

DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON
ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.
— *Philippians 2:5*

FAMILIAR INSIGHTS

Spiritual teachers tend to repeat themselves, and to repeat other teachers. Maybe there really aren't that many different truths to tell. Just a lot of slow, sleepy human beings—like us—who need to hear the basics over and over. Consider today's readings.

People complain God isn't "fair," and Ezekiel answers that God is more than fair. People choose their own fates, and people can change. Even evildoers can turn, do right, and live. "Actions speak louder than words." A fresh new insight? Hardly. Paul tells the Philippians that he would truly be encouraged if those who claimed to be believers would, in fact, look to others' interests and not their own. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." A novel idea? I don't think so.

In Jesus' story of the farmer and his sons, everyone knows that the one who said he wouldn't work—but did—is way ahead of the one who said he would work—but didn't. "Talk is cheap." Heard that before? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (*Ezekiel 18:25-28*).

Psalms — Remember your mercies, O Lord (*Psalms 25*).

Second Reading — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (*Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]*).

Gospel — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (*Matthew 21:28-32*).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions
Tuesday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
Wednesday: St. Jerome
Thursday: St. Therese of the Child Jesus
Friday: Holy Guardian Angels; First Friday
Saturday: First Saturday

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

**PRAYER FOR NEW LIFE THROUGH DEATH TO SIN**

*Through Your most holy passion and death, I beg of You, Lord, to grant me a most holy life, and a most complete death to all my vices and passions and self-love, and to grant me sight of Your holy faith, hope and charity. Amen.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday:** Parishioners of St. Edward's Parish  
**Monday:** No Mass  
**Tuesday:** † Jim Boy & Mary Riley  
† Pete Suedle & Mary Louise  
**Wednesday:** † Buddyman & Betty Ann  
† Maul's Jim & Bridget Ann  
**Thursday:** † Big Apple 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday & Betty Apple  
† Apple's Mattie  
**Friday:** † Willie Costello 12<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

**SIGNS**

**"PAIN" is a sign that... "YOU'RE ALIVE"**

**"PROBLEM" is a sign that... "YOU'RE STRONG"**

**"PRAYER" is a sign that... "YOU'RE NOT ALONE"**

**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**

**As soon as the thunder was roaring and the lightning flashed, a little girl's mother was worried and got into her car and drove along the route to her child's school.**

**As she did, she saw her little girl walking along the sidewalk. At each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up, and smile.**

**The mother pulled up next to her daughter, opened the door, and asked, "What are you doing, Honey? Why are you stopping and smiling every time there is lightning?"**

**The child answered, "God keeps taking pictures of me," the little girl said. "Don't you think he wants me to smile?"**

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

|                              |               |              |
|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Last Week's Collection       | \$2,050.00    | \$1,348.00   |
| Number Families Contributing | 58            | 42           |
| Total Pledge for 2026        | \$101,660.00  | \$109,520.00 |
| Pledged to Date (34 Weeks)   | \$74,670.00   | \$80,028.00  |
| Received to Date             | \$89,911.00   | \$66,476.00  |
| Envelopes Outstanding        | (\$15,241.00) | \$13,552.00  |

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2026 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$317.00               | \$12,883.00                  |

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   |
|----------------------|-------------|
| \$3,950.00           | \$17,737.00 |

POOR BOX totaled \$119.00.

1 CHILD contributed \$10.00.

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Big Apple in loving memory of him on his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and in loving memory of Betty Apple;
2. the Family of Pat Major in loving memory of him on his Birthday;
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.

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.

FALL ADORATION will be held on Tuesday & Wednesday from 11:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

### GOD LOVES YOU

Everyday God thinks of you. Every hour God looks after you. Every minute God cares for you, because every second He loves you.

### GOD IS THE BEST SOFTWARE

- He ENTERS our life,
- He SCANS our problems,
- He EDITS our tensions,
- He DOWNLOADS solutions,
- He DELETES all our worries,
- He SAVES us.

THANK YOU to a parish member for a \$300 in thanks to St. Expedite; a parish member for \$100 donation in thanks to St. Anthony; a parish member for a \$50 donation in thanks to St. Anthony for a favor received; and to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

### LIFE IS LIKE A CAMERA

*Focus on what's important.*

*Capture the good things.*

*Develop from the negatives.*

*And if things don't work out;*

*Take another shot!*

### READERS

**Sat. Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**      **Sun. Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
Macy & Savannah                      Lauren Ashley & Josie

**Sat. Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**      **Sun. Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
Christina & Natalie                      Lauren Ashley & Josie

### READERS – WEEKDAYS

|                  |   |           |
|------------------|---|-----------|
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | - | Sutton    |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | - | Gracelynn |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | - | Natalie   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | - | Julie Ann |

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKDAYS

|                  |   |                   |
|------------------|---|-------------------|
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | - | Willie's Michelle |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | - | Julie Ann         |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | - | Jack's Mary Rita  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | - | Rosie Marie       |

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

|                  |                                  |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>4:00 P.M.</b> | <b>September 26<sup>th</sup></b> |
| <b>Right</b>     | Theresa Hun                      |
| <b>Left</b>      | Cathy Carroll                    |

### Sunday 10:00 A.M

|                                  |                               |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>September 27<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>October 4<sup>th</sup></b> |
| Ned's Rose Marie                 | Ned's Rose Marie              |