

**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**

Monday 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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 19, 2025

*“The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest until it reaches its goal,  
nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds.”*

— *Sirach 35:17-18a*

### MADE RIGHT BEFORE GOD

Although the opening lines of today’s first reading claim that the Lord “knows no favorites” and is “not unduly partial toward the weak”, the remainder of the passage makes it clear that the Lord does indeed pay special attention to the weak, the oppressed, and the orphans and widows. The psalmist reiterates: “The Lord hears the cry of the poor.” In the Gospel, Jesus claims that a tax collector is more justified in his prayer for mercy than the Pharisee, whose prayer was an account of his own righteous deeds. Jesus’ point could not have been clearer: tax collectors in the Jewish society of Jesus’ day were not just lowly; they were considered outcasts and cheaters. They collected taxes for the hated Romans and almost certainly collected enough to assure a generous income for themselves. Tax collectors were among society’s outcasts; didn’t this one just admit his own sinfulness? How could a tax collector be “justified” before God, while the Pharisee was not? Why would God even listen to the prayer of a tax collector? This surely was a surprise, upsetting common assumptions about righteousness.

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### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD is a God of justice who hears the cry of the oppressed, the orphan, the widow, the lowly (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

**Psalm** — The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading** — The crown of righteousness awaits me (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

**Gospel** — The tax collector stood at a distance, beat his breast, and prayed, “O God, be merciful to me, a sinner” (Luke 18:9-14).

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** St. Paul of the Cross

**Wednesday:** St. John Paul II

**Thursday:** St. John of Capistrano

**Friday:** St. Anthony Mary Claret

### ~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

#### A PRAYER OF HOPE

**Lord, thank You for your healing and grace. Please restore hope in faithful around the world as they live with the unimaginable. Give us the strength to help lessen the wounds and heartaches of our Christian brothers and sisters and give them the strength to accept the struggles inflicted upon them each day. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

**Monday:** Hagee Smith 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary †

Pete Cat 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary †

**Tuesday:** D.R.’s Patrick Jude 43<sup>rd</sup> Birthday †

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

**Wednesday:** Cracker †

Cracker’s Mike †

**Thursday:** Pup’s Cathy Theresa †

In honor of St. John Paul II

**Friday:** Ollie Michael 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary & Birthday †

Jimmy Christopher Cat †

**Saturday:** Merci 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Society 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday

### GOOD RELATIONSHIPS

**Good relationships are like trees. They demand attention and care in the beginning but once they blossom, they provide us shade in all situations of life.**

### 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** Mrs. Willencot was very frugal. When her husband died, she asked the newspaper how much it would cost for a death notice.

“Two dollars for five words.”

“Can I pay for just two words?” she asked.  
“Willencot dead.”

“No, two dollars is the minimum. You still have three words.”

Mrs. Willencot thought a moment. “Cadillac for sale.”

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

Last Week's Collection	\$2,351.00	\$1,101.00
Number Families Contributing	75	43
Total Pledge for 2025	\$155,539.00	\$158,716.00
Pledged to Date (38 Weeks)	\$119,592.00	\$122,896.00
Received to Date	\$98,167.00	\$70,802.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$21,425.00	\$52,094.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2025
\$559.00	\$8,889.00

21 Ladies contributed last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2025
\$50.00	\$15,570.00

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

### CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2025 GOAL
\$3,343.00	\$16,196.00

POOR BOX totaled \$50.00.

3 CHILDREN contributed \$11.00.

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Dayne Carroll in thanks for him on his 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
2. A, Bridget Ann, Tommy and Crystal wishing a Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday to A's Johnny with a never ending love;
3. the Family of D.R.'s Patrick Jude in loving memory of him on his 43<sup>rd</sup> Birthday;
4. Jack Tyler and Lace; Acea and Celia wishing a Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday to A's Johnny;
5. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

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

Jim Carroll's Catherine Mary & Susan

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 Johnny Raymond Carroll and Koley McNally.

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Jonathon Lance Riley and Aniston McNally.

### THANK YOU, LORD

*The greatest test of faith is when you don't get what you want, but still, you are able to say "Thank You, Lord."*

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for *World Mission Sunday*. Please be generous.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will be held on Monday from 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. It is the parent's responsibility to make sure their child/children attend Religious Education classes.

### THAT'S NOT MY JOB

This is a story about four people named:

***Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.***

There was an important job to be done and ***Everybody*** was sure that ***Somebody*** would do it. ***Anybody*** could have done it, but ***Nobody*** did it. ***Somebody*** got angry about that, because it was ***Everybody's*** job. ***Everybody*** thought ***Anybody*** could do it, but ***Nobody*** realized that ***Everybody*** wouldn't do it. It ended up that ***Everybody*** blamed ***Somebody*** when ***Nobody*** did what ***Anybody*** could have done.

THANK YOU to a parish member for \$50.00 donation in thanks to St. Expedite and to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

### READERS

**Sat. Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**      **Sun. Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
Dayna & Leah                      Sutton & Lauren Ashley

**Sat. Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**      **Sun. Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
Natalie & Julie Ann              Sutton & Lauren Ashley

### READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Cathy Lisa
Tuesday	-	Kinley
Wednesday	-	Graclynn
Thursday	-	Christina
Friday	-	Julie Ann

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKDAYS

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

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>October 18<sup>th</sup></b>
Right	Theresa Hun
Left	Cathy Carroll

<b>Sunday 10:00 A.M.</b>	
<b>October 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>October 26<sup>th</sup></b>
Ned's Rose Marie	Ned's Rose Marie