

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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 4, 2026

*“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.”
— Philippians 4:6*

THE GIFT OF THE REIGN OF GOD

Matthew’s Gospel today expands on Isaiah’s ballad considerably. A comparison with the same story in Mark’s Gospel clearly shows us that here the author is busy teaching this community of Jewish Christians: “This is a story about Israel a long time ago; this is also a story about Jesus and the skeptical leaders.”

Jesus as much as told these Jewish leaders that they were the tenants who first stoned their own prophets. And he told the leaders they were the tenants who would soon even dispose of him—Jesus—and, in doing so, would forfeit their privileged place of presenting to the world the promised Messiah.

“And this,” says Matthew’s Gospel, “is a story about you, the inheritors of what was first offered to Israel.” The reign of God was first opened to Israel and is now given to the whole world, but it must be received as a gift. The first Christians are the new tenants in the vineyard. The deeper reality of the reign or kingdom of God is that it is available to everyone on the face of the earth—Israel included.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7).

Psalm — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God’s peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).

Gospel — The kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33-43).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Faustina Kowalska; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
Tuesday: St. Bruno; Blessed Maie Rose Durocher
Wednesday: Our Lady of the Rosary
Friday: St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi

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

PRAYER IN TIME OF LONELINESS

Heavenly Father, there are days when I feel that You have forgotten about me. When I need You most, it seems I cannot reach You. Yet I do believe You are present during times of loneliness, and when my heart feels empty. Teach me to find You even in my darkest hours. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: Parishioners of St. Edward’s Parish
Monday: No Mass
Tuesday: John Gage 13th Birthday
Huey David Birthday
Wednesday: † Betty McGuire 31st Anniversary
† Jay Carroll & Frances
Thursday: Jim Martin Carroll Birthday
Pete Starbuck Birthday
Friday: † Paco Birthday
† For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

LEARN TO FORGIVE

When someone is doing something to hurt you, don’t turn inward, turn toward that person. He is hurting himself. Learn to forgive, knowing that we all need forgiveness. If you want to be true to God, learn from Jesus to be meek, humble and pure. Learn to forgive.

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 preacher was greeting people after the service when a little boy grabbed his hand and said, “Don’t worry, sir. When I grow up and get rich, I’m going to give you a lot of money.”

“That would be great,” the preacher laughed, “but may I ask why?”

“Well,” the youngster said seriously, “Daddy says you’re the poorest preacher we’ve ever had.”

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Last Week's Collection	\$2,387.00	\$1,027.00
Number Families Contributing	63	48
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 \$121.00.

3 CHILDREN contributed \$15.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite;
2. a Parish Member in honor of the Holy Souls;
3. a Parish Member in thanks for a special intention;
4. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

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

Mame's Rosie

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

THANK YOU to a parish member for a \$500 donation in thanks to St. Expedite; a parish member for a \$100 donation in thanks to St. Expedite; and to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

MY GOAL

**I can go through life and never fear,
 Because, I know, my Lord, You're forever near.
 Whatever road I choose to roam,
 Your love will always guide me home.
 I yield myself and all I do,
 And depend, my Lord, on You.
 There's a peace that floods my soul
 As I reach for You, My God, my goal.
 My goal is with You by my side.
 And forever more with You abide.**

**OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY
*"Never will anyone who says his Rosary
 everyday become a formal heretic or be led astray
 by the devil."*
 ~St. Louis de Montfort**

LIFE IS ABOUT 3 THINGS

1. **WINNING**
2. **LOSING**
3. **SHARING**

WINNING others heart, **LOSING** bad things and
SHARING happy moments.

ST. FRANCIS DAY BLESSING OF ANIMALS will be held this Thursday, October 8th. Those who would like to have their animals blessed, please bring them to the Church yard at 4:00 P.M.

A CHANCE

*Let everyday be a "A CHANCE"
 A CHANCE to be a better person,
 A CHANCE to enjoy life to its fullest,
 A CHANCE to correct mistakes,
 A CHANCE to forgive and ask for forgiveness,
 A CHANCE to love and be loved,
 Don't miss the CHANCE you received from God
 as you wake up this day.*

READERS

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

Sat. Oct. 10th, 4:00 P.M. **Sun. Oct. 11th, 10:00 A.M.**
 Montela & Savannah Lauren Ashley & Josie

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Tuesday	-	Macy
Wednesday	-	Dayna
Thursday	-	Cathy Lisa Butts
Friday	-	Julie Ann

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKDAYS

Tuesday	-	Willie's Michelle
Wednesday	-	Julie Ann
Thursday	-	Cathy Lisa Butts
Friday	-	Rosie Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

<u>4:00 P.M.</u>	<u>October 3rd</u>
Right	Theresa Hun
Left	Cathy Carroll

Sunday 10:00 A.M

<u>October 4th</u>	<u>October 11th</u>
Ned's Rose Marie	Ned's Rose Marie