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## **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

### **CLERGY & STAFF:**

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**BULLETIN ARTICLES:** All bulletin items must be submitted to the Parish Office in writing or emailed to [secretary@iopnc.org](mailto:secretary@iopnc.org) 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:**

205 Chaney Ave., Jacksonville, N.C., 28540 / Telephone (910) 347-4196 / FAX: (910) 347-9338

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY 9:30AM TUESDAY-FRIDAY 9:00AM UNTIL 5:00PM**

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

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**Parish Council Chair: Chris Marks**  
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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](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. The Baptism class takes place at 1:30PM in the Parish Hall on the last Sunday of the month and in Spanish on the **1<sup>st</sup> 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 remember we cannot make visitations to people when we are unaware of their situation.



**One In Faith Book #1100**

**Weekend of August 30 & 31**

Sat.	5:00PM	People of the Parish
Sun.	8:00AM	+Patricia Bilz +Jean Wineke
	10:30AM	+Paul Fiorello
	12:30PM	Edgar Pinos Miranda
Monday	12:00PM	Intentions of Maclane & Thurston Families
Tuesday	12:00PM	+James V. Marapoti
Wednesday	8:10AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
	12:00PM	+Dolores Hines Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	9:00AM	+Clarence Lamon
	7:00PM	Intentions of Jenny Castaneda
Friday	12:00PM	+Alan Frucht Poor Souls in Purgatory

**Weekend of September 6 & 7**

Saturday	5:00PM	+Albert & Sylvia Hill +Mary Beth Kelly Ross
Sunday	8:00AM	People of the Parish
	10:30AM	+Tom Gallagher +Florence & Howard Zur
	12:30PM	Intentions of Juan Cruz Gomez

**FINANCIAL NEWS:**

**OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE FOR AUG. 24, 2025**

Offertory	\$15,100.00
National Collections	\$ 237.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$ 3,744.00

**NEXT WEEKENDS SECOND COLLECTION:  
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA**

Catholic University is the national pontifical university of the Catholic Church. Gifts to the National Collection — the only second collection taken for higher education in the U.S. — support students during this crucial time and help the University conduct critical research that will serve parishes and dioceses throughout the country.



IOP School, Parish Office, IOP Outreach Center and the IOP Thrift Store will be closed on Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of Labor Day

**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*)! The first OCIA session will be held on Sunday, **August 31st at 12:30pm** in the **Parish Hall**. 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.

The monthly OCIA Inquiry sessions will resume next year. If you have questions about the OCIA process, the Catholic faith, the Sacraments (e.g. was your marriage celebrated in the Church?), etc. please contact us directly at [ioprcia@gmail.com](mailto:ioprcia@gmail.com) or **(910) 378-9869** (call or text).

**URGENT Call to Action:** If you are a fully initiated Catholic who wants to support adults seeking the Lord, **WE NEED YOU!!!** Please contact us to learn more!

We will have a **meeting for OCIA Sponsors** (and those that are interested in helping with OCIA) on **Sunday, September 7th** after the OCIA session that day (2pm).



**IS JESUS CALLING YOU TO SPEND TIME WITH HIM IN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?**

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. Will you answer the call of Jesus to spend one hour with Him?

Holy Hour opening: **SUNDAY 5-6 PM**  
Current adorers are asking for a partner to share these hours: **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

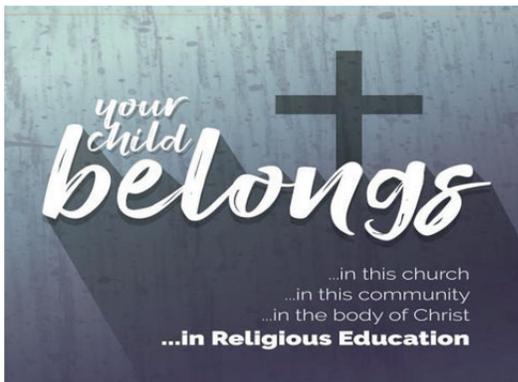
## ¿TE ESTÁ LLAMANDO JESÚS A PASAR TIEMPO CON ÉL EN ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA?

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 ¿Responderás al llamado de Jesús de pasar una hora con él?

Apertura de la Hora Santa: **DOMINGO 5-6 PM**

Los adoradores actuales piden una pareja para compartir estas horas: **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



Classes begin soon, have your registered your children yet? 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 (iopnc.org) under the Education tab. Complete your form, download and pay online. If you use a credit or debit card a 3% fee will be added. **Classes begin Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Students not registered before Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> will not start class until Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, registrations will not be accepted on the first day of class.**

No registrations will be accepted without a copy of your child's baptism certificate and your payment. Please don't wait to register. Classes will fill up quickly, especially First Communion and Confirmation. Las clases comienzan el domingo 14 de septiembre.

If you have questions please contact Mrs. Branham at 910-347-4196 or email [faithformation@iopnc.org](mailto:faithformation@iopnc.org) Pronto empiezan las clases, ¿ya has inscrito a tus hijos?

Los formularios de inscripción están disponibles en las entradas de la Iglesia y en la Oficina Parroquial, o puede usar los nuevos formularios disponibles en el sitio web

de la parroquia (iopnc.org), en la sección "Educación". Complete el formulario, descárguelo y pague en línea. Si usa tarjeta de crédito o débito, se aplicará un cargo del 3%.

Las clases comienzan el domingo 14 de septiembre. Los estudiantes que no se hayan inscrito antes del 7 de septiembre no comenzarán clases hasta el 21 de septiembre; no se aceptarán inscripciones el primer día de clases.

No se aceptarán inscripciones sin una copia del certificado de bautismo de su hijo/a y su pago. Por favor, no espere para inscribirse. Las clases se llenarán rápidamente, especialmente las de Primera Comunión y Confirmación. Las clases comienzan el domingo 14 de septiembre.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con la Sra. Branham al 910-347-4196 o envíe un correo electrónico a [faithformation@iopnc.org](mailto:faithformation@iopnc.org)



## Fall into Luck Reverse Raffle

The "Fall into Luck Reverse Raffle" will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2025. Tickets are available at the Parish Office, School Offices, and Thrift Store. Prize: \$10k! Tickets: \$100 for one entry and single admission, \$25 for a guest.

## 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 4:00-6:00PM in the parish gym**. For information please contact [trinawilson.iop@gmail.com](mailto: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 4:00 a 6:00 p.m. en el gimnasio de la parroquia**. Para obtener información, comuníquese con [trinawilson.iop@gmail.com](mailto:trinawilson.iop@gmail.com).

## Troops of Saint George: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:tsgcjc@gmail.com) [iopnc.org/troops-of-st-george](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://iopnc.org/young-adult-ministry).

### FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

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



Will you help stand for the unborn?

Please join us for the:  
38<sup>th</sup> Annual Life Chain Sunday

**Date:** 5 October 2025

**Time:** 1 pm to 2 pm

**Location:** In front of Jacksonville Mall to the far left (Along the sidewalk along Western Blvd.)

Jacksonville, NC will join over 1,500 cities in the US and Canada for our 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Life Chain 2025. Life Chain **IS NOT** political or confrontational. Life Chain **IS** a silent prayer vigil by Christians to communicate God's opposition to abortion. It is an opportunity for local churches to unite in prayer and to stand up for the rights of the unborn. Participants prayerfully display uniform signs, which state the truth about abortion. All who believe in the protection of unborn children and their mothers are encouraged to participate.

- This event will be safe, peaceful and legal
- You may bring chairs
- Signs will be provided
- All ages are welcome

Please come, rain or shine!!

POC: Theresa Chapman; [just4u0522@yahoo.com](mailto:just4u0522@yahoo.com) or 910-545-9968 To learn more about Life Chain, please visit: [www.lifechain.net](http://www.lifechain.net) or [www.lifechain.org](http://www.lifechain.org)

"It is poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish." Mother Teresa of Calcutta

The Respect For Life Ministry Invites you to our  
**Living Rosary for the Unborn**

Date: Friday, October 3rd, 2025

Time: 6 pm

Location: Parish Hall

Please sign up to recite one of the following beads:

- Our Father (5), • Hail Mary (50), • Mysteries (5)

Please stay for fellowship and Refreshments afterward.

Please contact Theresa to sign up to fill each rosary

Point of Contact: Theresa Chapman.

E-mail: [just4u0522@yahoo.com](mailto:just4u0522@yahoo.com) or 910-545-9968

### Outreach Resource Center

The Food Pantry is in need of volunteers to assist in the distribution of food. Volunteers will work one day a week. If interested please contact Trina Wilson at 910-455-1296 or [outreach@iopnc.org](mailto:outreach@iopnc.org).

The food pantry is need of the following items: The Outreach Resource Center's food pantry is in need of the following items: pasta, oatmeal, Martha White muffin mix, Jiffy cornbread mix, tuna helper, canned fruit, grits, pancake mix, oil, and spaghetti. Donations can be made at 327 Mildred Ave during the week, or at the parish on the weekend. 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](http://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 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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://kofc.org) and type "Cor" in the search box. Contact Tony DeCandia at [adecandia153@gmail.com](mailto:adecandia153@gmail.com) for additional details.

## 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](mailto:prayerchain.iop@gmail.com) today and we will pray for you and yours!

## 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](mailto: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 Tuesdays at 6pm. Contact Dom Dalmaso at [domdalmaso@gmail.com](mailto:domdalmaso@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.



It is blanket time again. Please be as generous as you always have been and remember that they can only use TWIN SIZE OR TWIN EXTRA LONG SIZE blankets. NO throws or bed sets please. There will be a labeled bin in the front entry of the church for you to drop them in. The drive will run from September 1st through Oct. 31st. Thank you and God bless you!

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS:

CDA will have their next meeting Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Parish Hall at 6:30 pm



### "Deepening Our Prayer and Faith Through Mary"

Hosted by IOP Catholic Daughters.  
Presented by Deacon Micheal Mahoney.

**Saturday, September 6, 2025**

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM; doors open at 8:30 AM

Location: IOP Parish Hall.

Lunch Provided. Donations Appreciated. RSVP Mindy Rusch; email: [mrusch@ec.rr.com](mailto:mrusch@ec.rr.com); text:910-526-6866

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3574**

Will be conducting a Schools Supplies Drive. A list of needed supplies will be Posted at each entrance to the church. Please drop all items in the box at the main entrance. Thank you for your support for our young Parishioners. POC Alan Zell 910-546-6883 (Call or Text)



### **CONSEJO DE CABALLEROS DE COLÓN 3574**

Organizará una colecta de útiles escolares. Se publicará una lista de los útiles necesarios en cada entrada de la iglesia. Por favor, deposite todos los artículos en la caja ubicada en la entrada principal. Gracias por su apoyo a nuestros jóvenes feligreses. Punto de contacto Alan Zell 910-546-6883 (Llamar o enviar mensaje de texto)



The Legion of Mary wanted to announce in the bulletin that we are celebrating our one year anniversary with a Rosary on the beach and light refreshments on Sunday, Aug 31st at 3pm at the following address:

Starfish Point Pavilion, Onslow Beach  
BA-275 Beach Road  
Camp Lejeune, NC 28574

POC Jennifer 910-357-4174

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 Corro at: [holymotherofiop@gmail.com](mailto:holymotherofiop@gmail.com).

### **Honoring the Holy Face of Jesus & Slaying Dragons**

Come honor the Holy Face of the humiliated Christ by prayerfully gathering twice monthly. We will pray the Chaplet of the Holy Face of Jesus after the First Saturday Mass, and again on the third Sunday of the month from 4:30 – 5:30 PM at the Marian Shrine across from the Adoration Chapel. This Chaplet is largely for reparations against the first three Commandments. The prayer gathering on First Saturdays will just consist of the Chaplet, while the gathering on the third Sunday will also include a reflection and deliverance prayers to free people enslaved to the occult: for all people in this area because we are all created in the image and likeness of God. Families are welcome. More can be learned about the Archconfraternity of the Holy Face of Jesus on line. The prayer group is named after Catholic author Charles Fraunce's book, "Slaying Dragons." Note: the inclement weather plan is to move into the church - we'll be outside for now. The point of contact is David Ratte at [david.ratte.iopcs@gmail.com](mailto:david.ratte.iopcs@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 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](mailto:theresabogue@yahoo.com).

### **DIOCESAN NEWS:**

#### **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:**

Are you looking to rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day? Do you want to rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you all the tools you need or a better, stronger, more loving marriage. Sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Oct 24-26, 2025 in EMERALD ISLE, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at [applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org](mailto:applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org) or 704-315-2144.

#### **2025 Hispanic Heritage Celebration**

Los invitamos a la Misa de la Herencia Hispana, presidida por nuestro señor obispo Luis Rafael Zarama, el sábado 11 de octubre del 2025. Misa es a las 11:00 a.m. en la Catedral Santo Nombre de Jesús, 715 Nazareth St, Raleigh, NC 27606. Después de la misa continuaremos la celebración con comida y bailes culturales en el centro parroquial de la Catedral. Si tienes un talento en el baile, canto, o manualidades y deseas compartirlo, comunícate a [evangelizationanddiscipleship@raldioc.org](mailto:evangelizationanddiscipleship@raldioc.org) o al telefono (984) 900-3185. ¡Los esperamos!

We invite you to attend Hispanic Heritage Mass held on Saturday, October 11, 2025, at 11:00 am at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, 715 Nazareth St, Raleigh, NC 27606. The Mass will be presided by Bishop Luis Zarama followed by food and cultural dances at the parish center of the Cathedral. This Mass and celebration will be conducted in Spanish.



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