



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

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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BULLETIN ARTICLES: All bulletin items must be submitted to the Parish Office in writing or emailed to psecretary.iop@gmail.com no later than 10:00AM on Monday unless otherwise stated. If Monday falls on a holiday items still must to be submitted by 10:0AM.

CHURCH OFFICES & MAILING ADDRESS:

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

Parish Website: iopnc.org or find us at [https://www.facebook.com/INFANTofPRAGUEJacksonville NC](https://www.facebook.com/INFANTofPRAGUEJacksonvilleNC)

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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 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.*

ANOIDING 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 remember we cannot make visitations to people when we are unaware of their situation.



One In Faith Book #1034

Weekend of June 21 & 22

Sat.	5:00PM	+Josie & Dennis Pallang +Carolyn Yantorn +Carl Reichle
Sun.	8:00AM	+Gene & Joe Blick
	10:30AM	People of the Parish
	12:30PM	+Rafaela Solis
Monday	12:00PM	+Gladys Koonce Intentions of Donnie Koonce
Tuesday	12:00PM	+Evelyn Lynge
Wednesday	12:00PM	+Dolores Hines +Lucy Kitko
Thursday	9:00AM	+Maria Marapoti +Manuel Lechado
	7:00PM	+Rafael Bergollo
Friday	12:00PM	Intentions of Neoma Castillo +Gloria

Weekend of June 28 & 29

Saturday	5:00PM	+Jim Collins +Michael Mittiga
Sunday	8:00AM	+Ken Lewis
	10:30AM	+Ramond Bischof, Jr. +Lee Branche +John Poole
	12:30PM	People of the Parish

FINANCIAL NEWS:

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE FOR JUNE 15, 2025

Offertory	\$14,971.00
National Collections	\$ 691.00
2 nd Collection	\$ 3,107.00

NEXT WEEKENDS SECOND COLLECTION: PETER'S PENCE

The Peter's Pence Collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the neediest throughout the world—those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. It likewise provides the faithful with a tangible opportunity to not only empower the weak, defenseless, and voiceless, but also sustain those who suffer.

LOOK WHAT'S NEW:

Recently we have changed to using business email address, please note the changes to the Clergy and Staff email addresses listed on the bulletin.



As we journey through the year, we set new goals dedicated to strengthening our church's community. Faithfulness in giving allows us to share the gifts that God has given us, so our spiritual home may thrive. That is why our church offers Online Giving as an option to support our ongoing mission and ministries.

Online Giving helps support our church by allowing you to make donations, payments, and pledge via your mobile phone, smart device, or computer to our church. See our webpage iopnc.org



Registration for Faith Formation classes has begun. Registration forms are available in the entrances of the Church as well as in the Parish Office or you can use the new forms available on the parish website under the Education tab (iopnc.org). Complete your form, download and pay online. If you have questions please contact Mrs. Branham at 910-347-4196.

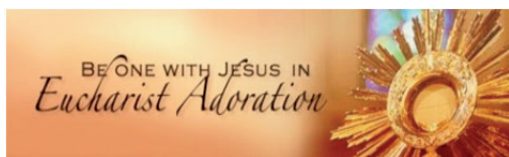
OCIA & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR ADULTS

OCIA: Sundays, 12:15-2:00, Parish Hall

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 have begun our monthly OCIA Inquiry sessions, held on the 4th Thursday of the month from 6pm to 7pm in the Parish Hall Library. These sessions are open to anyone curious or with questions about the OCIA process, the Catholic faith, the Sacraments (e.g. was your marriage celebrated in the Church?), etc The next monthly Inquiry session will be on **Thursday, June 26th**. For more information, contact us at ioprcia@gmail.com or (910)-378-9869 (call or text).

Call to Action: Are you a fully initiated Catholic 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. Currently we have several holy hours that are available to be filled by committed weekly adorers.

Holy Hour needs: **Sunday 4-5 PM; Monday 1-2 AM; Tuesday 1-2 AM; Saturday 2-3 PM.**

Holy Hour partner requests: **Tuesday 8-9 AM, Tuesday 1-2 PM, Tuesday 2-3 PM; and 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 tiene la bendición de 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 tenemos varias horas santas que están disponibles para ser llenadas por adoradores semanales comprometidos.

Necesidades de Hora Santa: **Domingo 4-5 PM; Lunes 1-2 AM; Martes 1-2 AM; Sábado 2-3 PM.**

Solicitud de socios de Hora Santa: **Martes 8-9 AM, Martes 1-2 PM, Martes 2-3 PM; y Viernes 8-9 AM.**

Contactos del Coordinador: 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.

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 tsgcjc@gmail.com iopnc.org/troops-of-st-george

JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS:

Calling all girls ages 6-18; are you a Junior Catholic Daughter yet? We hope you'll join us in friendship, charity, and prayer. Contact mrusch@ec.rr.com / 910-526-6866

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-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 Theresa.chapman68@gmail.com

Outreach Resource Center

In May, the Outreach Resource Center assisted 44 households/117 individuals with 2,611lbs of food from our food pantry. Our food pantry volunteers have generously served 198 hours to help those in need. We assisted 24 households/61 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 in 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 pinto 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:

The IOP Thrift Store is in need of paper grocery bags. You can make a donation at 119 Wilmington Hwy, Jacksonville, Mon-Sat from 9:30-5:00. Thank you!

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: prayerchain.iop@gmail.com today and we will pray for you and yours!

ROSARY MAKING GROUP

Rosary makers will be taking a summer break. We will restart in September. If you need rosaries or would like to learn how to make cord and bead or wired chain rosaries, please contact Leonel 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 adecandia153@gmail.com 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 kofc.org 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 sgrosskopf@ec.rr.com.

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 domdalmasso@gmail.com for information. See the parish website for a printable version of the Mass Parts that the choir chants at the 10:30 Mass.



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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS:

CDA will have their next meeting August 6th in the Parish Hall at 6:30 pm.

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.

Single/Single Again Beach Retreat

Please join us for the 30th annual Single/Single Again beach retreat for those widowed, divorced, never married. August 8-10, 2025 at Trinity Retreat Center in Salter Path, NC. Come enjoy a weekend of spiritual enrichment, friendship and relaxation. More information and registration form available from gingerslabelle@gmail.com.

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. Retrouvaille is hosting a weekend in Spanish for married couples in Raleigh July 18-20, 2025. Please visit www.helpourmarriage.org, call 248-789-0276 for

more information (Spanish spoken), or email retrouvailleraleigh@gmail.com in English or in Spanish.

Ayuda Matrimonial - Retrouvaille ha ayudado a decenas de miles de parejas en todas las etapas de desilusión o miseria en su matrimonio. Este programa también puede ayudarte a ti. Para obtener información confidencial o inscribirse en el programa de verano en español que comienza con un fin de semana del 18-20 de julio, llame al 248-789-0276 (español e inglés) o envíe un correo electrónico a: retrouvailleraleigh@gmail.com o visite el sitio web en HelpOurMarriage.com.

“God Chose You for Me,” a Catholic Marital Retreat

The “God Chose You for Me” retreat is being offered for the first time ever in the southeast United States. It will be held on June 14, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Eastern Time at Saint Paul Parish, 3005 Country Club Road, New Bern, NC 28562. The cost is \$125 per couple. The retreat is designed to help married couples deepen their spiritual connection and develop a personalized couple prayer by exploring the divine aspects of their union. For more information and to apply for the “God Chose You for Me” event, please visit <https://ncmarriagediscovery.org/enrichment.php>.





Vacation Bible School – Space Is Now Limited!

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: <https://vbspro.events/p/iopnc>

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: trinawilson.iop@gmail.com

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