

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: Monday :6:00 P.M.
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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 17, 2025

*Jesus endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.
— Hebrews 12:2*

PROPHETS

We reflect upon the voice of the prophet in this Sunday's readings. We hear of the suffering and the rescue of Jeremiah. We hear how Jesus anticipates his suffering and death. As with Jeremiah and Jesus, the prophets were sent by God to the leaders and people of Israel. A prophet is one who speaks truth to the powerful, exposing their darker hidden motives and injustices. The prophet presents a way forward that aligns with God's purposes. A prophet can force people away from a comfortable neutrality or indifference. The prophet creates an urgency to make a choice: Are we content with the status quo, or are we to change our ways and pursue a new and better path? Today, we may also ask, how do we identify and respond to prophets of our time? How might we provide a prophetic voice in our Church and in our world?

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

Psalm — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

Gospel — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. John Eudes

Wednesday: St. Bernard

Thursday: St. Piux X

Friday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Rose of Lima

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

DRIVER'S PRAYER

Gracious God, You led Abraham and Sara from their home and guarded them in all of their travels. You guided them safely to the destination You had chosen for them. Be with us now as we travel and guard us every mile of our journey. Help us to be attentive, cautious and concerned about our fellow travelers. Make our highways safe and keep us from all danger. Sacred Heart of Jesus, guide us to our destination and help us to be prayerful careful drivers. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: Parishioners of St. Edward's Parish

Monday: Throne 2nd Birthday

Tuesday: Jimmy Turner Riley 53rd Birthday †
Suffering souls
Abandoned & forgotten souls

Wednesday: Tommy Jude O'Hara 4th Anniversary †
Maul's Jim & Bridget Ann †
In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague
and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all
the Souls in Purgatory

Thursday: Patricia Birthday

Friday: Buck's Joe

Saturday: Tommy Jude O'Hara †

GOD IS OUR WAY

God does not furnish a detailed road map. A traveler in Africa complained to his guide, "There is no road, no path, in this jungle. We have lost our way." The guide replied, "There is no way, I am the way." Our Lord is the Way; when we are with Him, we may not know whither but we know Whom.

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 little boy asked his dad how wars began. "Well," said his Dad, "suppose that England quarreled with France."

"But," interrupted his mother, "England mustn't quarrel with France."

"I know all about that," replied the Dad, "I am only giving the boy an example."

"But you are misleading the child," said his mother aggressively.

"No, I am not!"

"Yes, you are!"

"No, I am Not!"

"Yes, you are!" "All right, you two!" said the boy. Now I know how wars begin."

OUR GIFTS RECORD

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| Last Week's Collection | 3,926.00 | \$3,018.00 |
| Number Families Contributing | 71 | 52 |
| Total Pledge for 2025 | \$155,539.00 | \$158,716.00 |
| Pledged to Date (30 Weeks) | \$93,915.00 | \$96,536.00 |
| Received to Date | \$76,329.00 | \$55,913.00 |
| Envelopes Outstanding | \$17,586.00 | \$40,605.00 |

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

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| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2025 |
| \$113.00 | \$6,998.00 |

10 Ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

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| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2025 |
| \$50.00 | \$14,960.00 |

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

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

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| Amount given to date | 2025 GOAL |
| \$2,593.00 | \$16,196.00 |

POOR BOX totaled \$104.00.

3 **CHILDREN** contributed \$28.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Tommy Suedle in loving memory of him on his Birthday;
2. Cobb's Michelle and Joy in thanks to St. Roch;
3. the Family of Jimmy Turner Riley in loving memory of him on his 53rd Birthday;
4. and to another Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

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

Chloe & Marguerite

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

EVIL

Evil doesn't always look evil. Sometimes, it's staring right at us, and we don't even realize it.

INTERESTING

- Why do they say Amen at the end of prayer instead of Awomen? The same reason they sing Hymns instead of Hers.
- Why did Moses wander in the desert 40 years? He left his Promised Land GPS back in Egypt.
- Doctor: Your recovery was a miracle.
Patient: Thank God does that mean I don't have to pay your bill?

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.

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

READERS

Sat. Aug. 16th, 4:00 P.M. Paris & Mary Martha
Sun. Aug. 17th, 10:00 A.M. Sutton & Lauren Ashley

Sat. Aug. 23rd, 4:00 P.M. Leah & Dayna
Sun. Aug. 24th, 10:00 A.M. Sutton & Lauren Ashley

READERS – WEEKDAYS

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

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKDAYS

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

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. **August 16th**
Right Theresa Hun
Left Cathy Carroll

Sunday 10:00 A.M

August 17th **August 24th**
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