

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.
Monday: 7:00 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
matters.**

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.

— *Psalm 90:14*

LIMITS

Today's readings continue the theme of humility explored last Sunday. All three readings today encourage us to admit that we have limits, and God has none. The poignant poetry of Wisdom resonates with all of us who have ever struggled for peace in situations we cannot control: "For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns." Saint Paul recognizes his own limitations, both physically (he is in prison) and spiritually: he cannot compel his friend to obey his wishes; he can only propose his request and respect Philemon's free will. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that God alone can complete the good we wish to do in the world. While we thank God for the gifts we receive—and the families we love—we acknowledge that they are temporary, and humbly cling to God.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Who can ever know God's counsel unless God gives wisdom and sends the Holy Spirit from on high?
(Wisdom 9:13-18b).

Psalm — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge
(Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus, not as a slave but as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

Gospel — To be a disciple of Jesus one must carry one's own cross and renounce all possessions (Luke 14:25-33).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Nativity of the Blessed Mother

Tuesday: St. Peter Claver

Friday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Saturday: St. John Chrysostom

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

PRAYER FOR THE HELPLESS UNBORN

Heavenly Father, You create men in Your own image, and You desire that not even the least among us should perish. In Your love for us, You entrusted Your only Son to the holy Virgin Mary. Now, in Your love, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those little ones to whom You have given the gift of life. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: Parishioners of St. Edward's Parish

Monday: Tommy Anthony McGuire 36th

Anniversary †

Jeanette Riley 10th Anniversary †

Rev. Peter Clarke Birthday †

Jimmy F. Birthday †

Pete Tick Carroll 1st Anniversary †

Tuesday: Indy Birthday

Ethan Gorman Birthday

Will Gorman Birthday

Wednesday: Betty Costello 9th Anniversary †

Jim Riley 76th Birthday †

In thanks to St. John Paul

In thanks to the Precious Blood

In honor of St. Michael for a special intention

Thursday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague

and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Eric Birthday †

Justin †

Jimmy Christopher Cat Birthday †

Friday: Story 2nd Birthday

Mega 13th Birthday

Ansley Birthday

Dakota 18th Birthday

Little Hun's Rosie

Saturday: Brian Benedict 36th Anniversary †

Tommy Jude O'Hara †

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A teenager was telling a friend that she was really worried about her mother. The friend inquired as to the reason for her worrying. The teenager informed her friend that her mom was always fatigued from staying up all night long.

Her friend asked, "What's she doing staying up all night? At her age, that's not good at all!"

The teenager answered, "Waiting for me to come home."

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Last Week's Collection	\$1,810.00	\$1,506.00
Number Families Contributing	67	49
Total Pledge for 2025	\$155,539.00	\$158,716.00
Pledged to Date (32 Weeks)	\$114,166.00	\$105,473.00
Received to Date	\$81,901.00	\$59,932.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$32,265.00	\$45,541.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2025
\$147.00	\$7,562.00

13 Ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2025
\$50.00	\$15,190.00

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

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2025 GOAL
\$2,733.00	\$16,196.00

POOR BOX totaled \$108.00.

8 CHILD contributed \$16.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Jack Costello in loving memory of him on the 17th Anniversary of his death and in loving memory of Betty Costello on the 9th Anniversary of her death;
2. Birdie's Patricia, Huey David and Family, and a Very Special Friend in loving memory of Tommy Anthony McGuire on the 36th Anniversary of his death;
3. Jimmy Jay and Mary Melissa in loving memory of Rev. Peter Clarke on his Birthday;
4. the Family of J.R. in loving memory of him on his 64th Birthday;
5. the Family of Angie in loving memory of her on her Birthday;
6. the Wife and Family of Pete Tick Carroll in loving memory of him on the 1st Anniversary of his death;
7. 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.

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

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

FALL ADORATION will begin this week. Adoration will be on Tuesday & Wednesday only from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will begin this Monday, September 8th 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.

OLIVE WOOD CRAFTS FROM THE HOLY LAND

Saturday, September 20th & Sunday, September 21st

From the Holy Land of Israel, from the hills of Jerusalem and the countryside of Bethlehem, from the old and blessed trees...the trees that are most mentioned in the Holy Bible...from Olive Trees...we bring to St. Edward the Confessor Church our olive wood figures and crafts. They are all made by Catholic hands in the Holy Land. Due to tough economic conditions and the historical conflict in the Holy Land, Christian Catholics are now a minority (less than 1% of the population). Since the Holy Land depends on tourism, Catholics creating olive wood crafts became one of the main sources to earn a living for their families. Please support the Christian Catholic presence in the Holy Land. Hoping that the crafts would serve as a blessing to the Church members. Cash and credit/debit cards are accepted.

THANK YOU to a parish member for a \$100 donation in thanks to St. Anthony for the poor and a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

READERS

Sat. Sept. 6th, 4:00 P.M. Julie Ann & Natalie
Sun. Sept. 7th, 10:00 A.M. Sutton & Lauren Ashley

Sat. Sept. 12th, 4:00 P.M. Montela & Estate
Sun. Sept. 13th, 10:00 A.M. Sutton & Lauren Ashley

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday - Kinley
Tuesday - Sutton
Wednesday - Graclynn
Thursday - Theresa Maria
Friday - Ivana

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKDAYS

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

4:00 P.M. **September 6th**
Right Theresa Hun
Left Cathy Carroll

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

September 7th **September 14th**
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