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*R. Para que seamos dignos
de alcanzar las promesas de
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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil - 5:00PM

Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:30AM, 12:30PM, Misa en Español

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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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 #964

Weekend of December 23 & 24

Saturday	5:00PM	+Josie Pallang +Babara Marapoti +Mary Beth Ross
Sunday	10:30AM	Intentions of Loretta Victoria Intentions of Rachel Bonjiorno
	12:30PM	People of the Parish
	4:00PM	(Church) People of the Parish
	4:00PM	(Hall) People of the Parish
	6:00PM	People of the Parish
	8:00PM	People of the Parish
	11:00PM	People of the Parish

Monday	10:00AM	People of the Parish
	12:30PM	People of the Parish
Tuesday	12NOON	+Dolores Dunlap +Members of the Fuller Family
Wednesday	12NOON	Intentions of the Beall and Papenfuse Families
Thursday	9:00AM	+Kate Polumbo +Agustin Mora, Jr. +Doug Lamora
	7:00PM	Intentions of Moreno Ramirez Family
Friday	12NOON	+Henry Seybuck Intentions of Hempenius and Claton Families
Saturday	5:00PM	People of the Parish
Sunday	8:00AM	Intentions of Bob Depatie
	10:30AM	
	12:30PM	

Weekend of December 30 & January 1

Saturday	5:00PM	+Vincent Corapi
Sunday	8:00AM	+Theresa Rutherford
	10:30AM	People of the Parish
	12:30PM	+Elipidio Moreno



All Parish Offices, IOP Outreach Center will be closed December 25 and will remain closed until Tuesday, January 2nd at 9:00AM.



Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24th

4:00PM mass in the Church
4:00PM - Overflow mass in the Parish Hall
6:00PM, 8:00PM (Spanish), 11:00PM

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25th

10:00AM and 12:30PM (Spanish)



January 1, 2024
The Solemnity of Mary
Mother of God

Vigil Mass: Dec. 31st –
6:00PM

January 1st – 10:00AM



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: O HOLY NIGHT the stars are brightly shining; it is the night of our dear SAVIOR’S birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining, ‘til he appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of HOPE the weary world REJOICES, for yonder breaks a new and GLORIOUS morn. Fall on your knees, O hear the angels voices O night divine, O night when CHRIST WAS BORN! Led by the light of FAITH serenely beaming; with glowing hearts by his cradle we stand. In all our trials, born to be our FRIEND. Truly HE taught us to LOVE one another; HIS law is LOVE and HIS GOSPEL PEACE. Let all within us PRAISE his HOLY name! CHRIST IS THE LORD! O PRAISE HIS NAME FOREVER!
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. A very blessed and beautiful MERRY CHRISTMAS and FELIZ NAVIDAD to all!

REMEMBER that the Adoration chapel will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, re-opening on Tuesday December 26 at 7:00 am. 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

INFANT OF PRAGUE
FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

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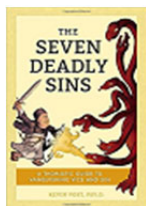

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

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.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION – WEEK 33

"Mommy and I are getting near the end of the time that we are joined together through the umbilical cord. Even though she is keeping me safe and nourishing my body, I am still completely separate from her. I am my own unique person. I have my own blood which is separate from hers. (We might not even be blood-type compatible!) Soon enough, I will emerge from my home here in the womb and think and feel and laugh and love. Please pray for me."



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.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR:
DEC. 31, 2023 & JAN. 1, 2024**

READERS:

- SAT. 5:00PM Sharon Henderson
- SUN. 8:00AM David Ratte
- 10:30AM Vielka Mason

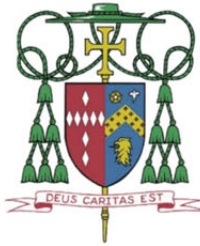
ALTAR SERVERS:

- SAT. 5:00PM
- SUN. 8:00AM Evelyn Moulton, Olivia Moulton, Lily Place, Linwood Taylor Jr
- 10:30AM Lucas & Reuben Alexander, Matthew Curran, Evelyn Selleck

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- SAT. 5:00PM Elizabeth Barone, Richard Cole, Robbie Hilton, Laurie Holmes, Immanuel Israel, Tim Weber
- SUN. 8:00AM Johnny Carr, Wyonia Chevis, Richard Dodson, Willa Feldhaus, Theresa Misko, Clare Rupp
- 10:30AM Christina Dixon, Barbara Duffy, Gail Morales, Mary Beth Poole, Lori Ready-DiGiovanni, Katherine Selleck





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Christmas 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During Christmas we rejoice in how God's love and mercy for us was manifested as a baby born among us. It's a season where we gather with family and friends in celebration of Jesus' humble yet profound arrival to bring hope, peace, and salvation to all.

Our Savior born on this day is not concerned with the riches and power of this world. He wants us to understand how His joy and peace will be everlasting, no matter what the challenges are that we face. While our homes will be filled with family and friends; lights, decorations and gifts, let us not forget to find quiet times to reflect on what this occasion asks of us.

This Christmas, as we give thanks to God for sending his Son to live among us, to become man and give his life for us on the cross, let us open ourselves like a cradle in a manger and extend His love by joyfully embracing others with kindness and forgiveness.

Through the intercession of Mary our Mother and Saint Joseph, may their Son and our Lord Jesus help us to live as God's holy family at Christmas, throughout the New Year and all the days of our lives.

In the Love of Jesus,

† Luis Rafael Zarama, J.C.L.
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Navidad 2023

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Durante la Navidad nos alegramos en cómo el amor y la misericordia de Dios por nosotros se manifiestan a través de un bebe que nació entre nosotros. En esta época en la que nos reunimos con la familia y los amigos para celebrar la humilde pero profunda llegada de Jesús que traer esperanza, paz y salvación a todos.

A nuestro Salvador nacido en este día no le preocupan las riquezas y el poder de este mundo. Quiere que comprendamos que su alegría y su paz serán eternas, sean cuales sean los retos a los que nos enfrentemos. Mientras nuestros hogares se llenan de familia y amigos, luces, adornos y regalos, no olvidemos encontrar momentos de silencio para reflexionar sobre lo que esta ocasión nos pide.

En esta Navidad, mientras damos gracias a Dios por haber enviado a su Hijo a vivir entre nosotros, a hacerse hombre y a dar su vida en la cruz, abrámonos como la cuna de un pesebre y extendamos su amor abrazando alegremente a los demás con bondad y perdón.

Por intercesión de María, nuestra Madre, y de san José, que su Hijo nuestro Señor Jesús nos ayuden a vivir como familia santa en esta Navidad, durante todo el Año Nuevo y todos los días de nuestra vida.

En el Amor de Jesús.

† Luis Rafael Zarama, J.C.L.

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Our parish will be consecrating ourselves to the Holy Family during the Masses for Feast of the Holy Family (December 30th/31st). A prayer card will be handed out before Mass and the consecration prayer will be recited during the Prayer of the Faithful. For more information to help prepare for the consecration, please see the flyers in the entrance to the parish or visit

<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/consecration-to-the-holy-family/10665-consecration-holy-family-trifold.pdf>

O Lord Jesus,
you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.
There you grew in age, wisdom and grace
as you prepared to fulfill your mission
as our Redeemer.
We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary,
you are the Mother of our Savior.
At Nazareth you cared for Jesus
and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home.
We entrust our family to you.

O Saint Joseph,
you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary,
and gave us a model of fatherhood
while showing us the dignity of work.
We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family,
we consecrate ourselves and our family to you.
May we be completely united
in a love that is lasting, faithful
and open to the gift of new life.
Help us to grow in virtue,
to forgive one another from our hearts,
and to live in peace all our days.
Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer,
diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need.
May our home, O Holy Family,
truly become a domestic church
where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

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Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Supreme Chaplain.

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