

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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving.
— Isaiah 55:7b

DIRECTION

Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we're confused and troubled and can't figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord's behalf and explaining that God—who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength than we are—moves in ways we can't even imagine. Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out. Kind of. At least he understands his calling in life—to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Turn to the LORD who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

Psalm — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

Gospel — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Matthew

Wednesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina

Saturday: St. Cosmas and Damian

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

**MORNING OFFERING**

*Almighty God, I thank You for Your past blessings. Today, I offer myself—whatever I do, say, or think—to Your loving care. Continue to bless me, Lord. I make this morning offering in union with the divine intentions of Jesus Christ who offers himself daily in the holy sacrifice of the Mass, and in union with Mary, His Virgin Mother and our Mother, who was always the faithful handmaid of the Lord. Amen.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

**Monday:** No Mass

**Tuesday:** Mary Lisa McNally 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary †  
Rosie Girl Birthday †

**Wednesday:** In honor of St. Expedite for a special intention  
Jim Edward, Loriel & Family

**Thursday:** Tom Cat 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary †  
For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Friday:** John L. McNally 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary †  
Big A. 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary †

**GOD IS CRAZY ABOUT YOU!**

*If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it.*

*If He had a wallet, your photo would be in it.*

*He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning.*

*Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen.*

*He can live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart.*

*Face it.*

*He's crazy about you!*

**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 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       | \$1,552.00    | \$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. The Family of Rosie Girl in loving memory of her on her Birthday;
2. the Family of Bernadette in loving memory of her on the 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her 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:

Theresa Kaiser & Margaret Butts

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

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. CHIDI

*Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> is Fr. Chidi's Birthday.*

*St. Edward Parish Family would like to wish*

*Fr. Chidi a very, very, very*

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY!***

### AT MY

At my lowest...

God is my hope.

At my darkest...

God is my light.

At my weakest...

God is my strength.

At my saddest...

God is my comforter.

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.

### SLOW DOWN THERAPY

- Remember a happy, peaceful time in your past. Rest there. Each moment has richness that takes a lifetime to savor.
- Take nothing for granted. Watch water flow, the corn grow, the leaves blow, your neighbor mow.
- Taste your food. God gives it to delight as well as to nourish.
- When you talk with someone, don't think about what you'll say next. Thoughts will spring up naturally if you let them.

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

### RUMORS

Are carried by ***HATERS***

Spread by ***FOOLS***;

And accepted by ***IDIOTS***.

### READERS

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

Sat. Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.  
Montela & Savannah

Sun. Sept. 27<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

|                  |                                  |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| <u>4:00 P.M.</u> | <u>September 19<sup>th</sup></u> |
| Right            | Theresa Hun                      |
| Left             | Cathy Carroll                    |

### Sunday 10:00 A.M

|                                  |                                  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <u>September 20<sup>th</sup></u> | <u>September 27<sup>th</sup></u> |
| Ned's Rose Marie                 | Ned's Rose Marie                 |