

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.

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

ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Paul Hennessy

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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.
— *Sirach 28:2*

FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As St. Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:7).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

Gospel — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday: Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian

Thursday: St. Robert Bellarmine; St. Hildegard of Bingen

Friday: St. Januarius

~~~~~**PRAYER CORNER**~~~~~

**PRAYER FOR EMOTIONAL HEALING**

*Holy Mary, loving mother and heavenly guide, be present to me now and let me know your compassion and kindness. Pray for me to your Divine Son, that I may experience calmness, tranquility and peace in all my emotions.*

*Protect me from all that displeases God, and obtain for me serenity of mind, body and spirit.*

*I place my trust and confidence in you, dear Blessed Mother, and I pray that God's Blessings of mercy, grace and gentle goodness will bring happiness to my life, now and always. Amen.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday:** Parishioners of St. Edward's Parish

**Monday:** No Mass

**Tuesday:** Pete Curley Riley Birthday †

Jack Suedle 84<sup>th</sup> Birthday †

**Wednesday:** Mary Burke 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary †

In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday:** Patrick Lewis 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Eddie & Patricia Johnson

**Friday:** In honor of the Holy Souls & Precious Blood

Barney Shot †

**PRAYER**

**Prayer is not about asking for things. Prayer is about putting yourself in the hands of God. Make yourself available to Him and learn to listen to His voice in the depths of your heart.**

**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 cavalry man was galloping down the road, rushing to catch up with his regiment. Suddenly his horse stumbled and pitched him to the ground. In the dirt with a broken leg, terrified of the approaching enemy, the soldier called out: "All you saints in heaven, help me get up on my horse!"

Then, with superhuman effort, he leaped onto the horse's back and fell off the other side. Once again on the ground, he called to the heavens: "All right, just half of you this time!"

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

|                              |               |              |
|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Last Week's Collection       | \$1,552.00    | \$967.00     |
| Number Families Contributing | 47            | 35           |
| Total Pledge for 2026        | \$101,660.00  | \$109,520.00 |
| Pledged to Date (32 Weeks)   | \$70,740.00   | \$75,816.00  |
| Received to Date             | \$86,063.00   | \$63,761.00  |
| Envelopes Outstanding        | (\$15,323.00) | \$12,055.00  |

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2026 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$133.00               | \$12,212.00                  |

10 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   |
|----------------------|-------------|
| \$3,785.00           | \$17,737.00 |

POOR BOX totaled \$100.00.

1 CHILD contributed \$1.00.

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Tommy Duggan and Taneil in thanks for Lavish;
2. the Family of Jack Costello in loving memory of him on the 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death and in loving memory of Betty Costello on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death;
3. the Family of Mary Burke in loving memory of her on the 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death;
4. the Family of Jack Suedle in loving memory of him on his 84<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
5. the Family of High in loving memory of him on his Birthday;
6. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

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

Carol Ann

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will be held on Wednesday 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.

### LIFE

Life is not qualified by fluent English, branded clothes or a rich lifestyle. It is measured by the number of faces who smile when they hear your name.

### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

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

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

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

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

### INTERESTING THINGS

- The happiest people don't have the best of everything, they just make the best of Every Thing.
- Happiness in your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts.
- Always find a reason to laugh. It may not add years to your life, but it will surely add life to your years.

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

### READERS

Sat. Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M. Montela & Savannah

Sun. Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M. Lauren Ashley & Josie

Sat. Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Macy

Sun. Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, 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. | <u>September 12<sup>th</sup></u> |
| Right     | Theresa Hun                      |
| Left      | Cathy Carroll                    |

### Sunday 10:00 A.M

|                                  |                                  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <u>September 13<sup>th</sup></u> | <u>September 20<sup>th</sup></u> |
| Ned's Rose Marie                 | Ned's Rose Marie                 |