

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.
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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 24, 2025

Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees.

Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.

— Hebrews 12:12-13

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Our readings today remind us of the larger story of the Bible, of God's purposes and promises for the world. Because of humanity's rejection of God, as told in Genesis, human communities were first dispersed. Isaiah proclaims that one day God will gather these communities to be healed and reconciled with God. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus echoes Isaiah and teaches that all peoples in God's promised future "will recline at table in the kingdom of God." Notice that in Isaiah, the nations coming to God do not lose their ethnicity or unique identity. They bring their own distinct cultural gifts to God's table. Each people has its unique history with God, has received distinct blessings from God, and each is accountable to God. Today, we live in a global and multi-cultural Church. When God's diverse peoples gather in worship today, may we honor and celebrate each other's gifts and blessings.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

Psalm — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

Second Reading — Be strong and endure your trials as the "discipline" of a loving God, for it will result in the peaceful fruit of righteousness (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

Gospel — People from east and west, north and south, recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz

Wednesday: St. Monica

Thursday: St. Augustine

Friday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

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

PRAYERFULNESS

Dear Jesus, at times I feel empty within. Slowing down and remembering all the things for which I am thankful provides opening to real prayer and not just mumbled phrases. Then feeling Your presence and friendship, I can bring to You my cares and also be open to Your invitation to love and give of myself for others. Show me the way. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: Parishioners of St. Edward's Parish

Monday: In thanks to Blessed Carlos Acutis

Tuesday: Blonde Mary 10th Anniversary †

Mary O'Malley 13th Anniversary †

Wednesday: Eddie Gerard "Loving" Birthday †

Thursday: Kaiser 26th Anniversary †

Coat's Pat Birthday †

In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague

and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all

the Souls in Purgatory

Friday: Hagee Richard 15th Birthday

Chris McNally 56th Birthday

Saturday: Ned Anthony 8th Anniversary †

Tommy Jude O'Hara †

PLEASE PRAY

When you are afraid, PLEASE PRAY.

When you lose faith, PLEASE PRAY.

When you are trapped in difficulties, PLEASE PRAY.

God will listen to our sincere prayers

and guide and help us.

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 pastor wound up the services one morning by saying, "Next Sunday I am going to preach on the subject of liars. So, I would like you all to read the 17th chapter of Mark."

On the following Sunday, the pastor rose to begin, and said, "Now, then, all of you who have read the seventeenth chapter of Mark, please raise your hands." Nearly every hand in the congregation went up. Then said the pastor, "You are the people I want to talk to. Mark did not write the 17th chapter."

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Last Week's Collection	1,555.00	\$1,080.00
Number Families Contributing	57	43
Total Pledge for 2025	\$155,539.00	\$158,716.00
Pledged to Date (30 Weeks)	\$96,809.00	\$99,515.00
Received to Date	\$77,924.00	\$57,011.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$18,885.00	\$42,504.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2025
\$247.00	\$7,245.00

11 Ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2025
\$50.00	\$15,010.00

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

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2025 GOAL
\$2,618.00	\$16,196.00

POOR BOX totaled \$55.00.

3 **CHILDREN** contributed \$3.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Matt Riley in loving memory of Tommy Jude O'Hara on the 4th Anniversary of his death;
2. and to a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

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

Villa & Kelsey

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

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for Patrick Marcus Gorman and Royalty Dempsey Riley.

TEACH ME THY WAY, O LORD

*Teach me Thy way, O Lord
Each day I humbly pray;
Keep me in Thy word
That I may never stray.*

*Show me Thy way, O Lord,
Let Thy spirit lead;
Let me serve Thee more
In thought, in word and deed.*

*Teach me and show me Thy way,
Lord, this is my constant prayer;
Mold this bit of clay
That Your likeness it might wear.*

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 this Tuesday, August 26th & Wednesday, August 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 \$100 donation in thanks to Blessed Carlos Acutis and to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

READERS

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

Sat. Aug. 30th, 4:00 P.M. Montela & Estate
Sun. Aug. 31st, 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

<u>Saturday 4:00 P.M.</u>	<u>August 23rd</u>
Right	Theresa Hun
Left	Cathy Carroll

Sunday 10:00 A.M

<u>August 24th</u>	<u>August 31st</u>
Ned's Rose Marie	Ned's Rose Marie