

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.

ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Paul Hennessy

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

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.**

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 23, 2026

***“Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”
— Matthew 16:19***

TRUST

Keys hold great significance for those who carry them. They represent the trust and authority of the owner when given to another person. We may give our house key to a trusted friend to take care of our matters while we are away. We may give keys to someone responsible for maintaining or working in a particular building. Keys to vehicles are given to people who have proven themselves responsible drivers. The readings today focus on this kind of trust—the trust that conveys authority and responsibility. In the first reading, the symbol is specifically that of a key; but the second reading and the Gospel also speak of trust and leadership as they refer to the earthly church that Jesus established.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

Psalm — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

Gospel — Jesus asked the disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter replied, “You are.” (Mt. 16:13-20)

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Bartholomew

Tuesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz

Thursday: St. Monica

Friday: St. Augustine

Saturday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

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

FOR COURAGE

***Dear God, give me courage, before men
against their threats and against their
seductions. I need courage to bear
unkindness, mockery, contradiction. I need
courage to fight against the devil, against
terrors and troubles, temptations,
attractions, depression, and above all fear. I
need Your help, dear God. Strengthen me with
Your love and Your grace. Console me with
Your Blessed Presence and grant me the
courage to preserve until I am with You
forever in Heaven. Amen***

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: Parishioners of St. Edward’s Parish

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: Buddyman & Betty Ann †

D.R.’s Patrick Jude †

Kasier & Nanny 57th Anniversary †

Bo & Shirley Suedle †

Jimmy Turner Riley 54th Birthday †

Wednesday: Blonde Mary 11th Anniversary †

O’Malley 15th Anniversary †

Slinger & Betty Suedle †

Dolly Ed & Winnie Mae †

In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and
St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy
souls in purgatory

Thursday: Luke Birthday

John Keyon Birthday

Michael Coz Birthday

Birdie’s Patricia Birthday

Tommy, Beth & Family

Friday: Ned Anthony 9th Anniversary †

Little Petie & Rosie †

Hannah Dempsey Birthday †

In thanks to St. Expedite

For the Holy Souls †

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 couple celebrating their 20th anniversary were seated at the movies, watching one of those torrid foreign films. When they got home that night the wife turned to her husband coyly.

“Why is it you never love me like all those men in the movie?” she murmured.

“Are you crazy?” he replied. “Do you know how much they pay those fellows for doing that?”

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Last Week's Collection	\$5,165.00	\$4,398.00
Number Families Contributing	67	54
Total Pledge for 2026	\$101,660.00	\$109,520.00
Pledged to Date (29 Weeks)	\$64,845.00	\$69,948.00
Received to Date	\$79,845.00	\$58,943.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$15,000.00)	\$11,005.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2026
\$596.00	\$11,490.00

18 Ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2026
\$0.00	\$13,940.00

No Family made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2026 GOAL
\$3,666.00	\$17,737.00

POOR BOX totaled \$100.00

3 CHILDREN contributed \$4.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Tommy Apple, Jamie, Johnny Rouk and Embassy in thanks for Luke on his 9th Birthday;
2. Matt Riley in loving memory of Tommy Jude O'Hara on the 5th Anniversary of his death;
3. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

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

A's Kathy

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

RELIANCE

*As I stare across the river...
An impression comes to mind,
God's love will be delivered,
Constant, in the worst of times.*

*While the leaves commence to scatter,
And the sun is positioning low,
Winds flutter, the air current matters,
Now Your shadow appears to glow.*

*Promptly, Your prayers are being heard,
Then the angels carol with glee,
As it's transcribed in His words.
Believe in God, and trust in "Thee."*

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for Brock Riley and Worth Carroll.

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for Jacob Dalton Carroll and Atlantis Riley.

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for Paul Donovan Riley and Graceland Gorman.

WHAT IS LIFE?

Life is all about three things –
winning, losing & sharing.

***WINNING OTHERS' HEARTS,
LOSING BAD THINGS AND
SHARING HAPPY MOMENTS.***

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

SLOW DOWN THEREPY

Slow down; God is still in Heaven. You are not responsible for doing it all yourself right now.

Set your own pace. When someone is pushing you, it's OK to tell them they're pushing

Listen to the words you speak, especially in prayer.

READERS

Sat. Aug. 22nd, 4:00 P.M.
Macy & Montela

Sun. Aug. 23rd, 10:00 A.M.
Lauren Ashley & Josie

Sat. Aug. 29th, 4:00 P.M.
Natalie & Julie Ann

Sun. Aug. 30th, 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 22nd</u>
Right	Theresa Hun
Left	Cathy Carroll

Sunday 10:00 A.M

August 23rd
Ned's Rose Marie

August 30th
Ned's Rose Marie