

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
Wednesday
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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

*“If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray,
it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”*

— *Matthew 18:19*

A MESSAGE OF LOVE

In the final verses of today's Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in his name, “there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20). So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken with Jesus present to us. Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he “does not speak out” to dissuade a person from evil, then he too will be held responsible. We live in a “do your own thing” age when moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly when the message we share with others is one of love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As St. Paul writes, “Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law” (Romans 13:10) Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Warn the wicked and try to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

Gospel — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Labor Day

Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday: St. Peter Claver

Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

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

FEELING ALONE

Dear Jesus, like the apostles who were in a boat on that stormy Sea of Galilee, we are feeling alone, uncertain, tired and afraid. Do not let waves of dread swamp us. Do not let the howling wind of bad news drown out your voice. Give us ears and hearts attentive to Your voice when You say to us, “Do not fear, it is I.” Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: Parishioners of St. Edward's Parish
Monday: No Mass
Tuesday: Tommy Anthony McGuire 38th
Anniversary †
In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday: Indy 12th Birthday
Tom Patrick Sherlock Birthday
Thursday: Betty Costello 10th Anniversary †
Brian Benedict 37th Anniversary †
Friday: Story 3rd Birthday
Mega 14th Birthday

ADVANTAGES OF AGING

- People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
- In a hostage situation, you are likely to be released first.
- Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
- Your joints are more accurate than the National Weather Service.

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 pious man who had reached the age of 105 suddenly stopped going to church. Alarmed by this his pastor went to see him. The pastor asked, “How come, after all of these years, we don't see you at services anymore?”

The old man looked around and lowered his voice. “I'll tell you, Father,” he whispered. “When I got to be 90, I expected God to take me any day. But then I got to be 95, then 100, and then 105. So, I figured God is very busy and must've forgotten about me, and I don't want to remind Him now.”

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Last Week's Collection	\$3,808.00	\$2,894.00
Number Families Contributing	42	47
Total Pledge for 2026	\$101,660.00	\$109,520.00
Pledged to Date (31 Weeks)	\$68,775.00	\$73,710.00
Received to Date	\$84,593.00	\$62,794.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$15,818.00)	\$10,916.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2026
\$382.00	\$12,079.00

15 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
\$3,715.00	\$17,737.00

POOR BOX totaled \$200.00.

3 CHILDREN contributed \$7.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Birdie's Patricia, Huey David and Family, and a Very Special Friend in loving memory of Tommy Anthony McGuire on the 37th Anniversary of his death;
2. Jim Bryant, Velvet and Family in thanks for Brave on his 1st Birthday;
3. the Family of Indy in thanks for him on his 12th Birthday;
4. Thomas and Cathy Lisa in loving memory of Ned Anthony Carroll on the 9th Anniversary of his death;
5. Jimmy Jay and Mary Melissa in loving memory of Rev. Peter Clarke on his Birthday;
6. the Family of J.R. in loving memory of him on his 65th Birthday;
7. the Wife and Family of Pete Tick Carroll in loving memory of him on the 2nd Anniversary of his death;
8. 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

will be held this Tuesday, September 8th in the New Hall from 2:00p.m. – 3:00p.m. The cost of registration is \$40 for one child and \$60 for two or more children.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

will begin this Wednesday, September 9th from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the New Hall. It is the parent's responsibility to make sure their child attends Religious Education classes.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

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

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

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Jimmy Chalkston Carroll and Hyness Sherlock.

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for John Gavin Sherlock and Britain Sherlock.

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Parker Sherlock and Scotland Costello.

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Joseph Kingston Sherlock and Montela Gorman.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed this Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day and will reopen Tuesday, September 8th.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection next weekend will be for the *Catholic University of America*. Please be generous.

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

READERS

Sat. Sept. 5th, 4:00 P.M.
Macy & Montela

Sun. Sept. 6th, 10:00 A.M.
Lauren Ashley & Josie

Sat. Sept. 12th, 4:00 P.M.
Montela & Savannah

Sun. Sept. 13th, 10:00 A.M.
Lauren Ashley & Josie

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Tuesday	-	Sutton
Wednesday	-	Gracelynn
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.	September 5th
Right	Theresa Hun
Left	Cathy Carroll

Sunday 10:00 A.M

September 6th	September 13th
Ned's Rose Marie	Ned's Rose Marie