

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.**

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 26, 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: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: Sts. Simon and Jude

Saturday: All Saint’s Day; First Saturday

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

PRAYER FOR THE DECEASED

In Your hands, O God our Father, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life You embraced them with Your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest. The old order has passed away. Welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with Your Son and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: Parishioners of St. Edward’s Parish

Monday: Rose Pie Gorman Birthday †

Johnny Shack Riley Anniversary †

Tuesday: Saylor 9th Birthday

Jack Jason Birthday

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

For the suffering souls

Thursday: Eddie E. Family

Friday: Costello Birthday †

Rat’s Pat Birthday †

Saturday: Tommy Jude O’Hara †

In honor of all Saints

STATEMENT

The most humbling statement we can say is that,

“I am nothing God.”

The most powerful statement is,

“With God, I can do anything.”

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 businessman who needed millions of dollars to clinch an important deal went to Church to pray for the money. By chance he knelt next to a man who was praying for \$100 to pay an urgent debt.

The businessman took out his wallet and pressed \$100 into the other man’s hand. Overjoyed, the man got up and left the Church. The businessman then closed his eyes and prayed, “And now, Lord, that I have your undivided attention...”

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Last Week's Collection	\$2,841.00	\$1,428.00
Number Families Contributing	85	56
Total Pledge for 2025	\$155,539.00	\$158,716.00
Pledged to Date (39 Weeks)	\$122,477.00	\$125,864.00
Received to Date	\$100,862.00	\$71,712.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$21,615.00	\$54,152.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2025
\$238.00	\$9,124.00

19 Ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2025
\$1,050.00	\$16,620.00

2 Families made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2025 GOAL
\$3,378.00	\$16,196.00

POOR BOX totaled \$159.00.

4 CHILDREN contributed \$16.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Pup's Cathy Theresa in loving memory of her on the 3rd Anniversary of her death;
2. the Family of Johnny Shack Riley in loving memory of him on the Anniversary of his 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:

Society

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 Jonathon Lance Riley and Aniston McNally.

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for Joel Carroll and Lenox Sherlock.

ONE LINERS

- ❖ **My brother is so vain; he joined the Navy so the world could see him!**
- ❖ **My husband is so thin, when he wears a red necktie, he looks like a thermometer.**
- ❖ **The intensity of an itch is inversely proportional to the ability to reach it.**

NOVEMBER, 1ST: ALL SAINT'S DAY MASS will be celebrated next Saturday, November 1st at 9:00 A.M.

ROSARY AT THE CEMETERY The *Rosary at the Cemetery* for our Parish Family members who have gone to eternal rest will be held next **Sunday, November 2nd at 3:00 P.M. at Pineview Memorial Gardens.**

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.

LIVE A LIFE THAT MATTERS

At the end of life, what really matters is not what we bought but what we built; not what we got but what we shared; not our competence but our character; and not our success, but our significance.

Live a life that matters. Live a life of love.

THANK YOU to a to parish member for a \$100 donation in thanks to St. Expedite; 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. 25th, 4:00 P.M. **Sun. Oct. 26th, 10:00 A.M.**
Natalie & Julie Ann Sutton & Lauren Ashley

Sat. Nov. 1st, 4:00 P.M. **Sun. Nov. 2nd, 10:00 A.M.**
Christina & 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

4:00 P.M.	October 25th
Right	Theresa Hun
Left	Cathy Carroll

Sunday 10:00 A.M

October 26th	November 2nd
Ned's Rose Marie	Ned's Rose Marie