

ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets.

Then he called them.

Mk 1:19-20

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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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. 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 #1042

Weekend of January 20 & 21

Saturday 5:00PM Intentions of Anne Marie

Sommese

+Shane Phillips

Sunday 8:00AM

10:30AM +John Paul Kitko

+Johnny Goodfred

12:30PM People of the Parish

Monday 12:00PM

Tuesday 12:00PM +James Bigham

+Delores Hines

Wednesday 8:10AM

12::00PM

Thursday 9:00AM +Fuller Family v

7:00PM Intentions of Roberto Gonzalez

Friday 12NOON

Weekend of January 27 & 28

Saturday 5:00PM People of the Parish

Sunday 8:00AM

10:30AM +Daigle Family

+John Paul Kitko

12:30PM Intentions of Lizzette Barrios

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FINANCIAL NEWS:

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE FOR JAN. 14, 2024

Offertory \$15,061.00
National Collections \$ 115.00
2nd Collections Previous & Future \$ 4,119.00

NEXT WEEKENDS SECOND COLLECTION: CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

The Collection for the Church in Latin America supports projects that include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Funding is limited to programmatic expenses and excludes building construction except in cases of emergency.



Traveling Monstrance at IOP
In preparation of the 100th

In preparation of the 100th anniversary of the Diocese of Raleigh, IOP will host the Centennial Traveling Monstrance in the IOP Adoration Chapel on Thursday, February 1, 2024 all day.



2023 TAX STATEMENTS:

Parishioner needing a Contribution Tax Statement for the Income Tax year 2023 may request a copy by contacting the Parish Office at 347-4196 or by sending an e-mail request to psecretary.iop@gmail.com. Please provide your first & last name and your address or envelope number. *Please call before stopping by the Office to pick up a statement.* Financial totals will not be given out over the phone.



Sunday, February 4, 2024 from 9:00AM until 1:00PM in the gym. To schedule an appointment visit redcrossblood.org and use the Sponsor Code: infant of prague.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

JANUARY 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



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.



The Adoration chapel currently has several open hours that need to be filled by a committed adorer. There is early Wednesday morning at 1:00 – 2:00am and 2:00 – 3:00am; also early Saturday morning at 3:00 – 4:00am. These are the middle of the night, but there is no better time to be with the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus than in the middle of the night. It is silent and offers an intimate experience to speak with and listen to the One who loves you with a divine love.

The other opening is **Thursday afternoon at 3:00 - 4:00pm.** This may be just the opportunity that you have been waiting for, to commit to a holy hour in the Adoration chapel. Please consider these openings and let us know if you have any questions. You can contact any of the coordinators if you are able to fill one of these openings.

Coordinators: Maureen Fiorello 910-353-0085 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

As we begin the blessing of a "New" Year, we tend to think about "new" ideas and "new " goals, for this blessing brings us a clean slate to start fresh. We reflect upon our lives of last year and say to ourselves, what MORE can I do to achieve well-being within. We pray

and we give of ourselves and our time to others in many different ways, but is it enough? For us to receive another year is a gift; and this year we want to do just a little bit MORE; to experience true Joy, Peace and Contentment. We can Pray MORE to Jesus in thanksgiving and spend MORE Time with Jesus adoring him and giving him praise. We can Honor Him by speaking MORE kind words to all, perform MORE humble deeds for those who cannot help themselves; and we can love MORE all mankind. We wish to know in our hearts that we are doing our very best to be MORE like Jesus. May God Bless Us All in this New Year! As we begin 2024, there is only one Holy Hour open to fill, Wednesday 2:00-3:00 a.m., and what a wonderful way to start! Please contact one of the coordinators below if you would like to sign-up for this hour, or if you would like to be put on the substitute list. Thank you!

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!

The next three sessions are:

- January 21st: "Sacrament of Confirmation"
- January 28th: "Sacrament of Penance"
- February 4th: "Sacrament of the Eucharist"

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.

<u>NEW:</u> We are pleased to offer a *monthly meeting/inquiry session* every 4th Thursday of the month, starting January 25th, from 6pm to 7pm in the Parish Hall Library. Whether you previously inquired about RCIA but were not able to join the current sessions, are simply interested in the faith, new to the Catholic faith, or a fully initiated Catholic, you are most welcome.

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 February 2nd 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 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

In December, the Outreach Resource Center assisted 92 households/388 individuals with 4,513lbs of food from our food pantry including 46 Christmas Food Baskets. We assisted 15 households/57 individuals through our utility assistance program. Your generous contributions have helped feed and keep the electricity/water on for members of our community.

Thanks to your generous contributions we were able to assist 41 families/116 children by providing gift cards for gifts and food.

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.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Jacksonville March For Life 2024

Please join in the prayerful Jacksonville March For Life 2024. Our goal is to allow residents of our city and county to demonstrate for the "Right to Life" for all people: born and unborn, for life is a precious gift from God. It is one of only three marches for life in North Carolina. It is sponsored by Infant of Prague (IOP) Catholic Church and hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

Saturday 27 January 2024 (rain or shine).

Assemble at City Hall beginning 12:15 PM. We'll begin the March with prayer at 1 PM and then prayerfully march to IOP via Johnson Blvd. At IOP we'll pray and listen to an inspiring talk. Refreshments will be provided. The event will conclude at approximately at 2 PM. We'll have Knights to offer rides back to City Hall.

Point of contact is David Ratté at <u>david.ratte.iopcs@gmail.com</u> or 910 548-0774 (text or leave message).

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION – WEEK 37

"Um, it's getting a little crowded in here. I think it's about time I get out, don't you think? I am just getting chubbier every day, which means there is less and less room for me to move around. My fingernails and toenails have grown to the ends of my fingers and toes and everything else here is about the same. My mommy seems to be spending a lot of time resting now. I think she's ready

for my arrival, too. I wonder when the BIG DAY will arrive! Please pray for me..."

- 1. If you participated in the Virtual Adoption and have items for the Pregnancy Resource Center, please bring them to the Parish Hall on Sunday. January 28th. They will be taken to the Pregnancy Resource Center on Monday, January 29th.
- 2. If you still have baby bottles, please turn them in immediately. Thank you for all you do.

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



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

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 February 7, 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).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:

21 Jan - Coffee and Pastries after both Masses

28 Jan - Rosary after 8:00 AM Mass for Right to Life and Traditional Marriages. All are invited to join us

Free Throw Championship 2024;

The Knights of Columbus are hosting the annual Free Throw Challenge (Last year an IOP child took 2nd place at the State tournament in her age bracket!). Sunday 21 January from 2-4 PM at the IOP gym for children ages 9-14. Point of contact is David Ratté at david.ratte.iopcs@gmail.com.



St. Patrick's Day Dinner

IOP Parish Hall
Saturday March 9, 2024 at 6:00pm
Corned Beef 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

DIOCESAN NEWS:

14th Annual Catholic Men's Conference of the Carolinas

The Catholic Men's Conference of the Carolinas, which has been a staple to Catholic men of the Carolinas, is now moving into its fourteenth year of conferences with its next event scheduled for February 10, 2024, at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 1400 Suther Rd, Charlotte, NC 28213. For the first time in its history, Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama from the Diocese of Raleigh will be present to celebrate Mass, with keynote speaker Jesse Romero along with a great line up of others. Tickets are on sale now

at <u>catholicmenofthecarolinas.org</u>. Cost: \$40 General Admission; \$35 Knights of Columbus; \$20 Virtual.



Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy, and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based and Catholic, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about our upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program in Raleigh on March 8-10, 2024: email retrouvailleraleigh@gmail.com, call 567-225-6115, or visit http://bit.ly/41sFcW6 or helpourmarriage.org

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR: JAN. 27 & 28, 2024

READERS:

SAT. 5:00PM Elizabeth Barone SUN. 8:00AM Bob Blick 10:30AM Caroline Martin

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 Ofelia Abel, Richard Cole, Robbie Hilton, Laurie Holmes, Immanuel Israel, Tim Weber

SUN. 8:00AM Kris Burritt, Johnny Carr, Joe Frank, Brian Hazel, Michael Higginbotham, Theresa Misko

10:30AM Jennifer Correro, Christina Dixon, Jerry Gray, Darwing Preciado, Nitza Preciado, Katherine Selleck

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