

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: 6:00 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.**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

“You . . . must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

— *Matthew 24:44*

PEOPLE OF THE LIGHT

We are called to reflect the light of God’s love through the ways in which we live our lives. Imagine the impact if each of us took this call to heart, every day, at home, work, or school, in our parish, in the world. “All nations shall stream toward it,” toward the love that only comes from God. Yet, we must admit that much of the time we fail to be beacons of God’s light. We fall asleep, complacent, preferring to go the easy route, which often leads to darkness rather than the radiance of Christ’s light. As we begin the season of Advent, Saint Paul admonishes us to throw off the works of darkness, to awaken to the call of light and love. In today’s Gospel, Jesus too tells us to stay awake, to be prepared to greet the Lord of light as people of the light.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD’S house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm — We will rejoice as we go up to the Lord’s house (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

Wednesday: St. Francis Xavier

Thursday: St. John Damascene

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: St. Nicholas; First Saturday

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

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior, Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother.

It is believed that whoever recites the above prayer 15 times a day from the Feast of St. Andrew (November 30) until Christmas will obtain what is asked.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: Parishioners of St. Edward’s Parish †

Monday: Billy O’Hara 4th Anniversary †
For all deceased Legionaries †

Tuesday: Cracker †
Cracker’s Mike †

Wednesday: Tommy Suedle 3rd Anniversary †
In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory.

Thursday: Apple’s Mattie 29th Anniversary †
Keystone 37th Anniversary †

Friday: Ann Sherlock Birthday †
Barney & Kate Sherlock †

Saturday: Tommy Jude O’Hara †
For the soul that needs it the most †

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED If anyone would like to become a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Fr. Chidi.

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 Bob goes to see his supervisor in the front office. “Boss,” he says, “we’re doing some heavy house-cleaning at home tomorrow and my wife needs me to help with the attic and the garage, moving and hauling stuff.”

“We’re short-handed, Bob” his boss said. “You know I can’t give you the day off.”

“Thanks, boss,” Bobs said with a smile. “I knew I could count on you.”

OUR GIFTS RECORD

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|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Last Week's Collection | \$2,130.00 | \$1,119.00 |
| Number Families Contributing | 69 | 48 |
| Total Pledge for 2025 | \$155,539.00 | \$158,716.00 |
| Pledged to Date (43 Weeks) | \$132,717.00 | \$136,536.00 |
| Received to Date | \$113,765.00 | \$80,601.00 |
| Envelopes Outstanding | \$18,952.00 | \$55,935.00 |

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2025 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$154.00 | \$9,746.00 |

11 Ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2025 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$130.00 | \$16,850.00 |

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

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

| Amount given to date | 2025 GOAL |
|----------------------|-------------|
| \$4,423.00 | \$16,196.00 |

POOR BOX totaled \$59.00.

2 CHILDREN contributed \$7.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Wife and Family of Cracker in loving memory of him on the 38th Anniversary of his death; and the Wife and Family of Cracker's Mike in loving memory of him on the 4th Anniversary of his death;
2. the Wife and Family of Billy O'Hara in loving memory of him on the 4th Anniversary of his death;
3. the Wife and Family of Johnny Mumbo Carroll in loving memory of him on the 20th Anniversary of his death; and the Wife and Family of Cracker's Mike in loving memory of him on the 4th Anniversary of his death;
4. Pat Butts and Susan in loving memory of Johnny Mumbo Carroll on the 20th Anniversary of his death;
5. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

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

Pamela Gallon & Miami

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

ADVENT CANDLES

**Four little candles sit in a ring,
 Three of them purple, one of them pink,
 Each of them has its own special meaning,
 The glow of their light has a message to bring.
 The first is of hope for the road ahead,
 The second of faith about what has been said,
 The third tells of joy about what is to come,
 The fourth speaks of peace for everyone.
 Four little candles sit in a ring,
 Rejoice in the Christmas message they bring.**

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the third for Pete Houston Carroll and Danica Sherlock.

THANK YOU to a to parish member for a \$300 donation in thanks to St. Expedite; and to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

ADVENT

A is for His **ARRIVAL**, we are longing for.

D is for the **DAY** that He was born.

V is for **VOICES** – raised to Him in praise.

E is for our **ETERNAL** God and King.

N is for the **NIGHT** – that turned our world into day.

T is for the Holy **TRINITY**.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS It is asked that everyone donate \$10 for poinsettias. Please give your donation to Duggan's Mary Rita or the Church Office.

READERS

Sat. Nov. 29th, 4:00 P.M. Leah & Dayna
Sat. Nov. 29th, 7:00 P.M. Natalie & Julie Ann

Sun. Nov. 30, 10:00 A.M. Sutton & Lauren Ashley

Sat. Dec. 6th, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Macy
Sat. Dec. 6th, 7:00 P.M. Mary Martha & Paris

Sun. Dec. 7th, 10:00 A.M. Sutton & Lauren Ashley

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday - Christina
Tuesday - Ivana
Wednesday - Margo
Thursday - Macy
Friday - Kinley

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKDAYS

Tuesday - Willie's Michelle
Wednesday - Julie Ann
Thursday - Lauren Ashley
Friday - Rosie Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

4:00 P.M. **November 29th**
Right Theresa Hun
Left Cathy Carroll

Saturday 7:00 P.M.

November 29th **December 6th**
 Mary Regina Kim Gallon

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

November 30th **December 7th**
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