

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

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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."

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. 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 <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 member we cannot make visitations to people when we are unaware of their situation.



ONE IN FAITH BOOK #1018

Weekend of April 27 & 28

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Sat.	5:00PM	People of the Parish	
Sun.	8:00AM	+Joe Pierce	
		+Juana M. Buigas	
	10:30AM	+John Fuller	
		+Joan Dougherty	
	12:30PM	Intentions of Caroline Gonzalez	
		Sanchez	
Monday	12:00PM	+Joe Pierce	
Tuesday	12:00PM	+Carl Clemmensen	
Wednesday	8:10AM		
	12:00PM	+Andrew Welford	
		Intentions of Fr. Joseph	
		Deponai	
Thursday	9:00AM	+Beatrice Beahm	
	7:00PM	+Antonia Jimenez Concepcion	
Friday	12:00PM	+Mary Murphy	
Weekend of May 4 & 5			

Saturday 5:00PM +John & Mildred Greska +Mark Nichols Sunday 8:00AM People of the Parish 10:30AM Intentions of Shirley & Tim Tobin Intentions of Victoria Hallock 12:30PM +Virgilio German

FINANCIAL NEWS:

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE FOR APRIL 21, 2024

Offertory	\$14,751.00
National Collections	\$ 62.00
2 nd Collections Previous & Future	\$ 3,924.00

NEXT WEEKENDS SECOND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Launched in 1998, the Appeal strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories in 85 Latin and Eastern Catholic dioceses. The Subcommittee on the Catholic Home Missions funds a wide range of pastoral services, including evangelization, religious education, and the maintenance of mission parishes, the training of seminarians and lay ministers, and ministry with ethnic groups. Launched in 1998, the Appeal strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories in 85 Latin and Eastern Catholic dioceses. The Subcommittee on the Catholic Home Missions funds a wide range of pastoral services, including evangelization, religious education, and the maintenance of mission parishes, the training of seminarians and lay ministers, and ministry with ethnic groups.



The Catholic Daughters are having a bake sale on April 28th after the 8:00AM and 10:30AM masses. Donations go towards our monthly community charities.



Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of the following parishioners who have recently died: Betty Donohue, Joseph Pierce, Illuminada Dietsch, Jack McHugh.

Livestream Volunteers Needed!

Please consider joining the livestream ministry team and help us reach out to the sick, the homebound, and those who cannot be present at the liturgy. Training is available upon request, no experience is necessary. We regularly stream the 10:30am Sunday Masses and are seeking to stream the 12:30PM Misa. Contact Marie Tinsley at marietinsley8@gmail.com

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING & REFRESHER:

Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist and Lectors: Refresher and new Minister training for Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist and Lectors will be conducted on *April 28TH* and **October** 27TH from 3:30 - 4:30 PM for Eucharistic Ministers and 3:00 - 3:30 PM for Lectors. If you are currently serving in one of these Ministries, please attend one refresher training per year. If you are interested in serving, please attend the training session. The minimum requirements for serving are: At least 16 years old; received the Sacraments of Initiation in the Catholic Church (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist); in good standing with the Catholic Faith; and registered member of IOP. **ALTAR SERVERS:** IOP has changed the paradigm for Altar Servers. Our motto is "come one, come all". We have discovered experience is worth more than a thousand training sessions. If you would like to be an Altar Server, just ask!! Ask your IOP teacher, ask one of the Altar Servers, ask the Seminarian Drew, ask the Deacon, or ask the Priest. Show up for Mass willing to server and we will find a spot for you. As you gain experience, you will move up to positions of more responsibility.



IOPCS Reverse Raffle -Saturday, May 4, 2024

Reserve your tickets online by visiting the iopnc.org website, under the communications tab click New & Events! This year we will have 200 regular board tickets and 50 high roller tickets available. Reserved tickets can be picked up at the IOPCS Elementary office: 501 Bordeaux St, Jacksonville.



Now through May 4, enter to win an authentic autographed baseball signed by John Smoltz or Pete Rose. Ticket: one \$5 or three for \$10 at the Parish Office. Winners will be announced at the IOPCS Reverse Raffle on May 4. Proceeds will benefit the Come Grow With Us campaign.



Farewell potluck for Sr. Barbara will be Sunday, May 5th at 4 pm in the Pariah Hall. Please bring your memories and a dish to share. You can sign up at https://docs.google.com/forms/d /1jqaYcEqVfgl7jNcfGDea0PyJJ9r

rpPpbYbJTcqu9Ps/

BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE:

As of April 17, we have received \$82,153 towards our BAA goal. We are at 68% of our goal. Please help us reach 70% by reaching \$85,000. BAA supports Faith Formation at the diocese and parish levels. Consider giving to BAA, online at diocese of Raleigh.org/give/baa.



Your Come Grow With Us campaign team has begun planning for three events that will help raise money for completion of our upper campus. Please mark them on your calendars.

Barbeque, Bluegrass, and Beer event (BB&B). This event is

planned for 17 August at the Upper Campus. Live entertainment, delicious food, and libations planned. More to come.

Art Auction – scheduled for 14 September beginning after the 5:00pm mass. There will be Silent and Live auctions. More to come.

Please direct any questions, comments or ideas to Bob Wilman at 910-554-4575.

2024 INFANT OF PRAGUE SCHOOLS **COME GROW WITH US – SPRING RAFFLE**

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 3574

1 st Prize – Riding Lawn Mower with Bag OR \$1000.00 2 nd Prize - \$100.00 Gift Certificate 3 rd & 4 th Prize - \$50.00 Gift Certificate

Drawing will take place on 28 July at 2:00 pm Tickets \$5.00 Each – OR BETTER YET – 3 FOR \$10.00

2024 ESCUELAS INFANTILES DE PRAGA **VEN A CRECER CON NOSOTROS – RIFA DE PRIMAVERA**

Patrocinado por el Consejo 3574 de Caballeros de Colón

1er premio: cortadora de césped con operador a bordo con bolsa O \$1000,00

2do Premio - Certificado de Regalo de \$100.00 3er y 4to premio - Certificado de regalo de \$50.00 El sorteo se realizará el 28 de julio a las 14:00 horas. Boletos \$5.00 cada uno – O MEJOR AÚN – 3 POR \$10.00



Vacation Bible School July 29-Aug 2, 2024

Open to participants from Kindergarten to 5th grade, and volunteers from 6th grade to adult. Registration is free. We invite you to consider donating \$5 per child to help offset the cost. Visit iopnc.org/vbs to register.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

REGISTRATION: Re-registration forms can be found in the acrylic holders at each door of the Church or at the Parish Office. The forms are PURPLE and are available in English and Spanish.

Every child must be re-registered each year. If we do not have a copy of your child's Baptism certificate, please submit one when you register. Please register as soon as possible so that your child has a reserved seat and that appropriate books and materials can be ordered. Forms are NOT available online. Registration fee can be submitted in cash or check. For more information - call the Office at 910-347-4196 ext 401 or email <u>faithform.iop@gmail.com</u>. Re-registration forms were sent home with all the present Faith Formation students right after Easter.

RCIA & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR ADULTS

What is going on for those who entered the

Catholic Church this Easter? The final period of regular weekly formation in the RCIA for our neophytes (those who were baptized and received into full communion) extends through the Easter season and is called **mystagogy**. It is a time of deepening the Christian experience, especially in appreciation for the sacramental life, for spiritual growth, and for entering more fully into the life and unity of the Catholic community.

We, as a parish community, pledge to help them grow and mature in the Christian life and to develop a genuine Catholic world view. Please continue to pray for all those who God has called to join us as we continue on our pilgrimage to our Father in Heaven.

INQUIRY:

We are pleased to offer a monthly meeting/inquiry session every 4th Thursday of the month from 6pm to 7pm in the Parish Hall Library. Whether you are simply interested in the faith, new to the Catholic faith, or a fully initiated Catholic, you are most welcome.

Feel free to reach out to the IOP RCIA Team by email to <u>ioprcia@gmail.com</u> or by phone/text to: (910) 378-9869 with any

questions/comments/concerns. Let us continue to seek God with our whole *mind, heart,* and *will*.



Fifth Luminous Mystery: Love of the

EUCHARIST: JESUS HIMSELF promises, "Behold I am with you always, until the end of the age". (Matthew 28:20) HIS promise is fulfilled through the gift of the MOST HOLY EUCHARIST, in which HE offers HIS BODY, BLOOD, SOUL and DIVINITY to us, veiled under the guise of simple bread and wine. In the gift of the EUCHARIST, JESUS holds nothing back from us: HIS complete self-sacrifice demonstrates perfectly HIS absolute love for us to the end. Contemplating this mystery with the Virgin Mary, let us strive to cultivate an ever more ardent devotion to JESUS CHRIST hidden in the HOLY EUCHARIST. JESUS waits for us in this sacrament of love. (Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception) We have two HOLY HOURS at this time that are in need of a PRAYER

PARTNER: Wednesday 1-2 p.m. and Friday 6-7

p.m. These two HOLY HOURS are shared, so if one adorer is unable to be present, JESUS will not be alone. This is very helpful to the coordinators. If there is ANY hour that you would like to be an adorer, we encourage you to contact one of the coordinators and they will help you to spend a HOLY HOUR with JESUS. God Bless You!

ADORATION CHAPEL OPENINGS:

The Adoration chapel currently has several open hours that need to be filled by a committed adorer. **WED** 1:00-2:00pm (shared), **WED** 4:00-5:00pm, **THURS** 4:00-5:00pm (shared), **SAT** 6:00-7:00am. You can contact any of the coordinators if you are able to fill one of these openings or have any questions.

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

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 May 3rd 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 <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-group.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

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 Nights: Are you a new or expectant mother seeking support in your parenting journey? The New Mom Community is a social ministry that offers

support to new and expectant mothers through community and peer-based ministry. We meet Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 at members' homes. To learn more, please contact

motherhoodcommunityed@gmail.com

Women's Group:

All women are invited to join the IOP Women's Group! We meet every first and third Monday of the month at 6:30pm in the parish library. The Women's Group will be reading through *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary* by Brandt Pitre. Contact Jessie Girardin for more information:

703-731-9685, jessicamgirardin@gmail.com Point of Contact: Jessica Girardin for more information: 703-731-9685, jessicamgirardin@gmail.com

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 <u>adecandia153@gmail.com</u> for details.

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.



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 <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.



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 Wednesday - Saturday's, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM. If you need furniture or bulk items picked up, please call the store (910) 937-1543.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS & NEWS

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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS:

Our next meeting will be on May 1st at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall. The CDA is open to all Catholic women aged 18 and above. Come and join us! In Unity and Charity.

2024 CDA SCHOLARSHIP:

The CDA Court 1643 invites graduating female seniors to apply for the 2024 CDA Scholarship. Applicants must

be of the Catholic faith. Applicants need to type a letter of application; stating their college and career goals. Applicants need to enclose two letters of recommendation; one from priest, and one from their high guidance counselor. Mail applications to: Mrs. RuthAnn Vernon, 891 Lynchburg Dr., Jacksonville, NC 28546 by April 29th.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:

Cor exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity. While this is being offered and hosted by the Knights of Columbus, it is an opportunity open to all men of the parish. The *Cor* Men's Group meets on the second Saturday (8 AM) and fourth Tuesday (7 PM) of each month in the Parish Hall Holy Spirt Room. We invite all men to join us in prayer, formation and fraternity. Please contact edwinfastnacht@outlook.com for any questions.

28 Apr Rosary after 8:00 AM Mass for Right to Life and Traditional Marriages



Let's keep in touch! Sign up now to receive IOP's monthly newsletter in your inbox and never miss a beat! Parishioners who entered their email address in their parish registry should already have

received the March newsletter. To join the mailing list, visit the parish website or scan the QR code.

Fr. Tighe Golf Memorial Event Benefiting the Seminarian Partnership Program

We would like to extend an invitation to join us this year to raise awareness and build community in support of vocations to the priesthood for the Diocese of Raleigh, in memory of Father Tighe. Please join us on Monday May 20, 2024, for a 9:30 a.m. shotgun start at the Longleaf Golf and Family Club, 10 Knoll Rd, Southern Pines. \$175 per player or \$650 per foursome. For more information on player registration or sponsorship opportunities, scan the QR code or contact Donna at 919-568-1067 or donna@foundationdor.org.

Ayuda Matrimonial

Retrouvaille (pronunciado retro-vi) 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 19 al 21 de julio, llame al 305-915-4607 (español e inglés) o envíe un correo electrónico

a: <u>retrouvailleraleigh@gmail.com</u> o visite el sitio web en <u>HelpOurMarriage.com</u>.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR: MAY 4 & 5, 2024

READERS:

SAT. 5:00PM Alissa Fender SUN. 8:00AM Mike Babson 10:30AM Carol Frugoli

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- SAT. 5:00PM Ofelia Abel, Sherri Branham, Shay DeCandia, Laurie Holmes, Tim Weber, Bob Wilman
- SUN. 8:00AM Bradford Duross, Willa Feldhaus, Brian Hazel, Michael Higginbotham, Theresa Misko, Clare Rupp
 - 10:30AM Jennifer Correro, Barbara Duffy, Vielka Mason, Gail Morales, Jesse Morales, Katherine Selleck

BULLETIN ARTICLES: All bulletin items must be submitted to the Parish Office in writing or e-mailed to <u>psecretary.iop@gmail.com</u> no later than **10:00AM** on **Monday**. If Monday falls on a holiday items still need to be submitted by 10AM.



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