

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.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 28, 2025

“Over all other virtues put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.”

— *Colossians 3:14*

SALVATION IN DAILY LIFE

This Sunday is the feast of the Holy Family, which comes on the first Sunday after Christmas Day. Today's feast celebrates how the humanity of Jesus (including his entire family life) has brought saving significance into the daily rhythms of our human family life.

The scriptures offer instruction and encouragement on how to share—within our families, parish families, and the wider human family—the love that God shares with us in Jesus. Selections from Sirach, Psalm 128, and Colossians encourage us to reflect divine love and thus find holiness in all our human relationships. The reading from Matthew's Gospel offers a living example of love in the actions Joseph took to protect his young family from danger and to nurture them within the larger family of faith of their time.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who honor and comfort their parents shall never be forgotten (Sirach 3:2-6,12-14).
Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — You are called into one body. Bear with one another; forgive one another; let Christ's peace control you (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]).

Gospel — Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
Tuesday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Wednesday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I
Thursday: **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God; New Year's Day**
Friday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen; First Friday of the Month
Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus; First Saturday of the Month

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

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Come, Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always. Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter. Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier. May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us, a time of welcoming your graces and gifts, a time for forgiving freely and unconditionally, a time for growing in virtue and goodness. Come, Holy Spirit, be with us today and always. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: Parishioners of St. Edward's Parish
Monday: Pete Mike Birthday
All living Legionaries
Tuesday: Cannon & Lillie †
D.R.'s Patrick Jude †
Wednesday: Jim Boy & Mary Riley †
Thursday: Pat "Al" Carroll 12th Anniversary †
Friday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory
For a special intention
Saturday: Tommy Jude O'Hara †

A NEW YEAR IS LIKE A BLANK BOOK

- **And the pen is in your hands. It is your chance to write a beautiful story for yourself.**
- **Every end marks a new beginning. Keep your spirits and determination unshaken, and you shall always walk the glory road. With courage, faith and great effort, you shall achieve everything you desire.**
- **You're supposed to let go of the past and start off new. You're supposed to forgive all those who have hurt you and be open to new relationships, with open arms. That is why it is called the 'New' year.**

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A guy goes to see his grandmother on New Year's Day and takes one of his friends with him. While he's talking to his grandmother, his friend starts eating the peanuts that are on the coffee table, and finishes them off.

As they're leaving, the friend says, Thanks for the peanuts." The grandmother says, "Yeah, since I lost my dentures, I can only suck the chocolate off 'em."

RECIPE FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Like Abraham – trust implicitly in my God.
Like Job – be patient under all circumstances.
Like Joseph – turn my back on all seductive advances.
Like Moses – choose to suffer rather than enjoy sin.
Like Andrew – strive to lead others to Christ.
Like Jehoshaphat – prepare my heart to seek the Lord.

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. Jim Martin, Marilyn and Marco in thanks for Mills and Amore;
2. Tommy Newman, Josie, Saylor, and Eric Draven in loving memory of Popeye's Kate on the 22nd Anniversary of her death;
3. the Family of John Riley, Mary Butts, and Matt Michael in loving memory of them;
4. the Family of Pete Buddy in loving memory of him on the 13th Anniversary of his death;
5. the Family of Angela Fox in loving memory of her on the 4th Anniversary of her death;
6. the Family of Captain in loving memory of him on the 7th Anniversary of his death;
7. 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.

Happy New Year from Fr. Chidi

Heartfelt thanks to God for the completion of a year and the start of a new year. May this New Year 2026 bring you great blessing and joy.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY - NEW YEAR'S 2026

MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve, December 31st — 4:00 P.M.

New Year's Day, January 1st — 10:00 A.M.

The Solemnity of Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The Church Office will be closed this Wednesday, December 31st and Thursday, January 1st in observance of the New Year Holiday and will reopen Thursday, January 5th.

SPECIAL THANKS to the men who donated \$7,665.00 to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

THANK YOU to a parish member for a \$200 donation in thanks to St. Expedite; a parish member for a \$100 donation in thanks to St. Anthony for something found; a parish member in honor of Padre Pio; and a parish member in thanks to St. Expedite.

READERS

Sat. Dec. 27th, 4:00 P.M. Montela & Christina
Sat. Dec. 27th, 7:00 P.M. Paris & Mary Martha

Sun. Dec. 21st, 10:00 A.M. Sutton & Lauren Ashley

New Year's Eve, 4:00 P.M. Macy & Christina

New Year's' Day, 10:00 A.M. Blue

Sat. Jan. 3rd, 4:00 P.M. Macy & Montela
Sat. Jan. 3rd, 7:00 P.M. Natalie & Julie Ann

Sun. Jan. 4th, 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 27th
Right	Theresa Hun
Left	Cathy Carroll

Saturday 7:00 P.M.

December 27th	January 3rd
Jack's Mary Rita	Mary Regina

New Year's Eve 4:00 P.M.

Kim Gallon

New Year's Day 10:00 A.M.

Ned's Rose Marie

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

December 28th	January 4th
Ned's Rose Marie	Ned's Rose Marie