

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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He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."

John 2: 15,16

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

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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. MARCH BAPTISM CLASS WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH.

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 #986

Weekend of March 2 & 3

5:00PM Saturday +Bruce Beverley

+Gerard Caron

+Shirley Marsicano

People of the Parish Sunday 8:00AM

> 10:30AM Intentions of Clover & Lilly Mae

> > Papenfuse

Intentions of Christine Clover

12:30PM +Anacieto Granados

12:00PM +Margaret Douglas Monday

+Ashlee Evans

Tuesday 12:00PM Intentions of Maureen Fiorello

+Maria Connie Pereira Wednesday 8:10AM

12:00PM +John Marks, Sr.

Thursday 9:00AM

7:00PM

Friday **12NOON**

Weekend of March 9 & 10

Saturday 5:00PM +Josie Pallang

+Dennis Pallang

Sunday 8:00AM +Mary Cuoco

+Betty Turner

10:30AM People of the Parish 12:30PM +Adelaida Berduo

FINANCIAL NEWS:

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE FOR FEB. 25, 2024

Offertory \$14,716.00

National Collections 270.00 2nd Collections Previous & Future \$ 4.778.00

NEXT WEEKENDS SECOND COLLECTION:

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Stations of the Cross



Stations of the Cross are held each Friday of Lent at 6:00PM. Stations of the Cross in Spanish at 7:00PM.

Parishioners are invited to join us in the Parish Hall after Stations for a free soup and bread supper hosted by various groups and organizations of the Parish.

MARCH SENIOR SOCIAL:

The next Senior Social Dinner is scheduled for *March* 18th at 4 p.m. in the Parish Hall. In the past we had request for tickets from the general public, which we cannot accommodate. However, please know this was not meant to exclude family members or a friend or neighbor who is alone and needs companionship. The best part of this event is the opportunity to meet so many wonderful parishioners. The menu for March is Ham. Tickets will be available in the Parish Hall after the Masses or in the Parish Office. A special thank you for all the volunteers who make this wonderful event possible.



Wednesday - March 20, 2024 6:00 P.M.



Infant of Prague School will be hosting a Fish Fry on Friday, *March 22, 2024* from 11:00AM-2:00PM and 4:00PM-7:00PM at the Parish Hall. \$10.00

per ticket, menu includes whitefish, green beans, coleslaw & hushpuppies. Dine in, carry out or lunch delivery available on orders of 10 or more plates. Tickets are available at both School campuses, the Parish Office and the IOP Thrift Store.



Saturday, March 23, 2024. 214 Marine Blvd, Jacksonville, NC 28540 8:00AM - 2:00PM

Space is limited. Must register by March 15. Payments may be made in cash, check, or card at the parish office (205 Chaney Ave, Jacksonville) or by PayPal. Vendors must be present at their booth for the duration of the event. You must provide your own change and cash box. The IOP Thrift Store will be available to accept donations after the sale concludes. For more information, please contact: Jessica Nelis at specialprojects.iop@gmail.com



The Knights of Columbus will be having a **Children's Egg Hunt** on **Sunday, March 24**th. Additional information forth coming.

RIDE SHARE:

A woman who lives in Lauradale Apts off Gum Branch Road is looking for a ride to the 5 pm Saturday Mass or 10:30 am Sunday Mass. If you are able to assist, please contact Sr Barbara Marie at 910-347-4196 ext 401



The 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal funds many ministries that allow us to proclaim the Gospel and reach even the most remote areas of Eastern NC. Your support plays a critical role in funding ministries in the areas of evangelization, discipleship, worship, liturgy, sacramental preparation, and a slew of programs that pour forth God's grace, love, and mercy. We are celebrating 100 years of our Diocese: Learning from our History and Shaping our Future.

As of Feb 26th, IOP has \$35,150 committed, which is 29% of our goal (\$121,586). Please consider giving at https://dioceseofraleigh.org/bishops-annual-appeal/bishops-annual-appeal-donate-online. Make sure to choose Infant of Prague in the parish affiliation box. Thank you for your continued support of our Eastern North Carolina community.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

MARCH 3, 10, 17 (no class 24, 31) APRIL 7, 14, 21, 28

FIRST COMMUNION will be celebrated on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 9:00AM in English and 11:00AM in Spanish.

NOTICIAS DE FORMACIÓN DE FE

LA PRIMERA COMUNIÓN se celebrará el sábado 13 de abril de 2024 a las 9:00 a.m. en inglés y a las 11:00 a.m. en español.



Infant of Prague Catholic School

Now Enrolling PreK-12

Open enrollment for the 2024-25 school year has begun! Apply online at IOPSchool.net. Infant of Prague Catholic School: Forming Catholic Identity and Academic Excellence.

North Carolina Opportunity Scholarship

The North Carolina Opportunity Scholarship Program expands school choice in North Carolina through scholarship grants for eligible children in Kindergarten through 12th grade. This program provides funding of up to \$6,492 per year for eligible children who choose to attend Infant of Prague Catholic School. Applications can be submitted at any time! For more information about the Opportunity Scholarship go to https://www.ncseaa.edu/k12/opportunity/how-to-apply-for-the-opportunity-scholarship/

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 RCIA participants as a Faith Guide? Then please join us at our weekly RCIA session Sunday from 12:15 – 1:30 PM in the Parish Hall!

The next two sessions are:

- March 3rd: "Mary, Mother of the Church and Help of Christians"
- March 10th: "The Communion of Saints; The Spiritual Combat: Angels and Demons" (last RCIA session before the Easter Vigil)

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*.

NEW: What is going on in the RCIA?

Three <u>Scrutinies</u> are celebrated in the parish community on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent, after the homily. These Rites are celebrated "to help deliver the Elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation and to give them strength in Christ, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life" (RCIA, *n. 141*). The Rites of Scrutiny are meant to uncover, and then heal,

all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the elects' hearts and to bring out through repentance all that is upright, strong and good.

The universal Church hears the stories of the Samaritan woman, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus - readings chosen to be the driving force of prayerful introspection, surrender, and conversion. The celebration of the Scrutinies also reminds the whole parish community of the need to reflect on our own sins and the need for God's help.

INQUIRY:

We are pleased to offer a monthly meeting/inquiry session every 4th Thursday of the month from 6pm to 7pm in the Parish Hall Library BUT for March, we will be meeting on **March 21st** (*instead of March 28th which is Holy Thursday*). Whether you are simply interested in the faith, new to the Catholic faith, or a fully initiated Catholic, you are most welcome. No prior registration is necessary.



My Lord Jesus Christ, who, for the love you bear to mankind, do remain night and day in this Sacrament, full of pity and love; awaiting, calling, and receiving all who come to visit you. I believe that you are present in the Sacrament of the Altar. I adore you from the depths of my own nothingness. I thank you for the many graces you have given me; and especially for having given me yourself in this Sacrament, for having given me Mary, your Mother as my advocate and for having called me to visit you in this church. AMEN. At this time, it is such an honor to say that ALL the HOLY HOURS have been committed to. It has been an overwhelming response to the HOLY HOURS that have recently opened up, with many new adorers coming forth in devotion and love to spend a HOLY HOUR with Jesus. What a beautiful blessing for the Adoration Chapel here at Infant of Prague. If you would like to become an adorer, but the hour you wish to commit to already has an adorer, it is the goal of all the coordinators to have more than one adorer for each hour so that there is always coverage if circumstances arise and one adorer is unable to come in; so please feel free to inquire with one of the coordinators below if you wish to sign up for a HOLY HOUR. Your time, love and devotion to Jesus is such a special way of "giving back" to him for ALL he has done for us. A heartfelt thank-you to all adorers for making our Adoration Chapel a blessing to all.

Coordinators:

Maureen Fiorello 353-0085 or 910-336-935

Carrie Albright 928-606-4169, Bob Butler 910-320-7852 Madeleine Feagle 910-389-0764 Bilingual Coordinator - Ariana Lopez Turner 910-554-7798

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 April 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.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

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 Nights: Are you a new or expectant mother seeking support in your parenting journey? The New Mom Community is a social ministry that offers

support to new and expectant mothers through

community and peer-based ministry. We meet Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 at members' homes. To learn more, please contact motherhoodcommunityed@gmail.com

Women's Group:

All women are invited to join the IOP Women's Group! We meet every **third Monday of the month at 6:30pm in the parish library**. The Women's Group will be reading through *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary* by Brandt Pitre. Social nights will be held every second Monday at member's homes. Contact Jessie Girardin for more information: 703-731-9685, jessicamgirardin@gmail.com

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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



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. See the parish website for a printable verson of the Mass Parts that the choir chants at the 10:30 Mass.

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.



The Thrift Store is in urgent need of volunteers. We are looking for cashiers, sorters and warehouse assistance. Please call Kim Cianci at 910-937-1543 IOP Thrift Store will only be accepting donations Tuesday – Friday, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM. Proceeds from the Thrift Store (after utilities) help us to assist families in danger of disconnection of utilities. Without these funds this

assistance program would come directly out of parish funds.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS & NEWS

Your generous contributions have helped feed and keep the electricity/water on for members of our community. 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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS:

Feeling lucky? Purchase tickets for the Luck of the Irish fundraiser for CDA. Tickets are \$5 and choose your lucky numbers. If your number matches the NC state evening drawing, your prize starts at \$25. Sunday's winnings are \$50, and St. Patrick's Day is \$75. Contact Cindy Heintz at 845-820-5967 or heintz.cindy@gmail.com. Go n-eirí an t-ádh leat

Next meeting will be March 6th, 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!



St. Patrick's Day Dinner

IOP Parish Hall

Saturday March 9, 2024 at 6:00pm

Corned Beef or Ham

Ticket \$10.00

We will be selling tickets after the Masses & parishioners can contact a Knights for a ticket purchase.

Cena del día de San Patricio

Salón Parroquial IOP Sábado 9 de marzo de 2024 a las 18:00 horas Carne en conserva Boleto \$10.00

2024 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE RAFFLE Sponsored by N. C. STATE COUNCIL

First Prize - \$5,000.00 Cash Second Prize - \$4,000.00 Cash Third & Fourth Prize - \$500.00 Cash Each Fifth & Sixth Prize - \$400.00 Cash Each Seventh Prize - \$200.00 Cash Each Tickets \$5.00 each with Drawing on May 4, 2024 50% of ticket sales go toward local charitable events

RIFA ESTATAL DE CABALLEROS DE COLÓN 2024 Patrocinado por el CONSEJO DE ESTADO DE N. C.

Primer premio: \$5000,00 en efectivo Segundo premio: \$4000,00 en efectivo Tercer y cuarto premio: \$500,00 en efectivo cada uno Quinto y Sexto Premio: \$400,00 en efectivo cada uno Séptimo premio: \$200,00 en efectivo cada uno Boletos \$5.00 cada uno con Sorteo el 4 de mayo de 2024

El 50% de la venta de entradas se destina a eventos benéficos locales.

DIOCESAN NEWS:

POWER & PURPOSE CONFERENCE:

St. Mary Magdalene Church in Apex is traveling to Franciscan University of Steubenville June 14-16 for an adult Catholic conference. Come learn from great speakers and hear more about the power of the Holy Spirit. We will be traveling via coach bus and would love for you to join us! Learn more at steubenvilleconferences.com. Reserve your spot today by contacting Laura Werner at <a href="www.werner.org/we

Marian Shrines Pilgrimage with Bishop Zarama

Join Bishop Zarama Sept. 27 – Oct. 8, 2024 as he leads a spiritual pilgrimage through The Marian Shrines of Portugal, Spain & France to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Diocese of Raleigh.

We will honor St. Bernadette in Lourdes, visit the homes of the Visionaries in Fatima, enjoy time in Madrid and Barcelona. We pay homage to the Black Madonna of Montserrat and to Our Lady of the Pillar in Zaragoza. I hope you can join me to explore this beautiful part of the world. Our time together will allow us to reflect on our lives and deepen our faith.

12 DAYS / \$4499 PER PERSON FROM RALEIGH, NC TO BOOK ONLINE:www.bit.ly/Zarama2024 EMAIL: Groups@Perillotours.com or belinda@apilgrimsjourney.com

PHONE: 724-679-7450 / 855-784-7687 For a brochure on the trip, please email Sara.Edwards@raldioc.org

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR: MARCH 2 & 3. 2024

READERS:

SAT. 5:00PM Elizabeth Barone SUN. 8:00AM Kris Burritt 10:30AM Jennifer Correro

ALTAR SERVERS:

SAT. 5:00PM

SUN. 8:00AM Evelyn Moulton, Olivia Moulton, Lily

Place, Linwood Taylor Jr

10:30AM Lucas Alexander, Reuben Alexander,

Matthew Curran, Evelyn Selleck

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

SAT. 5:00PM Ginny Albano, Shay DeCandia, Laurie

Holmes, Immanuel Israel, Andrea

Sopko, Tim Weber

SUN. 8:00AM Johnny Carr, Wyonia Chevis, Joe Frank,

Brian Hazel, Theresa Misko, Clare Rupp

10:30AM Christina Dixon, Carol Frugoli, Jerry Gray, Vielka Mason, Fran Montcrieff,

Mary Beth Poole



BULLETIN ARTICLES: All bulletin items must be submitted to the Parish Office in writing or e-mailed to psecretary.iop@gmail.com no later than 10:00AM on Monday. If Monday falls on a holiday items still need to be submitted by 10AM.

910.333.2338

Parishioner and Proud Infant of Prague Catholic School Parent.











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