology from Angelicum University in Rome.

INSPIRING THOUGHTS

*Anger is a condition in which the tongue works faster than the mind.

*You can't change the past. But you can ruin the present by worrying over the future.

*God gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him.

*All people smile in the same language.

READERS

Sat. Aug. 2nd, 4:00 P.M. Paris & Mary Martha
Sun. Aug. 3rd, 10:00 A.M. Sutton & Lauren Ashley

Sat. Aug. 9th, 4:00 P.M. Natalie & Julie Ann
Sun. Aug. 10th, 10:00 A.M. Sutton & Lauren Ashley

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday - Graclynn
Tuesday - Macy
Wednesday - Margo
Thursday - Natalie
Friday - Julie Ann

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKDAYS

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. **August 2nd**
Right Theresa Hun
Left Cathy Carroll

Sunday 10:00 A.M

August 3rd Ned's Rose Marie
August 10th Ned's Rose Marie