Christ The Good Shepherd Buen Pastor

I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. John 10:11

Cristo El

Yo soy el Buen Pastor. El buen pastor da su vida por las ovejas. Juan 10:11

Infant of Prague Catholic Church & School

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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 Wednesday 8:10AM (when school is in session) 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. 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 <u>iopnc.org</u> to register online, <u>please call to confirm that your online registration was received</u>.

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 919-622-2659 rember we cannot make visitations to people when we are unaware of their situation.



One In Faith Book # 1016

Weekend of May 10 & 11

Sat.	5:00PM	People of the Parish
Sun.	8:00AM	All Mothers of the Parish both
		living and deceased
	10:30AM	All Mothers of the Parish both
		living and deceased
	12:30PM	All Mothers of the Parish both
		living and deceased
Monday	12:00PM	+Mary Rohmer White
Tuesday	12:00PM	+Kenneth Mistrick
Wednesday	y 8:10AM	Intentions of Mike Reyes Leon
	12:00PM	Intentions of Kenneth & Arpine
		Leblanc
Thursday	9:00AM	
	7:00PM	+Luis Martinez Colon
Friday	12:00PM	Intentions of John Leblanc

Weekend of May 17 & 18

Saturday	5:00PM	+John & Mildred Greska
		+Louise Hendrichson
Sunday	8:00AM	People of the Parish
	10:30AM	Intentions of Sierra, Page & Kurt
		+Renalder Swain
	12:30PM	Intentions of Fernando Rico

FINANCIAL NEWS:

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE FOR MAY 3, 2025

Offertory	\$18,910.00
National Collections	\$ 99.00
2 nd Collection	\$ 5,083.00

NEXT WEEKENDS SECOND COLLECTION: IOP SCHOOL SUPPORT



MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST:

Knights of Columbus will be hosting Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday 11 May 2025 after the 8:00 AM Mass from 9:00 to 10:15 AM for all

mothers of the parish. All Mothers eat for free. ALL Mothers are invited to enjoy the breakfast in their honor.

OCIA & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR ADULTS

Are you interested in exploring the Catholic faith? We invite you to join us for OCIA (*Order of Christian Initiation for Adults*)! Whether you wish to enter the Church, come back to the Faith, learn more about our beliefs, or prepare for the Sacraments, the OCIA team is here to support you on your journey. Discover the richness of Catholicism, grow in intimacy with the Lord, and find answers to your questions.

We will begin our monthly OCIA Inquiry sessions on the fourth Thursday of each month from 6 pm to 7 pm in the Parish Hall Library. These sessions are open to anyone curious or with questions about the OCIA process, the Sacraments, or the Catholic faith. The first session will be held on **May 22nd**. For more information, contact us at ioprcia@gmail.com or (910) 378-9869 (call or text).

Call to Action: Are you a <u>fully initiated Catholic</u> who wants to support adults seeking the Lord? Contact us to learn more!



Infant of Prague is blessed to offer Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at its Adoration Chapel, located through the back door of the Church. The chapel is open to the public from 8 AM to dusk.

We are currently seeking dedicated weekly adorers to fill these open Holy Hours: Tuesday 1-2 AM, Friday 12midnight-1 AM, Saturday 1-2 AM and Saturday 2-3 PM.

Some of our current adorers are asking for a partner to share their Holy Hour: Tuesday 8-9 AM and Tuesday 2-3 PM; Friday 8-9 AM.

Coordinator Contacts:

Midnight to 6 AM- Susan Bellis 760-709-2401; 6 AM to Noon - Carrie Albright 928-606-4169; Noon to 6 PM - Maureen Fiorello 910-336-9359; 6 PM to Midnight - Madeleine Feagle 910-389-0764; Coordinadora Bilingue: Ariana Lopez Turner 910-554-7798 El Infante de Praga es bendecido para ofrecer la Adoración Eucarística Perpetua en su Capilla de Adoración, ubicada a través de la puerta trasera de la Iglesia. La capilla está abierta al público desde las 8 de la mañana hasta el anochecer.

Actualmente estamos buscando adoradores semanales dedicados para llenar estas Horas Santas abiertas: Martes de 1 - 2 a.m., Viernes de 12 - 1 a.m., Sabado de 1 - 2 a.m. y Sabado de 2 - 3 p.m.

Algunos de nuestros adoradores actuales están pidiendo una pareja para compartir su Hora Santa: Martes de 8 - 9 a.m. y Martes de 2 - 3 p.m.; Viernes de 8 - 9 a.m.

Contactos del Coordinador: Coordinadora Bilingüe: 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 3:30-5:30pm 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 3:30 a 5:30 p.m. en el gimnasio de la parroquia**. Para obtener información, comuníquese con **trinawilson.iop@gmail.com**.

JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS:

Calling all girls ages 6-18; are you a Junior Catholic Daughter yet? Our next meeting is Friday, June 6th at 6 pm in the ORC. We hope you'll join us in friendship, charity, and prayer. Contact Jessica at **jcda1643@gmail.com** or **616-322-5299**.

Troops of Saint George: 1st and 3rd Sunday at 4PM

TSG is a father/guardian and son scouting apostolate following the teachings of the Catholic Church through outdoor adventures, fraternity, and prayer. Contact our Captain, Patrick Callahan, at (808) 343-4475 or tsgcjnc@gmail.com iopnc.org/troops-of-st-george

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 <u>iopnc.org/young-adult-group</u>.

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-ministry.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

IOP RESPECT LIFE GROUP: Please join us in the Parish Hall on the 4th Friday of each month beginning at 6:00PM. For information please contact Theresa Chapman at <u>Theresa.chapman68@gmail.com</u>

27th Annual NC Rally & March for Life Raleigh 2025

Saturday, May 17, 2025 Time: 12:45 PM - 01:45 PM

Location: Halifax Mall; 300 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh NC 27603

IMPORTANT NOTE:

We will meet at IOP's parking lot, near the Parish Hall at 8:15am to check-in, then leave No Later Than 8:30am. (You may bring a snack and drink if you'd like, as long as fits with you in your seat. We may make a rest stop) Bus Transportation will be provided: Cost: \$10.00 per person. Only 44 seats available. All others are welcome to carpool to the event.

Please contact Theresa Chapman to reserve a seat & coordinate payment. just4u0522@yahoo.com or 910-545-9968

Outreach Resource Center

In April, the Outreach Resource Center assisted 45 households/133 individuals with 3,156lbs of food from our food pantry. Our food pantry volunteers have generously served 190 hours to help those in need. We assisted 23 households/70 individuals through our utility assistance program. Your generous contributions have helped feed and keep the electricity/water on for members of our community. The food pantry is need of the following items: white and brown rice, Knorr pasta, Knorr rice, regular pasta, spaghetti, flour, canola oil, cereal, canned pork and beans, canned black beans, canned pinto beans, dry lentils, dry pintos beans, boxed potatoes, Martha White muffin mix, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, grape or strawberry jelly, peanut butter, canned chicken, tuna helper, and large applesauce jars. Food donations may be dropped off in the baskets at church or at the Outreach Resource Center during business hours. We are also in need of paper grocery bags. Thank you for your generosity!

Visit **iopnc.org/outreach-resource-center** to find a complete list of recommended donation items. These staple items keep our shelves stocked and ready to serve our neighbors in need!

IOP THRIFT STORE NEWS:

At this time the Thrift Store will not be accepting donations until May 19th.

The IOP Thrift Store is looking for volunteers Join the IOPTS team as a cashier, sorter, or warehouse assistant. Hours are flexible. Visit us at 119 Wilmington Hwy or call (910) 937-1543 to join our team today! The IOP Thrift Store accepts donations Wednesday -Saturday's, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM. If you need assistance with a furniture donation, please call (910) 937-1543.

PRAYER CHAIN:

Do you need a prayer said for yourself, loved one, friend or someone? We are here to pray for you! Please email our confidential prayer chain

at: <u>prayerchain.iop@gmail.com</u> today and we will pray for you and yours!

ROSARY MAKING GROUP

The Infant of Prague Rosary Makers Group will start up again on the third Wednesday of the month at 9:30AM in the Parish Hall Library. We make cord and bead rosaries for the missions. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information contact LeonI LaRochelle at bucky.LaRochelle@outlook.com or 207-242-7625.

BIBLE STUDY:

The **Men's Bible Study** meets on Thursday at 7 pm in the Parish Hall Library. Contact Tony DeCandia at <u>adecandia153@gmail.com</u> for details.

Cor Men's Bible Study (Knights of Columbus) meets on the 4th Thursday of each month. The mission of *Cor* is to refocus Catholic men on Jesus Christ. To learn more about this program visit <u>kofc.org</u> and type "Cor" in the search box. Contact Tony DeCandia at adecandia153@gmail.com for additional details.

CHOIR NEWS:

The choir is looking to grow!! We need singers, cantors, and musicians. We encourage high school students and young adults to participate. We are preparing special music selections as well. Don't know how to read music? It's ok. We can help!! Love to sing? We need you!! Practices are Tues. for. 6-7pm. Please contact Dolly Grosskopf at 910.389.3742 or email <u>sgrosskopf@ec.rr.com</u>..

GREGORIAN CHANT CHOIR:



New members needed! We are hoping to add more voices to this ministry as we prepare to say goodbye to a few of our chanters this summer. Beginners are always welcome!

Join us as we learn the fundamentals of this ancient art and practice traditional hymns. The Gregorian Chant Choir practices in the choir loft on Wednesday at 6pm. Contact Dom Dalmasso at <u>domdalmasso@gmail.com</u> for information. See the parish website for a printable version of the Mass Parts that the choir chants at the 10:30 Mass.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS:

CDA will have their next meeting June 4th in the Parish Hall at 6:30 pm. Looking for gifts for Easter, Confirmations, First Holy Communion, check out the gift shop located in the Church on the Parish Hall side of the Church. We also have veils and dresses for First Communion.



BUNCO FUNdraiser:

Hosted by IOP Catholic Daughters Proceeds will be allocated to local charitable organizations. Saturday June 7 @ 10:00 am Parish Hall

Please secure your seat by contacting Donna Merriman 910 539-8752. \$25.00 per person



Do you pray daily? Do you find yourself being called by our Blessed Mother through the most powerful weapon we have in our arsenal of prayers? Consider joining the auxiliary ranks of the Legion of Mary! Contact: Sr. Jennifer Correro at: holymotherofiop@gmail.com.

BENEDICTINE OBLATES:

St. Michael the Archangel Deanery is the local chapter of Benedictine Oblates of St. Vincent Archabbey. We meet **every 3rd 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.

SECULAR ORDER OF FRANCISCANS:

From the Gospel to life

Looking for assistance in formation of the Secular Franciscan Order of Infant of Prague Church, Please call 910-347-1678 or 910-650-7021 and leave a message with your name and phone number. Please do not text.

SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES

You are invited to visit the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites. Learn more about the Carmelite Order, its role in the world, and the saints who made it happen. Discover if you may be called to follow St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Thérèse of Lisieux and the many other Carmelite saints by living hidden in the Heart of Christ for the sake of the Church and the world. If you are a confirmed and practicing Catholic at least 18 years old and are interested in the Secular Carmelites of Wilmington, please contact Theresa Bogue at theresabogue@yahoo.com.

We are pleased to announce that the annual Silver Rose pilgrimage from Canada to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico makes a stop at Infant of Prague on Saturday 31 May. This program is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus to express both international unity and dedication to the sanctity of human life. Families are encouraged. The journey of the silver rose begins each year in March and ends on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. During that time, Silver Roses travel from town to town along eight routes throughout North America. "We think in terms of 'One Life, One Rose,' it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses." (Carl Anderson) We'll gather from 7:00 to 8:00 PM in the church to pray the Rosary (English/Spanish), Listen to the Word of God, participate in an Act of Consecration to our Blessed Mother to proclaim the Gospel of Life, and prav the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Light refreshments.

La Rosa de Plata llega a IOP

Nos complace anunciar que la peregrinación anual de la Rosa de Plata desde Canadá a la Basílica de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en México hará escala en el Infante de Praga el sábado 31 de mayo. Este programa está patrocinado por los Caballeros de Colón para expresar la unidad internacional y la dedicación a la santidad de la vida humana. Se anima a las familias a asistir. El viaje de la rosa de plata comienza cada año en marzo v termina en la festividad de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Durante esa época, las Rosas de Plata viajan de pueblo en pueblo por ocho rutas a lo largo de Norteamérica, «Pensamos en términos de 'Una Vida, Una Rosa'; es más apropiado que nos dirijamos a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, quien dio a conocer su voluntad a través de Juan Diego y el milagro de las rosas». (Carl Anderson) Nos reuniremos de 19:00 a 20:00 h en la iglesia para rezar el Rosario (inglés/español), escuchar la Palabra de Dios, participar en un Acto de Consagración a nuestra Santísima Madre para proclamar el Evangelio de la Vida y rezar las Letanías de la Santísima Virgen María. Habrá un refrigerio ligero.



Emaus walk for women and men are having a raffle to support the future retreats this year! We have 10 prizes for 10 winners.

The cost of the ticket is \$10 to enter the raffle! Tickets will be on sale after the weekend masses.





Vacation Bible School

Registration for *Totally Catholic True North VBS* is open. VBS is free for all children and grandchildren of parishioners. For more information and to register, visit: <u>https://vbspro.events/p/iopnc</u> **Date: July 21-25, 2025** | Location: Parish Hall Time: 8:30am-12pm | Ages: K-5th grade Contact: trinawilson.iop@gmail.com



Vacation Bible School Volunteer Registration

Registration for VBS volunteers is now open. Who can volunteer? We welcome youth in 6th-12th grade and adults to join the VBS ministry team. All adults are required to be compliant with Safe Environment guidelines. Volunteers will serve from 8am-12:30pm, July 21-25, 2025. Contact: <u>trinawilson.iop@gmail.com</u>

Registration: https://vbspro.events/p/iopnc



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