

**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.**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2025

*“Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy.”*

— *Isaiah 35:10a*

### REASON TO REJOICE

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as Gaudete (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today’s first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God’s saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God’s presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah’s prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus’ presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them”

(Matthew 11:5).

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### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

**Psalm** — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

**Gospel** — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Third Sunday of Advent

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

#### PRAYER FOR STRENGTH

*Father in Heaven, I am weary. I am tired. My energy is sagging, and my motivation is low. Especially today, I need Your love to get my life back on track. Please help me say no when I am tempted to surrender to the easy way. Please help me to say yes to Your will and Your way. Hear this prayer, Oh Lord, that I pray in Your Holy name. Amen.*

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

**Monday:** Petie Cat Gorman 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary †

Pete Turner Riley †

**Tuesday:** Barney Shot 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:** Middleton 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday

London 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Thursday:** Winnie Catherine Cat †

Dee Dee Gorman †

**Friday:** Margaret Sherlock 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary †

In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood

**Saturday:** Tommy Jude O’Hara †

For the soul most in need †

### 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** Sometimes women are overly suspicious of their husbands. When Adam stayed out very late for a few nights, Eve became upset. “You’re running around with other women,” she charged.

“You’re being unreasonable,” Adam responded. “You’re the only woman on earth.” The quarrel continued until Adam fell asleep, only to be awakened by someone poking him in the chest. It was Eve.

“What do you think you’re doing?” Adam demanded.

“Counting your ribs,” Eve said.

## OUR GIFTS RECORD

Last Week's Collection	\$2,062.00	\$1,065.00
Number Families Contributing	55	39
Total Pledge for 2025	\$155,539.00	\$158,716.00
Pledged to Date (46 Weeks)	\$141,372.00	\$145,440.00
Received to Date	\$122,985.00	\$87,787.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$18,387.00	\$57,653.00

## LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2025
\$249.00	\$10,344.00

12 Ladies contributed last week.

## PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2025
\$50.00	\$18,640.00

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

## CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2025 GOAL
\$4,663.00	\$16,196.00

**POOR BOX** totaled \$63.00.

2 **CHILDREN** contributed \$3.00.

## FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Nora Frances in loving memory of her on the 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death;
2. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

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

Bibbie's Catherine Ann

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

**PINEVIEW'S CANDLELIGHT VIGIL** will be held this Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at Dusk to honor loved ones who have passed away. Complimentary candles, hot chocolate, and cookies will be offered at the front office.

## CHRISTMAS PENANCE SERVICE

**Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> — 5:00 P.M.**

*This is an immediate preparation for Christmas.*

*Please be in the Church by 4:45 P.M.*

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

**THANK YOU** to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Anthony and God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite and to a parish member for a donation in honor of Padre Pio.

**2026 CHURCH ENVELOPES** Ladies Envelopes are in the Atrium of the Church. If you don't find your envelopes, please contact the Church office immediately.

## CHRISTMAS HUMOR

- Where do Santa's reindeer stop for coffee?  
*Starbucks.*
- What is the best Christmas present?  
*A broken drum – you can't beat it.*
- How do you know when Santa's around?  
*You can always sense his presents.*
- What do you call cutting down a Christmas tree?  
*Christmas chopping.*
- What happened to a thief who stole all the Christmas calendars?  
*He got 12 months.*

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** The second collection this weekend will be for the *Retirement Fund for Religious.*

**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. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Christina & Montela  
**Sat. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.** Macy & Natalie

**Sun. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Sutton & Lauren Ashley

**Sat. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Montela & Christina  
**Sat. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.** Leah & Dayna

**Sun. Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, 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. December 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Right** Theresa Hun  
**Left** Cathy Carroll

### Saturday 7:00 P.M.

**December 13<sup>th</sup>** Willie's Michelle  
**December 20<sup>th</sup>** Julie Ann

### Sunday 10:00 A.M.

**December 14<sup>th</sup>** Ned's Rose Marie  
**December 21<sup>st</sup>** Ned's Rose Marie