

Infant of Prague Catholic Church & School
Marine Blvd, Jacksonville, NC

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil - 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:30AM, 12:30PM, Misa en Espanol

FIRST SATURDAY MASS – 10:00AM

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – 12Noon
Thursday – 9:00AM, Thursday – 7PM (Spanish)

RECONCILIATION:

Friday 10:30AM-12Noon, Saturdays 2:00 - 4:00 PM or by Appointment

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y
José



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00AM UNTIL 5:00PM

Parish Website: iopnc.org or find us at [https://www.facebook.com/INFANTofPRAGUEJacksonville NC](https://www.facebook.com/INFANTofPRAGUEJacksonvilleNC)

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MISSION STATEMENT: Called by our Baptism and empowered by the Holy Spirit, Infant of Prague Catholic Church and School celebrates our Unity in God through worship, sacraments and adoration. We educate in faith, embrace stewardship and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

PARISH MOTTO: "Be Christ-like in all we say and do."

Compassion, *Honesty*, *Reverence*, *Integrity*, *Service*, *Trust*

PARISH REGISTRATION: We welcome new parishioners to share fully in our Parish life. As new members you bring vitality and growth to our parish. Registration forms are available in the clear magazine racks in each of the entrances of the Church. You may call the Parish Office to have a registration form mailed to you or stop by and complete a registration form at the Parish Office. You may also use the Parish web site iopnc.org to register online, **please call to confirm that your online registration was received.**

BAPTISM: Parental Attendance at a Preparation Class for the first child to be baptized is mandatory. The Baptism class takes place at 1:30PM in the Parish Hall on the last Sunday of the month and in Spanish on the **1st Wednesday of the month at 7PM** in the Library of the Parish Hall. **If you are requesting the baptism be in Spanish you will be required to attend the Spanish Baptism Instruction Class.** Pre-registration is not required. To have your child baptized you must meet the following requirements (1) *be a registered parishioner for at least three months* (2) *be practicing the faith* (3) *have obtained the signed Godparent Eligibility form and returned them to the Parish Office.* Please check the bulletin monthly for possible changes of class dates. Parents planning to have children baptized in the near future can contact the Parish Office in advance to obtain Godparent Eligibility Forms, these forms will need to be returned to the Parish Office before any baptism date will be scheduled.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made with a Parish Priest at least six months before your requested date. *To be married at Infant of Prague you must be a registered member of our Parish for at least six months.*

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: If you have a loved one who is in the hospital, a nursing home or homebound and in need of anointing please notify the Parish Priest at 910-347-4196 after hours please call 910-581-3101. Remember we cannot make visitations to people when we are unaware of their situation.



ONE IN FAITH BOOK #970

Weekend of December 31 & January 1


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| Saturday | 5:00PM | People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 8:00AM | Intentions of Bob Depatie |
| | 10:30AM | Intentions of Lorenzo Lynge Family |
| | 12:30PM | |
| | 6:00PM | |
| Monday | 10:00PM | +Kathryn Polumbo |
| | 12:30PM | |
| Tuesday | 12:30PM | +Harold & Christine Bellis and Family |
| Wednesday | 8:10AM | |
| | 12:00PM | +Harold & Dorothy Bellis Intentions of the Leblanc Children |
| Thursday | 9:00AM | Intentions of Arthur & Helen Lang and Family |
| | 7:00PM | Intentions of Roberto Gonzalez |
| Friday | 12NOON | Intentions of Pope Franics |

Weekend of January 6 & 7

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| Saturday | 5:00PM | +Paula Nichols +Albert & Sylvia Hill |
| Sunday | 8:00AM | People of the Parish |
| | 10:30AM | +John Paul Kitko +Monique Lamora White |
| | 12:30PM | +Carmen Blakewood Waslicki |

FINANCIAL NEWS:

**NEXT WEEKENDS SECOND COLLECTION:
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**



**January 1, 2024
The Solemnity of Mary
Mother of God**

**Vigil Mass: Dec. 31st –
6:00PM**

January 1st – 10:00AM



Thank You for your generous donations of 127 blankets to the CDA Blanket Drive, your donations will to help the poor and destitute of our area. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 10th at 7 pm in the Holy Spirit Room of the Parish Hall. Contact Tony DeCandia at adecandia153@gmail.com for details.

SENIOR SOCIAL DINNER:

Next Senior Social will be January 15, 2024, on the menu will be Pork Loin. Tickets are on sale in the Parish Office and in the Parish Hall. We started this event to be a blessing to the seniors of Infant of Prague Parish. We wanted to enjoy a meal and to get to know each other and fellowship. It has come to our attention that tickets were sold or given to members of the community. This event is for our church Seniors only. The only exception is if members need a driver who does not belong to the church. Also our senior volunteers were a bit stressed with so many request for take outs. As I mentioned above, the purpose of this event is for us to get together, so in the future take out request will be honored for shut in members only.



May this NEW YEAR bring to all an unfaltering FAITH, a heart filled with HOPE, an agape LOVE for all mankind and may there be PEACE ON EARTH and let it begin with me.

If your New Year's resolution includes Eucharistic Adoration, we have two open hours that need to be filled with committed adorers.

WEDNESDAY early morning at 2:00 – 3:00 AM, and WEDNESDAY night at 11:00 PM – 12 midnight.

Please contact any of our Coordinators to learn more about how to spend time with our Lord Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration.

Coordinators: Maureen Fiorello 353-0085 or 910-336-9359, Carrie Albright 928-606-4169, Bob Butler 910-320-7852, Madeleine Feagle 910-389-0764 and our Bilingual Coordinator Ariana Lopez Turner 910-554-7798

RCIA & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR ADULTS

Eager for a refresher about the Catholic faith? Interested in exploring the rich intellectual and spiritual tradition of the Church? Accompanying our seekers as a Sponsor or Faith Guide? Then please join us at our **weekly RCIA session Sunday from 12:15 – 1:30 PM in the Parish Hall!** We are on a brief break so the next session will be on **January 7th, 2024** and will cover: "Sacrament of Baptism". Whether you are simply interested in the faith, new to the Catholic faith, or a fully initiated Catholic, you are most welcome. Please feel free to reach out to the IOP RCIA Team by email to ioprcia@gmail.com or by phone/text to: **(910) 378-9869**. Again, all sessions are from 12:15 – 1:30 PM in the Parish Hall (after coffee & donuts). We hope to see you there! Your presence would be a blessing. Let us seek God with our whole *mind, heart, and will*.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

JANUARY 7, 14, 21, 28
FEBRUARY 4, 11, 18, 25
MARCH 3, 10, 17 (no class 24, 31)
APRIL 7, 14, 21, 28

CONFIRMATION will be celebrated on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 2pm.

FIRST COMMUNION will be celebrated on Saturday, April 13, 2024

NOTICIAS DE FORMACIÓN DE FE

La CONFIRMACIÓN se celebrará el sábado 2 de marzo de 2024.

PRIMERA COMUNIÓN se celebrará a las sábado 13 de abril de 2024

Las clases de FORMACIÓN EN LA FE comienzan el domingo 10 de septiembre. Si aún no ha registrado a su

YOUTH MINISTRY

All Middle and High school youth are welcome to join the IOP Youth Group. This group provides an opportunity for the youth of our parish to form community, to serve, and to build their faith in an engaging environment under the mentorship of our young adult ministry team. We meet each Sunday from 4-6pm in the parish gym. For information please contact trinawilson.iop@gmail.com

Todos los jóvenes de secundaria y preparatoria son bienvenidos a unirse al grupo de jóvenes de IOP. Este grupo brinda una oportunidad para que los jóvenes de nuestra parroquia formen una comunidad, sirvan y construyan su fe en un ambiente atractivo bajo la tutoría de nuestro equipo de ministerio de adultos jóvenes. Nos reunimos todos los domingos de 4 a 6 p. m. en el gimnasio de la parroquia. Para obtener información, comuníquese con trinawilson.iop@gmail.com

JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS: JCDA is open to girls from age 6 to 18 and meet will meet on January 5th in the Outreach Center (327 Mildred Ave.) from 6 pm to 8 pm. If you are interested in joining JCDA, please email jcda1643@gmail.com or call/texting Jessica Nelis at 616-322-5299.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The Young Adult Ministry is open to 21 year olds to 40 year olds. They meet every Wednesday at 7 pm in the IOP Outreach Resource Center (327 Mildred Ave). For more information, check out iopnc.org/young-adult-group. El Ministerio de Jóvenes Adultos está abierto a jóvenes de 21 años a 40 años. Se reúnen todos los miércoles a las 7 pm en el Centro de Recursos de Extensión de IOP (327 Mildred Ave). Para obtener más información, visite iopnc.org/young-adult-group.

THRIFT STORE NEWS:

The Thrift Store will not be accepting donations from December 23rd to January 15th. Donations will resume on January 16, 2024.

The Thrift Store no aceptará donaciones del 23 de Diciembre al 15 de Enero. Las donaciones se reanudarán el 16 de Enero de 2024.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS & NEWS

Donations can be dropped off at the Outreach Resource Center at 327 Mildred Ave, next the Parish Office. Canned fruit, Applesauce, Instant potatoes, Canned

peas, Carrots,, Mixed veggies, Pancake mix and syrup, Tuna helper, Hamburger helper, Grape jelly. Gift cards to local grocery stores like Aldi's, Walmart, Food Lion, and Piggly Wiggly help us provide perishable items like milk and bread. Paper grocery bags and empty egg cartons are always needed. Thank you.

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FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION – WEEK 33

"Here we go again! <hic!> Another case <hic!> of the hiccups! . . . <hic!> I have been practicing my breathing here in the womb and <hic!> sometim[s] that causes me to have the <hic!> hiccups! They sure do feel strange! Meanwhile, the fuzz on my head that will become my hair is growing rapidly and I get excited to hear my mother's voice as she sings to me. Those will probably be the same songs that I will hear as she sings me to sleep. My BIRTHday is almost here! Please pray for me. <hic!>"

IOP RESPECT LIFE GROUP: The Infant of Prague Respect Life Group meets the 4th Friday of each month beginning at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall.



New Mom Community Night: Are you a new or expectant mother seeking support in your parenting journey? New Mom Community Nights is a social ministry group that provides support and education to new and expectant mothers through community and peer-based ministry. We meet on Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 at members' homes to share the roses and thorns of our week and learn the art of motherhood through dialogue and periodic presentations on pertinent topics. To learn more, please contact email motherhoodcommunityed@gmail.com

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New Bern Deanery Summit Youth Retreat

Event Timing: January 20, 2024
 Event Address: 214 N. Marine Blvd, Jacksonville, NC 28540
 Who: 8th-12th grade students
 Cost: for individuals \$45
 Contact us at (910) 347-4196 ext. 409 or trinawilson.iop@gmail.com

IOPCS Annual Gala

Saturday, February 3, 2024.

Annual Gala and Silent Auction to support the *Come Grow With Us* campaign. Contact the school office for details: (910) 455-0838



HELP WANTED: Do you have experience as a bus driver and possess an up-to-date CDL with a Passenger Endorsement? Are you interested in serving the parish on an as-needed basis? Please contact the Business

Manager, Jose R Cabrera, for information! Drivers will be compensated. 910-347-4196, iopbmanager@gmail.com

3ro - Walmart \$25.00 - Shay Decandia
4to - Bath Body Works \$25.00 – Tony Decandia

GREGORIAN CHANT:

Gregorian Chant Choir: Join us as we learn the fundamentals of this ancient art and practice traditional hymns. Beginners are welcome! The Gregorian Chant Choir practices in the choir loft on Wednesday at 6pm. Contact Dom Dalmasso at domdalmasso@gmail.com for information.

BENEDICTINE OBLATES:

St. Michael the Archangel Deanery is the local chapter of Benedictine Oblates of St. Vincent Archabbey. We meet every third Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall at 7 pm. For more information contact Rob Hilton at 910- 330-0637 or just show up in the Parish Hall on the 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS:

Next meeting will be Jan. 3rd at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. CDA is open to Catholic women, age 18 and above. The Religious Article gift shop at the parish hall entrance of the church is open after most weekend Masses. Come shop with us today!

CDA EDUCATION CONTEST: The annual CDA education contest is open. Please find information in the magazine racks by the church doors or at the parish website. It is open from Grade 4 to adult. Theme is "How does my love shine for others?" Or "God's love and kindness will shine upon us like the sun that rises in the sky" (Luke 1:78).

WINNERS

Knights of Columbus, Council 3574 would like to thank those of our, community, who participated in the Christmas Raffle. The winners are:

Gift Cards

1st - Cracker Barrel & Chilis \$50.00 ea. - Frank Martin
2nd - Amazon \$50.00 - Tim Ieronimo
3rd - Walmart \$25.00 - Shay Decandia
4th - Bath Body Works \$25.00 – Tony Decandia

Caballeros de Colón, Consejo 3574 Me gustaría agradecer a nuestros, comunidad, quienes participaron en la Sorteo de Navidad. Los ganadores son:

Tarjetas de regalo

1º - Cracker Barrel y chiles \$50.00 c/u. - Frank Martín
2do - Amazon \$ 50,00 - Tim Jerónimo

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR: JAN. 6 & 7, 2024

READERS:

SAT. 5:00PM Theresa Bogue
SUN. 8:00AM Les Boone
10:30AM Jennifer Corroero

ALTAR SERVERS:

SAT. 5:00PM
SUN. 8:00AM Stefan Aragona, Andrew McNicoll,
Ashley McNicoll, Michelle McNicoll
10:30AM Lucas Alexander, Reuben Alexander,
Evelyn Selleck, William Smith

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

SAT. 5:00PM Ginny Albano, Jamie Andrade, Sharon
Henderson, Laurie Holmes, Andrea
Sopko, Tim Weber
SUN. 8:00AM Bob Blick, Kris Burritt, Bradford Duross,
Regina Edwards, Michael
Higginbotham, David Ratte
10:30AM Jerry Gray, Caroline Martin, Vielka
Mason, Fran Montcrieff, Darwing
Preciado, Nitza Preciado

Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.

Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever. Amen.

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY
new year
2024



Holy Hour & Procession 4pm, Potluck 5pm

INFANT of PRAGUE

FEAST DAY CELEBRATION



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THE MORE I WILL BLESS YOU.*

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