



# Infant of Prague Catholic Church & School

Marine Blvd, Jacksonville, NC

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil - 5:00PM

## SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

8:00AM, 10:30AM, 12:15PM, Misa en Espanol

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

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

## RECONCILIATION:

Friday 11:00AM-12Noon

Saturdays 2:00 - 4:00 PM or by Appointment

**LENTE PENANCE SERVICE:** April 5, 2022 – 6:00PM

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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."

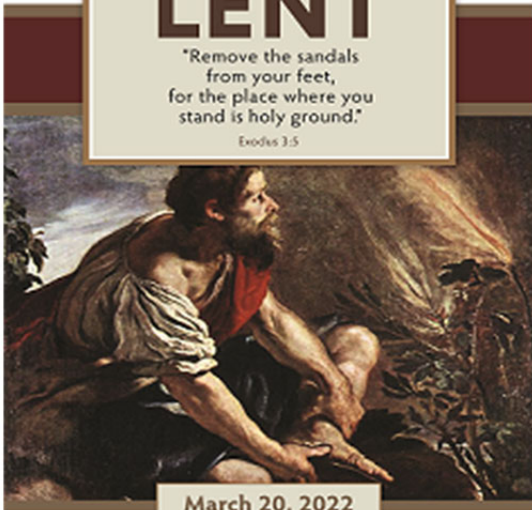
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**PARISH REGISTRATION:** We welcome new parishioners to share fully in our Parish life. As new members you bring vitality and growth to our parish. You may call the Parish Office to have a registration form mailed to you or stop by and complete a registration form at the Parish Office. You may also use the Parish web site [iopnc.org](http://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. This class is held on the **last Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM** in the Parish Hall, and in Spanish on the **1st Wednesday of the month at 7PM** in the Holy Spirit room 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.



March 20, 2022

**CHURCH OFFICES & MAILING ADDRESS:**

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

**Parish Website:** [iopnc.org](http://iopnc.org) or find us at <https://www.facebook.com/INFANTofPRAGUEJacksonvilleNC>

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**Third Sunday of Lent  
March 20, 2022**

The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to anger and generous to forgive. — Psalm 103 (102):8

**FINANCIAL NEWS:**

**OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE FOR MARCH 13, 2022**

Offertory	\$ 12,353.00
National Collections	\$ 85.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collections Previous & Future	\$ 2,653.00

**NEXT WEEKENDS SECOND COLLECTION:  
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

This collection provides funding for Catholic Relief Services, the USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, and Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees, relief work of the Holy Father, and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.

**BULLETIN ARTICLES:**

All bulletin items must be submitted to the Parish Office in writing or e-mailed to [psecretary.iop@gmail.com](mailto: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. Items submitted after 10AM will be held until the following week.



Monday: 2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Salt 42 (41):2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30  
 Tuesday: Dan 3:25, 34-43; Salt 25 (24):4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35  
 Wednesday: Deut 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19  
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Salt 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23  
 Friday: Isa 7:10-14, 8:10; Salt 40(39):7-11; Hebrews 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Salt 51(50):3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14  
 Sunday: Josh 5:9a, 10-12; Salt 34 (33):2-7; 2Co 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Alternate Readings (Year A):  
 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Salt 23 (22):1-6;  
 Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

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Lunes: 2 Re 5:1-15ab; Sal 42 (41):2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lc 4:24-30  
 Martes: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35  
 Miércoles: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Sal 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19  
 Jueves: Jer 7:23-28; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Lc 11:14-23  
 Viernes: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Sal 40 (39):7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lc 1:26-38  
 Sábado: Os 6:1-6; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 18-21ab; Lc 18:9-14  
 Domingo: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Sal 34 (33):2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Lecturas alternativas (Año A):  
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Sal 23 (22):1-6;  
 Ef 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]



**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**One in Faith Book #987**

**Weekend of March 19 & 20**

Saturday	5:00PM	+Christy Ford +Barbara Marapoti +Marguerite Poe
Sunday	8:00AM	People of the Parish
	10:30AM	+Frank Rachowicz Intentions of Mary Pat & Jon Johannes
	12:15PM	+Milton Nieves +Ada Gonzalez Ramos
Monday	12NOON	Intentions of Lucy Ledgerwood
Tuesday	12NOON	+Delores Hines +O'Rourke Family
Wednesday	8:10AM	+George Woodard
	12NOON	+Barbara Higgins
Thursday	9:00AM	+Frank Rachowicz
	7:00PM	Intentions of Diana Milena Albarracin Caro
Friday	12:00PM	+Charlotte Storm +Gartha Ingram, Jr.

**Weekend of March 26 & 27**

Saturday	5:00PM	+Zachary Meyer +Martin, Calhoun & Ray Families
Sunday	8:00AM	+Marion Sullivan
	10:30AM	People of the Parish
	12:15PM	

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In recent weeks, you have hopefully received information at home and here in church about the Bishop's Annual Appeal. You've learned about some of the vital ministries funded through the BAA that provide hope and love to those that need it most. The BAA is purely Christ's arm, reaching all corners of eastern NC with his unwavering love and glory. Through your generosity, you: Support the formation of our seminarians studying for the priesthood; Strengthen our Catholic education programs; Form and mold the next generation of Catholics; Provide hope and warm meals through our various food pantries & counseling services; Foster a faithful catholic life via our many ministries and; Provide direct financial support to rural parishes, ultimately allowing us to spread the Gospel to every corner in NC. I want to thank you for your generous participation to the Bishop's Annual Appeal this year. If you have not participated yet, I ask you to please consider a gift by going online to [united.dioceseofraleigh.org](http://united.dioceseofraleigh.org).

**STATIONS of the CROSS**



Stations of the Cross are held each Friday during Lent at 6:00PM and 7:30PM in Spanish.



We come together each Friday evening during the Lenten season for a free soup supper in the Parish Hall after the 6:00 Stations of the Cross. Lenten suppers consist of non-meat soup, bread and drink in order to maintain the season's focus on abstinence, sacrifice and simplicity. It is also a time to celebrate fellowship. No Soup Suppers on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**PRAY THE ROSARY:**

Knights of Columbus will be leading the rosary Sunday 27 March 2022 after the 8:00 am Mass for rite to life. All are invited to pray the rosary with us.



The Catholic Daughters will be having an Easter Basket sale after each of the masses on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will have Easter baskets and buckets filled with baked goods, which could be great gifts for teachers, co-workers or loved ones. Proceeds help fund our contributions for seminarians, scholarship for local students, prayer books for confirmation students and crucifixes to the IOP 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates.



The IOP Thrift Store currently has 2 Part-time positions available. Contact Kim at 910-937-1543 or Jose Cabrera at [iopbmanager@gmail.com](mailto:iopbmanager@gmail.com) for more details.

The Thrift Store is also in need of volunteers to serve as cashiers or helping in the Warehouse. Please contact Kim or Jose to volunteer.

The Food Pantry is in need of the following food items: Cereal, Rice, jelly, tuna fish, canned ravioli, spaghetti sauce, soups.







INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

An invitation for adults who are interested in our Catholic Faith. Are you thinking of joining the Church? Do you have a family member or friend you would like to introduce to the Catholic faith? Do you have questions about what we believe? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process developed by the Catholic Church for those over the age of 16 who wish to convert to Catholicism. The process introduces and teaches Catholic beliefs and practices. Additionally if you are a Baptized Catholic desiring to complete your Sacraments please contact us for information and classes. All classes are held on Sunday in the Parish Hall from 11:30-12:45. If you are interested, or have questions, please call Larry Snow 910-746-3904.

**ORIENTATION:**

Individuals who are seeking answers to questions about the Catholic faith or the process for becoming Catholic are encouraged to attend the Orientation process. If you are interested, or have questions, please call Larry Snow 910-746-3904.



The Sacraments Prep Course are held on Sunday in the Parish Hall from 11:30-12:45. If you are a Baptized Catholic desiring to complete your Sacraments please contact us for information and classes. If you are interested, or have questions, please call Larry Snow 910-746-3904

**FAITH FORMATION:**

Faith Formation Classes will be held on: MARCH 20, 27; APRIL 3, 24; MAY 1



Are you looking for a Catholic Men's Prayer Group? . Look no further than Tuesday evenings at IOP. Where: Holy Spirit Classroom of Parish Hall on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm. Contact Doug Nehls

**IOP RESPECT LIFE GROUP:**

The Infant of Prague Respect Life Group meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month beginning at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall. For more information please contact Shay at 704-968-8341.

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:**

Looking for fellowship? Want to grow in faith with people of similar age? Check out Young Adults Ministry. If you are a 20 something or 30 something, please join us on Wednesday nights at 7 pm in the Parish Hall Library. We also have game night and potluck two Saturdays a month. Check out <https://www.iopnc.org/young-adult-group>, for more information.



Eucharistic Adoration: My Lord Jesus Christ, your Eucharistic presence teaches me how to love as you have loved me. In your great love for me you continue to give yourself, body, blood, soul and divinity in this sacrament of our love. As I pray here in your Eucharistic presence, enkindle in me the fire of your gospel. Nourish me with your love and compassion so that I may be your living presence to all I meet. Amen.

Holy Hour that need FULL TIME coverage at this time include:

Tuesday 8-9 a.m., Wednesday 11:00 p.m.-midnight; THURSDAY 2-3 p.m.; SATURDAY 11:00 a.m.-NOON; SUNDAY 4-5 p.m., 8-9 p.m. and MIDNIGHT TO 7:30 a.m.

HOURS -- midnight to 6:00 a.m. Maureen Fiorello 353-0085 or 910-336-9359

HOURS -- 6:00 a.m. to 12 noon Bonnie DeBlieux 265-2970

HOURS -- 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. Bob Butler 320-7852

HOURS -- 6:00 p.m. to 12 midnight Madeleine Feagle 389-0764 or 577-5198



The Knights of Columbus Council 3574 are hosting a **St. Patrick's Dinner** on March 19 at 6:30pm. Tickets for dinner are \$10. There is a choice between Corned Beef or Ham. For tickets contact Bob Butler at [bobbutler206@gmail.com](mailto:bobbutler206@gmail.com).

Also, there is an online raffle at <http://go.rallyup.com/kofcstpatrick22> This raffle has many amazing prizes! Tickets start at \$1. Prizes will be drawn on March 20!



### KofC ANNUAL EASTER COLORING CONTEST:

KofC Annual Easter coloring contest will be conducted Sunday, 6 March 2022 through Sunday, 10 April 2022. Contest is open to all children ages 0-6 and 7-10. Please email [KofC-3574@LIVE.COM](mailto:KofC-3574@LIVE.COM) (mailto:[KofC-3574@LIVE.COM](mailto:KofC-3574@LIVE.COM)) to receive an email copy of contest coloring page and contest rules. Email must include age of contestant who wishes to enter contest.



The Catholic Daughters of America Court 1643 is offering a \$1000 scholarship to a graduating Catholic Senior high school girl in Onslow County. Applications are in the magazine racks at each entrance of the Church, at the Parish Office and at [iopnc.org/catholic-daughters-of-america](http://iopnc.org/catholic-daughters-of-america). Deadline is May 1, 2022.

**KOFC SCHOLARSHIP:** Council 3574, Knights of Columbus is taking applications from Catholic Male High school seniors for a \$500.00 scholarship. Eligibility requirements and applications may be obtained by emailing [KofC-3574@LIVE.COM](mailto:KofC-3574@LIVE.COM) (mailto:[KofC-3574@LIVE.COM](mailto:KofC-3574@LIVE.COM)). Fully completed applications must be returned to KofC Council 3574 not later than 10 May 2022.

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS:

Catholic Daughters of America (CDA) Court 1643 on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the parish hall. If you are interested, please check us out. In unity and charity!

### Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Membership in the JCDA is open to Catholic girls ages 6-18. Interested in joining? Applications are located in the entrances of the Church and contact us at: [JCDAofIOP@yahoo.com](mailto:JCDAofIOP@yahoo.com).



Dads, do you have a son or sons who are between first grade and high school? The Troops of St. George, Troop 1941 is seeking you to join us year round for outdoor activities and Catechesis with your fellow Catholic brothers. If you are interested, please contact Michael Hauck at [tsgcjnc@gmail.com](mailto:tsgcjnc@gmail.com)

### 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 Annemarie at [kinfantofprague@gmail.com](mailto:kinfantofprague@gmail.com) (912) 245-7920, or Stephanie at 412-623-9550, or just show up in the Parish Hall on the 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS MARCH 26 & 27, 2022

#### READER:

SAT. 5:00PM Patricia Smith  
SUN. 8:00AM Lester Boone  
10:30AM Caroline Martin

#### ALTAR SERVERS:

SAT. 5:00PM Abigail Alexander, Aidan & Declan Hauck, Liam Hauck  
SUN. 8:00AM Evelyn & Olivia Moulton, Lily Place, Linwood Taylor Jr  
10:30AM Lucas Alexander, Max DeTrinis, Hailey Fantana, William Smith

#### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

SAT. 5:00PM Ginny Albano, Elizabeth Barone, Richard Cole, Rhonda Fullerton, Andrea Sopko  
SUN. 8:00AM Johnny Carr, Barbara Duffy, Regina Edwards, Theresa Misko, David Ratte  
10:30AM Jennifer Corroero, Jerry Gray, Connie Maides, Fran Montcrieff

Have you remembered the good works of our parish in your Will? A bequest for a percentage of your estate or for a stated amount will ensure that the ministries of Infant Of Prague will continue after your death.





"I SHALL CULTIVATE THE GROUND  
AROUND IT AND FERTILIZE IT;  
IT MAY BEAR FRUIT IN THE FUTURE.  
IF NOT YOU CAN CUT IT DOWN."

LUKE 13:8-9

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## TRUST IN GOD

Elizabeth Barret Browning wrote, "Earth's crammed with heaven, And every common bush afire with God, But only he who sees, takes off his shoes; The rest sit round it and pluck blackberries." We are challenged today to experience the mystery of God with the image of Moses and the burning bush—a God who answers all questions in a simple, bold manner. Like an exasperated parent telling a child "Because I said so," God tells Moses "I am who I am," and "tell the Israelites I AM sent me to you." God may as well have said, "Save all your questions, and trust in me. Quit being so stubborn." The passage from First Corinthians reminds us what happened when the Israelites did not listen to God's message. They grumbled and complained because manna from heaven was not enough! Lastly, an annoyed Jesus calls on his listeners to repent and uses a difficult parable to stress transformation.

## A CONTINUOUS LENT

In the Rule of Saint Benedict, the monks are told that their lives should be a "continuous Lent." At first, this may sound like a negative, difficult thing, or entirely depressing. Rather, it is simply a call to be open and continue growing. In fact, one of the vows that Benedictines profess is *Conversatio Morum*, that is, "conversion of life." In a nutshell, that is what Jesus is saying this week. We are being called to change our lives. Some people came to Jesus with gossip and a gruesome story about Pilate; Jesus challenged them with a couple of pointed questions, and then related the parable of the fig tree. To put it in context, usually figs blossom within two years, and then can be harvested twice a year. When a tree has been barren three years, it might be best just to remove it, but this is not the approach that Jesus suggested. Rather, the gardener in the parable chose to nurture the tree, fertilizing it with dung. He was not willing to give up on it.

## GROWTH

There are times when we may feel our lives are covered in dung, and we lie dormant through a plethora of difficult and painful moments. But Jesus is calling us to use this time, to draw strength from it, to use the dung in our lives as fertilizer, to begin a slow and steady transformation to a new and better place, until we too can bear fruit. Growth is always a process, and we have to start somewhere. While there is always a call to repentance and conversion, we are blessed with a God who is loving enough and patient enough to wait for us to come to our senses, however long that may take. This Lent we are being called to life. We are called to repent. We are called to be nurtured and fertilized and take the time and effort to grow.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15  
Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11  
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12  
Luke 13:1-9

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 20, 2022



**FRIDAY, APRIL 8 - IOP Parish Hall**

**11:00AM – 2:00PM and 4:00-7:00PM**

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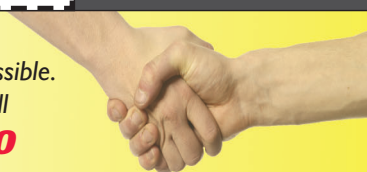
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