

# 31<sup>ST</sup>

## SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The  
Greatest  
Commandment

*“You shall love  
the Lord your  
God with all  
your heart,  
with all  
your soul,  
with all  
your mind,  
and with all  
your strength.”*

Mark 12:30

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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 [psecretary.iop@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY-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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**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 [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 or 910-581-3101 remember we cannot make visitations to people when we are unaware of their situation.



### One In Faith Book # 1126

#### Weekend of November 2 & 3

Saturday	5:00PM	All the Faithful Departed
Sunday	8:00AM	+Bronner Allen, Sr. +Mary Beth Couser +Richard Lesinski
	10:30AM	People of the Parish
	12:30PM	+Antonia Concepcion
Monday	12:00PM	
Tuesday	12:00PM	Intentions of Kenneth Steeves
Wednesday	8:10AM	Intentions of Kenneth, Corinne and Claire Leblanc
	12:00PM	Intentions of Sylvia White
Thursday	9:00AM	Intentions of John & Kelly Ann Steeves
	7:00PM	
Friday	12:00PM	

#### Weekend of November 9 & 10

Sat.	5:00PM	+Josie & Dennis Pallang
Sun.	8:00AM	+John F. Hyde III
	10:30AM	
	12:30PM	People of the Parish

### FINANCIAL NEWS:

#### OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE FOR OCT. 27, 2024

Offertory	\$13,760.00
National Collections	\$ 177.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$ 4,202.56

#### NEXT WEEKENDS SECOND COLLECTION: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS



Coffee & Doughnuts will be served after the 8:00 am and 10:30 am masses in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are invited to join us in fellowship. Doughnuts are free but donations are greatly appreciated.

#### SUPPORTING INFANT OF PRAGUE SCHOOL:

Want to support IOPCS? Add IOPCS to your Lowe's foods saving card, by adding them in the Cart 2 Class program at

<https://www.lowesfoods.com/community/cart-2-class>

You can also add IOPCS to a Publix account at [publix.com/partners](https://publix.com/partners). If you had been in the past, please double check you still have IOPCS as a partner school.

#### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

We are seeking an After Care provider for Infant of Prague Catholic School. Mon-Fri, 2-6pm. Childcare experience preferred. Please contact the IOPCS main office at (910) 455-0838 or [iopschool@iopschool.net](mailto:iopschool@iopschool.net).

#### Liturgical Ministry Training:

Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist and Lector: Refresher and new Minister training for Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist and Lectors will be conducted on the **Sunday, Nov 17, 2024**. 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.

**Lector** 3:00 - 3:30 PM

**Eucharistic Ministers** 3:30 - 4:30 PM

#### NOVEMBER SENIOR SOCIAL:



The next Senior Social Dinner is scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. in the Parish Hall. In the past we had request for tickets from the general public, which we cannot accommodate. However, please know this was not meant to exclude family members or a friend or neighbor who is alone and needs companionship. The best part of this event is the opportunity to meet so many wonderful parishioners. The menu for November will be turkey & ham. Tickets will be available in the Parish Office during the week and on sale after the weekend masses.. A special thank you for all the volunteers who make this wonderful event possible.

#### FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

Faith Formation classes for children in Grades 1-10 are held each Sunday from 9:15-10:15AM in the Infant of Prague Elementary School. **Registration for the 2024-25 school year has closed.** For more information or to inquire about our wait-list, contact Sherri Branham at 910-347-4196 or [faithdevelopment.iop@gmail.com](mailto:faithdevelopment.iop@gmail.com)

## OCIA & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR ADULTS

### OCIA: Sundays, 12:15-1:30, 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 on Sunday at 12:15 in the Parish Hall. Sessions run until May 18, 2025. For more information, contact us at [ioprcia@gmail.com](mailto:ioprcia@gmail.com) or (910)378-9869 (call or text).

#### A Look Ahead:

- November 3rd (*updated*): "Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition (Magisterium)"
- November 10th: **No OCIA**
- November 17th: "The Holy Spirit"
- November 24th: **No OCIA**
- December 1st: The Sacraments (Overview)
- December 8th: Sacrament of Baptism
- December 15th: Sacrament of Confirmation
- December 22nd, 29th: **No OCIA**
- January 5th, 2025: Sacrament of the Eucharist

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



**EUCCHARISTIC 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.

We are currently seeking dedicated adorers for the following Holy Hours: Friday 3-4 PM. Prayer Partners are needed for Tuesday 8-9 AM., Wednesday 9-10 AM. and Thursday 6-7 AM. Our ultimate goal is to have two adorers per hour.

Contact one of our coordinators today if you wish to commit to a regular Holy Hour. "I adore Thee at every moment, great Sacrament! Living Bread from Heaven. May our loving Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament be always adored."

#### Coordinator Contacts:

Midnight to 6 AM: Maureen Fiorello 910-353-0085 or 910-336-9359,  
6 AM to Noon: Carrie Albright 928-606-4169  
Noon to 6 PM: Bob Butler 910-320-7852  
6 PM to Midnight: Madeline Feagle, 910-389-0764 or 910-577-5198  
Coordinadora Bilingue: 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](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 3:30 a 5:30 p.m. en el gimnasio de la parroquia**. Para obtener información, comuníquese con [trinawilson.iop@gmail.com](mailto: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, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the ORC. We hope you'll join us in friendship, charity, and prayer. Contact Jessica at [jcda1643@gmail.com](mailto:jcda1643@gmail.com) or 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](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).

### Outreach Resource Center: Volunteer Needed

Donations of the following items are needed: Canned chicken, dry beans, pork and beans, canned beans,

pasta, cooking oil, sugar, flour, boxed potatoes, oatmeal, canned tomatoes, canned soup, white or brown rice.

**Holiday Meal Items needed:** Jiffy Pie Crust mix, Cranberry sauce, turkey gravy, Pumpkin pie spice.

The Outreach Resource Center is in need of eggs, farm-fresh or store-bought! Please make donations during business hours to prevent spoilage.

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! Thank you for your continued support!

### 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**.

### FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

#### ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER:

The Right To Life group at Infant of Prague is participating in Hope First's (previously known as Onslow Pregnancy Care Center) annual fundraiser. Bottles will be available at all three entrances. Please take one and fill it with your loose change and return by December 2nd. Bottles can be dropped off at the IOP office, the church or the Religious Articles Room. Thanking you in advance for your support and prayers.

#### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING:

Natural Family Planning is an umbrella term for certain methods used to achieve and avoid pregnancies. These methods are based on observation of the naturally occurring signs and symptoms of the fertile and infertile phases. If you are interested in learning more we have a parishioner who provides services and resources. Please contact Kimberly Humm, FCP. [humm.kimberly@gmail.com](mailto:humm.kimberly@gmail.com)

**IOP RESPECT LIFE GROUP:** The Infant of Prague Respect Life Group meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month beginning at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall.

#### Moms Community:

We are a social ministry providing a community for all mothers in their parenting journey. We meet every Thursday from 5:00-7:00 PM at the IOP Outreach

Resource Center, 327 Mildred Ave Jacksonville, with the exception of the last Thursday of the month when we meet at a member's home. Babies and young children are welcome! For more information or to join the WhatsApp chat, contact Amanda Bolduc at [amandambolduc@gmail.com](mailto:amandambolduc@gmail.com).



#### Do you run/walk and love life? Consider joining Life Runners!

**What:** We are an international, pro-life, running ministry. We run/walk as a prayer to honor the unborn and to grow in

awareness and knowledge of life-giving ministries/resources so that our members are ready to respond to and uplift expectant parents in the community.

**When:** Second and last Saturday of every month @ 8am

**Where:** Lejeune Memorial Gardens

Visit [liferunners.org](http://liferunners.org) and join the Jacksonville chapter.

**Questions:** Contact for more information: Erin at (912) 246-0014

#### 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 Leon LaRochelle at [bucky.LaRochelle@outlook.com](mailto:bucky.LaRochelle@outlook.com) or 207-242-7625.

#### 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.



**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 5:45pm. Contact Dom Dalmasso at [domdalmasso@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## WOMEN'S STUDY

Calling all women! Please join us Mondays 5-7PM in the Parish Library for a study of the women of the Bible. For more information, contact Jessica Girardin at [jessicamgirardin@gmail.com](mailto:jessicamgirardin@gmail.com)

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study meets on Thursday, at 7 pm in the Holy Spirit Room of the Parish Hall. Contact Tony DeCandia at [adecandia153@gmail.com](mailto:adecandia153@gmail.com) for details.

**"Cor Men's Study:** 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 fourth Thursday (7 PM) of each month in the Parish Hall Holy Spirit Room. To learn more, contact Tony DeCandia at [adecandia153@gmail.com](mailto:adecandia153@gmail.com) for details.

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS:

Next CDA meeting will be Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Please visit our gift shop before or after weekend Masses (located at the parish hall entrance of the church).

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:

### ESSAY CONTEST:

"Knights of Columbus Essay Contest 24-25: The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the annual Citizenship Essay Contest for children in grades 8-12. Please see the attached flyer all for details. The due date is Sunday 3 November."

"Concurso de Ensayos de Knights of Columbus 24-25: The Knights of Columbus patrocinan el Concurso Anual de Ensayos de Ciudadanía para niños de 8º a 12º grado. Consulte el folleto adjunto para obtener más detalles. La fecha de vencimiento es el domingo 3 de noviembre.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLES

### Thanksgiving Raffle

Tickets \$2.00 "or" 3 for \$5.00 "or" 4 for \$5.00 plus Can Good/Food. 2 Turkeys & 2 Hams to be given. Drawing on Sun Nov 17, 2024

## CABALLEROS DE COLÓN

### Rifa de Acción de Gracias

Entradas \$2.00 "o" 3 por \$5.00 "o" 4 por \$5.00 más Can Good/Alimento Se regalarán 2 pavos y 2 jamones. Sorteo el domingo 17 de noviembre de 2024

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### Christmas Raffle

Tickets \$2.00 "or" 3 for \$5.00 "or" 4 for \$5.00 plus Can Good/Food.

1 st - Cracker Barrel & Metro Diner \$50.00 ea.

2 nd - Walmart \$50.00

3 rd - Lazzara Pizza \$25.00

4 th - Bath Body Works \$25.00

Drawing on Sun Dec 15, 2024

## CABALLEROS DE COLÓN

### Rifa de Navidad

Entradas \$2.00 "o" 3 por \$5.00 "o" 4 por \$5.00 más Can Good/Alimento

1er - Cracker Barrel & Metro Diner \$50.00 c/u.

2do - Walmart \$50.00

3º - Pizza Lázarra \$25.00

4to - Baño Corporal \$25.00

Sorteo el domingo 15 de diciembre de 2024

### 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. Join us for a fireside Rosary, tent camping, exciting weekend activities, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass celebrated outdoors by our Troop Chaplain, Father Vic. 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)

### 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).





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Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/SaintNicholasMar  
ket/](https://www.facebook.com/SaintNicholasMarket/) and on our website  
at <https://saintnicholasmarketnc.com>

## **DIOCESAN NEWS:**

### **Catholic Scouting Mass of Thanksgiving**

Join Scouts and Scouters from across eastern NC as we  
celebrate Mass and give thanks for the gift of  
Catholic Scouting in our diocese. All Scouts welcome!  
Celebrant: Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama. Lunch will be  
provided following Mass. Date: November 16, 2024, at  
10:30 a.m. Location: St. Andrew the Apostle Church,  
3008 Old Raleigh Rd., Apex NC 27502. RSVP  
at [bit.ly/scouts24](http://bit.ly/scouts24).

### **Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreat January 10-12, 2025**

If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited  
to experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project  
Rachel weekend retreat January 10-12, 2025, in the  
Raleigh area. The weekend retreat is strictly confidential,  
for both women and men, and includes discussions,  
spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a  
Memorial Service, and a Mass of the Resurrection.  
Participation offers a beautiful opportunity to experience  
God’s love, forgiveness, and compassion. For more  
information or to register for the retreat, contact Project  
Rachel at: [project.rachel@raldioc.org](mailto:project.rachel@raldioc.org) or call  
(919) 852-1021. The website is: [rachelnc.org](http://rachelnc.org). Cost is  
\$200 for lodging, meals, and all retreat materials.  
Discount of \$50 for early registration. If there is a  
financial burden, assistance is available.

The 17th ANNUAL **ST. NICHOLAS EUROPEAN  
CHRISTMAS MARKET** will be held on Friday,  
December 13 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM and Saturday,  
December 14 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the NC  
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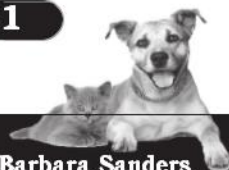
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