

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.**

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 16, 2026

*“Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed.”
— Isaiah 56:1*

WHY PRAY?

The “foreigners” as Isaiah calls them, the “Gentiles” as Paul calls them, or the “Canaanites” as Matthew calls them are called to worship the one true God in prayer. As we listen to today’s readings, perhaps we are tempted to ask: Why pray? The question is rhetorical; it is tantamount to asking why should friends talk to one another or people in love kiss one another. Prayer is a way of relating to God, a way of talking to God. The apostles had the opportunity to talk to Jesus in the flesh. We have the opportunity to talk to Jesus Christ in prayer. Our relationship with him must be enthusiastic; it cannot be faint-hearted. John Donne, a fifteenth-century poet, knew what the qualities of good prayer were. Donne asks God to treat him differently from most Christians. The poet does not want God to merely “knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend,” but also to “break, blow, burn, and make me new” (*Holy Sonnets*, XIV). It takes a dynamic faith on our part to come to God in prayer. As Jesus once said, “Knock and the door will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7). It may take pounding the door down, but if we are as persistent as the woman in today’s Gospel, the results will follow.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Thus says the LORD: “Stand firm in justice; do what is right” (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

Gospel — Recognizing the Canaanite woman’s great faith, Jesus told her, “It shall be done as you wish” (Matthew 15:21-28).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday: St. John Eudes

Thursday: St. Bernard

Friday: St. Pius X

Saturday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

A FAMILY PRAYER

Jesus we pray, that together in moderation, following Your life in imitation, strengthened by Your inspiration each one of us may bow in adoration, persevering in our sanctification in union with You in exultation according to Your will. Amen

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: Parishioners of St. Edward’s Parish

Monday: Funeral

Tuesday: Bad Eddie & Rabbit’s Mary Ann †
Bad Johnny †
Patsy Butts †
T.K. †

Wednesday: P.A. & Theresa †
D.R.’s Patrick Jude †
Pat “Al” Carroll Birthday †
Petie Rabbit & Francis †

Thursday: Tommy Jude O’Hara 5th Anniversary †
Costello 1st Anniversary †
Tommy Suedle Birthday †
For the Holy Souls †

Friday: In honor of the Holy Souls & Precious Blood
Barney Shot †
Beasley & Bridget Ann †
In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and
St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy
souls in purgatory

TRUTH AND LIE

“**TRUTH**” is like a Surgery, it Hurts, but it Cures...!

“**LIE**” is like Pain Killer, it gives Relief Immediately, but it gives **SIDE EFFECTS LATER!!!**

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

A colonel was speaking at a dinner given in his honor before embarking for Africa. In concluding, he said:

“I thank you for your kind wishes regarding my welfare on my dangerous journey, and I want you to know that when I am far away, surrounded, by ugly, grinning savages, I shall always think of you.”

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Last Week's Collection	\$1,613.00	\$902.00
Number Families Contributing	47	33
Total Pledge for 2026	\$101,660.00	\$109,520.00
Pledged to Date (28 Weeks)	\$60,915.00	\$65,294.00
Received to Date	70,734.00	\$50,985.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$9,819.00)	\$14,309.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2026
\$225.00	\$10,841.00

11 Ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2026
\$150.00	\$13,940.00

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

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2026 GOAL
\$3,501.00	\$17,737.00

POOR BOX totaled \$160.00

4 CHILDREN contributed \$6.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Costello in loving memory of him on the 1st Anniversary of his death;
2. the Family of Tommy Suedle in loving memory of him on his 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:

Bibbie's Catherine Ann

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

EACH MORING

*Each morning as I see the light
And know God has kept me through the night,
I pray God guide my steps today
Along life's rough and rugged way.*

*Lord, lead me in the paths You trod
And keep me ever close, dear God.
Don't ever let me stray from You,
Just do the things You want me to.*

*And then, each night, at set of sun,
I pray and hope that I have done
Just some small thing to help someone
To find God's love as I have done.*

REASONS

The one who loves you will never leave you
Because if there are
100 REASONS
To give up he/she will find
ONE REASON
To hold on.

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

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

We are commanded to love God and our neighbor equally, without difference. We don't have to look for opportunities to fill this command, they're all around us, twenty-four hours a day. You must open your eyes wide so that you can see the opportunities to give free service, wholehearted, right where you are, in your family. If you don't give such service to your family, you will not be able to give it to those outside your home.

GOD CARES FOR YOU

*Begin the day with a light heart.
Let all your worries be swept aside.
Smile a moment and thank God, for every moment.
He cares for you all the way.*

READERS

Sat. Aug. 15th, 4:00 P.M. Sun. Aug. 16th, 10:00 A.M.
Natalie & Christina Lauren Ashley & Josie

Sat. Aug. 22nd, 4:00 P.M. Sun. Aug. 23rd, 10:00 A.M.
Macy & Montela 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

4:00 P.M. August 15th
Right Theresa Hun
Left Cathy Carroll

Sunday 10:00 A.M

August 16th August 23rd
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