



Infant of Prague Catholic Church & School

Marine Blvd, Jacksonville, NC

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil - 5:00PM

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

10:00AM, 1:00PM, Misa en Espanol

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday – 12Noon

Thursday – 7PM (Spanish)

Reconciliation:

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 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. This class is held on the last Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM in the Parish Hall, and in Spanish on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7PM in the Hall. 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 910-581-3101.

Remember we can't make visitations to people when we are unaware of their situation.



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Please note there are several IOP Facebook pages listed, please look for the "Infant of Prague Official Site"



AUGUST 16, 2020
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend of August 1 & 2

Saturday	5:00PM	People of the Parish
Sunday	10:00AM	+Juan Ramon Cabrera +Philip Daniel Fields
	1:00PM	+Feliz Berduo Zacarias +EuFemia Valazquez Vasquez
Monday	12Noon	+Lee O'Reilly
Tuesday	12Noon	For All Priest of the Diocese, both living and deceased
Wednesday	12Noon	+Doug Lamora
Thursday	12Noon	+Dave Degeberg
	7:00PM	Intentions of Lara Juliana Irizarry
Friday	12Noon	+John & Joyce Fletcher

Weekend of August 8 & 9

Saturday	5:00PM	+Kay Bradley
Sunday	10:00AM	People of the Parish +Lourdes Deloverjes
	1:00PM	+Luciano Zacarias Perez +Rafaela Solis Perez



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
 Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
 Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

BULLETIN ARTICLES:

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



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 16, 2020

Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed.

— Isaiah 56:1

FINANCIAL NEWS:

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE FOR AUGUST 9, 2020

Offertory	\$ 8,386.00
National Collections	\$ 10.00
2 nd Collections Previous & Future	\$ 988.00

NEXT WEEKENDS SECOND COLLECTION: MISSION COOP



Please remember a dispensation by the Bishop has waved the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for those who have health concerns. We have been offering mass in the Church at 5:00 PM mass on Saturday, 10:00 AM mass on Sunday and a 1:00 PM Spanish mass.

We also offer daily mass at 12Noon, the lighter attendance on the weekdays can give you more space for social distancing

To comply with the social distancing guidelines we are only able to accommodate 250 parishioners per mass. To attend Mass will be on a first come first serve bases until we reach the 250 capacity.

Anyone who is at risk of complications from COVID, has family members at risk, or is fearful of coming should put their safety first and remain at home. Anyone who feels even slightly ill should also stay home.

With the new guidelines of our Governor you will be required to wear a mask, this is for the protection of everyone around you. Please place your mask on before exiting your vehicles, anyone who comes to the doors of the Church without a mask will not be permitted into the Church. Mask may be removed when you are in the pews but must be worn for communion.

If you do not make the 250 to attend in the church, or you do not feel comfortable participating inside the church, you can still participate outside while listening in your vehicles via an FM Transmitter or live stream on your phone. Currently the masses will be streamed on FM 88.1, this is subject to change due to frequency tuning, please be patient with us and look for any changes on the church Face Book page. Communion will be offered to those who choose to listen in their vehicles as well, more information below.

In order to have a safe and reverent liturgy, we ask that you adhere to the following guidelines:

- The church will be open 30 minutes prior to mass and will be closed 10 minutes after the conclusion of mass.
- We will have one entrance open to the Church. All Parishioners will only be able to enter through the main entrance. This will give our ushers an opportunity to guide the parishioners to their seating area.
- There will be no collection during the mass to avoid everyone touching the collection basket. We will instead have a basket at the main entrance for offertory collections.
- For those Parishioners listening in their vehicles or live streaming outside the church, we ask that you line up by the door to the adoration chapel. A Eucharistic Minister will be present to distribute communion.
- After the final blessing, our ushers will assist with the dismissal. All three doors will be available for exiting. Please no loitering after mass in the church or on the property.

Please continue to be patient and pray for an end to this pandemic and healing for all those infected.



Between demanding schedules, summer traveling or just trying to get out the door on time for Mass, it can be challenging to tithe on a regular basis as God calls us to do. Plus, for many families, the parish is one of the last places where you still have to use a checkbook or cash.

Infant of Prague offers online giving for families to easily give one-time as well as weekly gifts! Simply make a secure donation via electronic check or debit/credit card by visiting www.osvonlinegiving.com. And if you choose to set up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your gifts. It's as easy as online shopping or banking!



**The IOP Blood Drive has been
CANCELLED**



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Stay up-to-date with what is going on in your parish throughout the week. With myParish app you can receive and easily respond to messages from your parish. Text app to phone number 88202, or visit myparishapp.com to download. Information cards in both English and Spanish with instructions are available in the church entrances.

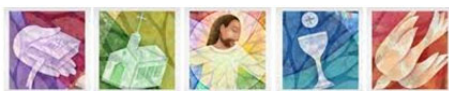


The Right to Life group will begin meeting again on the third Wednesday of the month. Our first meeting will be August 19th at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Face coverings will be required and we will

follow social distancing rules. Please call or email Stephanie Gibbs, 412-623-9550/ or sgibbs1074@gmail.com if you have any questions or, just show up. We look forward to seeing you!

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! Would you like to be part of the Prayer Chain Ministry, please email us at prayerchain.iop@gmail.com today and join us in praying!



Faith Formation

The tentative date to begin class is Sunday, September 20.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION:

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES for grades 1 through Confirmation will begin on Sunday, September 20. Classes are held on Sundays from 9:15-10:15 am. It is necessary to register EACH year. Registration forms can be found at the doors of IOP Church in the clear plastic magazine holders - look for the bright yellow forms. You can also contact the office to have a form mailed to you. Due to the pandemic, registration will NOT be held on Sunday mornings once classes start. For your child to begin class on September 20, registration forms must be received by September 15. A copy of your child's BAPTISM CERTIFICATE must be on

file in the Faith Formation office. If you are transferring from another parish, please provide a letter stating what religious education your son/daughter has already completed. Questions? Contact Sr Barbara Marie at 910-347-4196 ext 401 or email faithform.iop@gmail.com.

LAS CLASES DE FORMACIÓN DE FE para los grados 1 hasta la Confirmación comenzarán el domingo 20 de septiembre. Las clases se llevan a cabo los domingos de 9: 15-10: 15 am. Es necesario registrarse CADA año. Los formularios de registro se pueden encontrar en las puertas de la Iglesia IOP en los porta revistas de plástico transparente; busque los formularios de color amarillo brillante. También puede comunicarse con la oficina para que le envíen un formulario por correo. Debido a la pandemia, el registro NO se llevará a cabo los domingos por la mañana una vez que comiencen las clases. Para que su hijo comience la clase el 20 de septiembre, los formularios de inscripción deben recibirse antes del 15 de septiembre. Una copia del CERTIFICADO DE BAUTISMO de su hijo debe estar archivada en la oficina de Formación de Fe. Si se está transfiriendo de otra parroquia, proporcione una carta que indique qué educación religiosa ya ha completado su hijo / a. Preguntas? Comuníquese con la Hna. Barbara Marie al 910-347-4196 ext 401 o envíe un correo electrónico a Faithform.iop@gmail.com



RCIA is in need of Sponsors for adults becoming Catholic and those going through the Sacraments. If interested please contact Immanuel Israel at 910-938-1708 or Larry Snow 910-207-3645.



COME AND SEE:

An invitation for adults who are interested in our Catholic Faith
Are you thinking of joining the Church?
Do you have a family member or friend you would like to introduce to the Catholic faith?
Do you have questions about what we believe?
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process developed by the Catholic Church for those over the age of 16 who wish to convert to Catholicism. The

process introduces and teaches Catholic beliefs and practices.

Additionally if you are a Baptized Catholic desiring to complete your Sacraments please contact us for information and classes.

All classes are held on Sunday at the IOP School from 11:30-12:45.

On Thursday at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall library new people orientations are conducted which includes answering any questions about the Catholic faith or process for becoming Catholic. Walk-ins are welcome. If you are interested, or have questions, please call Immanuel at **910-938-1708** or email Immanuel.Israel2.iop@gmail.com or Larry Snow 910-207-3645.



ADORATION CHAPEL COVERAGE

The Adoration chapel has need for additional adorers due to illness or injury and some adorers are moving in Aug. The hours needing coverage are:

COBERTURA DE CAPILLA DE ADORACIÓN

La capilla de Adoración necesita adoradores adicionales debido a una enfermedad o lesión y algunos adoradores se mudan en agosto. Las horas que necesitan cobertura son:

Monday: 8-9 AM; Tuesday 1-2 AM, 7-8 AM, 8-9 AM, 2-3 PM, and 5-6 PM; Wednesday: 5-6 PM and 10-11 PM temp.; Thursday: 3-4 AM, 2-3 PM needs a prayer partner; Friday: Midnight to 1 AM, 1-2 PM, 9-10 AM, temp., 5-6 PM; Saturday: 1-2 AM, and 3-4 PM

The Adoration Chapel has been ongoing since Aug. 1995. We are celebrating our 25th year in operation. We are blessed to have so many people participating in spending time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We would like to celebrate this event but because of the Coronavirus, we cannot. So I would ask you to pray for this time of the Pandemic and perhaps to volunteer to do an hour of adoration. There is a clipboard to the left outside of the chapel where you can sign up for an hour. Please write the hour down in your calendar, so you won't forget. Thank you.

For more information contact Maureen Fiorello 353-0085 or 910-336-9359 for the hours between Midnight and 6 AM and Noon and 6 PM. Or email Maureen_28546@yahoo.com.

For the hours between 6 AM and Noon contact Bonnie DeBlieux at 265-2970

For the hours between 6 PM and Midnight contact Madeleine Feagle at 389-0764 or 577-5198.



A conference call line has been established for anyone wishing to pray the rosary. The rosary will be prayed every night at 7pm. Anyone who would like to join in is welcome to do so. All you have to do is dial 701-802-5275 and use the code 8429450#.

St. Joseph Carmelite Community:

"But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart."-Luke 2:19.

How do you pray? Do you find yourself praying in the silence of your heart? Do you have a desire for a more intimate relationship with God? Do you have a strong Marian Devotion? You may be called to the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites. We are lay people who are members of the Carmelite Order. We meet on the first Saturday of the month at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Wilmington. For more information contact Theresa Bogue at theresabogue@yahoo.com or call (910)382-5559.



Elementary Athletic Skills Camps: Volunteers Needed

We are excited to offer athletic skill camps for students in grades 2nd-4th in volleyball, cheerleading, basketball and soccer to encourage physical activity and help teach fundamentals skills!

All Skill Camps will be held on Mondays from 3:30PM-5:30 PM and are free of charge to participating students. Each sport will have 4 workshops and coaches/trainers are needed to facilitate; please email the school office at iop@iopschool.net if you would like to help! Volunteers must have a Volunteer Level C and be available on the following days:

Volleyball: September 14, September 21, October 19, October 26

Cheerleading: November 9, November 16, May 17, May 24 (Ms. Gunderson)

Basketball: January 4, January 11, February 1, February 8

Soccer: March 15, March 22, April 19, April 26

A bequest in your Will can help keep "OUR PARISH"'s buildings and campus in good repair..

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS:



The Catholic Daughters will be sponsoring a curbside pickup spaghetti dinner for \$10 a plate on Sat. Sept. 12 after the 5 o'clock Mass. It will consist of spaghetti, meat balls, salad, rolls and cookie. The portion will be enough to serve 2 children. Tickets will be available from CDA members and Religious Gift Shop. For more information contact Cherry Goodfred at 455-0522.



Congratulations to Allyson Cowen, the scholarship winner for CDA. She will be attending NC State.

Congratulations to the new officers of the CDA, Mindy Rusch, Regent, Cindy Heintz, Vice Regent, Stephanie Gibbs, Recording Secretary, Patti Beverage, Financial Secretary, and Sharon Henderson, Treasurer.

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES ROOM OPEN:

In order to stay in compliance with Governor Cooper's mandates during Covid-19, the Religious Articles Room will be open for business with the following stipulations:

1. All interested shoppers must exit the church from the main entrance and form a line at the church's side entrance located next to the parish hall and maintain a 6 foot distance from other shoppers.
2. No one will be allowed to enter from the inside church doors next to the shop.
3. There can be no congregating in the church foyer outside of the shop.
4. All shoppers must have a mask on while in line, while shopping, and upon leaving the shop and church.
5. Only 2 shoppers will be permitted at one time.
6. There will be two shop attendants, one inside the shop and one outside the shop ensuring rules are followed.
7. Shop attendants must wear a mask at all times.

REGIONAL PRAYER GATHERING

The members of the One in the Spirit Prayer Group of Saint Paul Catholic Church in New Bern invite you to a Regional Prayer Meeting. We need to gather to pray for our Country, our State, our county and especially our towns. We will be observing all Covid-19 protocols that are in place on that day. The meeting will be held on Saturday, August 29 at Saint Paul (3005 Country Club Road), and will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Please join us in fellowship to praise the Lord and His goodness and be uplifted by each other!



We cry out to you

God of all,
we cry out to you for help.
In your mercy, hear our prayer.

Protect us, Lord, and be with us
especially those of us most vulnerable
during this coronavirus crisis.

Move us to reach out in love
to our neighbors near and far.
So that the humble may be exalted,
the hungry filled with good things.

Grant us the courage
not to rush back to our old ways,
but to rebuild our world together,
creating foundations of justice,
with equality and peace for all.

Amen



*O woman,
great is
your faith!*

MATTHEW 15:28

AUGUST 16, 2020
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE LORD WELCOMES ALL

All of us who ache to be accepted find lavish comfort in today's readings. Rich in mercy, the Lord welcomes all of us—no exceptions. Isaiah extends God's invitation to all nations, even to foreigners who often arouse suspicion from the "in crowd." Saint Paul takes advantage of these fearful suspicions by provoking the Israelites' jealousy: if even Gentiles can offer acceptable worship to the one true God, then God's chosen people should surely do the same. In a similar way, Jesus provokes his disciples in today's Gospel from Matthew. Bantering with a Canaanite woman, Jesus draws out her tremendous faith, which endures despite the typical rejection she faces from scornful Israelites. Whether we identify more with the privileged disciples or the marginalized Canaanite woman, we cannot mistake God's universal invitation to believe in the One who saves us.

REJECTED

At one time or another, we have all been rejected or ridiculed, left out of a conversation, or not invited to a party. It hurts to be excluded. God makes all things new, though, and our scriptures today invite us to turn over our aching hearts to the Lord. Some of us might feel reluctant to give our hearts to the Lord, especially if our suffering somehow involves God or the Church. Why pour out hearts to God, after all, if God seems to be the cause of our troubles? A tragic loss, a painful death, or an unavoidable catastrophe can disrupt or destroy our life plans. When people clumsily console us then, saying, "It's God's will," we can easily become suspicious of God and the almighty will. If we suffer from the sinful structures or actions of God's representatives and ministers in the Church, we might look with skepticism at the prayers of that same Church.

Even so, our Canaanite woman today persuades us not to lose hope. The disciples scorn her, complaining that she "keeps calling" out for help. Like irritable children, the disciples ask Jesus to "send her away." And just when we might expect Jesus to take her side, to scold the disciples and reward the woman's persistence, he shocks us by implying she is a dog. Undaunted, the woman accepts Jesus' remark and parlays its aggression into her own forceful plea: "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."

ACCEPTED

The woman's faith is irresistible—to Jesus, and to us. Jesus grants her heart's desire, healing her daughter from that very moment. We too are won over by her indomitable confidence in the Lord. Truly, this woman is one of the heroes of the New Testament. When difficulties suffocate us and we feel turned away like a stray dog, we can recall the Canaanite woman's simple words: "Lord, help me."

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 56:1, 6–7
Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8
Romans 11:13–15, 29–32
Matthew 15:21–28



*Mujer,
¡qué grande
es tu fe!*
MATEO 15:28

16 DE AGOSTO DE 2020
VIGÉSIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

EL SEÑOR DA LA BIENVENIDA A TODOS

Todos los que ansiamos ser aceptados encontramos mucho consuelo en las lecturas de hoy. Rico en misericordia, el Señor nos da la bienvenida a todos, sin excepciones. Isaías extiende la invitación de Dios a todas las naciones, incluso a los extranjeros que a menudo despiertan las sospechas de los pueblo privilegiado. San Pablo se aprovecha de estas temibles sospechas provocando los celos de los israelitas: si incluso los gentiles pueden ofrecer una adoración aceptable al único Dios verdadero, entonces el pueblo elegido de Dios seguramente debe hacer lo mismo. De manera similar, Jesús provoca a sus discípulos en el Evangelio de hoy de Mateo. Bantering con una mujer cananea, Jesús saca su tremenda fe, que perdura a pesar del típico rechazo que enfrenta de los israelitas desdenosos. Ya sea que nos identifiquemos más con los discípulos privilegiados o con la mujer cananea marginada, no podemos confundir la invitación universal de Dios de creer en Aquel que nos salva.

RECHAZADA

Ya sea una u otra vez, hemos experimentado el rechazo o el ridículo, haber sido ignorado en alguna conversación o no nos han invitado a algún festejo o fiesta. Duele ser excluido. Dios hace todas las cosas nuevas; sin embargo, las Escrituras hoy nos invitan a volver al Señor nuestros corazones lastimados. Algunos de nosotros podemos sentirnos de mala gana dar nuestros corazones al Señor, especialmente si nuestro sufrimiento puede involucrar a Dios o a la Iglesia. ¿Por qué derramar nuestro corazón a Dios, después de todo, si Dios parece ser la causa de nuestros problemas? Una trágica pérdida, una muerte dolorosa, una catástrofe inevitable puede interrumpir o destruir nuestros planes de vida. Cuando las personas torpemente nos consuelan diciendo: “es la voluntad de Dios”, podemos fácilmente desconfiar de Dios y de su voluntad. Si sufrimos de las acciones pecaminosas de los representantes de Dios y ministros de la Iglesia, podemos ver con escepticismo las oraciones de la Iglesia.

Más aún, la mujer cananita de hoy nos persuade a no perder la fe. Los discípulos la hacen sentir menos, quejándose que ella “sigue pidiendo” ayuda. Como niños irritables, los discípulos piden a Jesús que “la eche”. Y cuando podemos esperar que Jesús esté de lado de ella, que haga sentir menos a los discípulos y recompense la persistencia de la mujer, él simplemente nos deja perplejos implicando que ella es como un perrito. Impávidamente la mujer acepta las palabras de Jesús y aumenta esa agresión hacia ella con una petición más fuerte: “pero también los perritos se comen las migajas que caen de la mesa de sus amos”.

ACEPTADA

La fe de la mujer es irresistible, para Jesús y para nosotros. Jesús le concede lo que su corazón le pide, sanando a su hija en ese mismo momento. Nosotros también ganamos por su indomable confianza en el Señor. Verdaderamente esta mujer es una de las protagonistas del Nuevo Testamento. Cuando las dificultades nos sofocan y nos sentimos como perros callejeros deambulando, podemos recordar las sencillas palabras de la mujer cananita: “¡Señor, ayúdame!”

LECTURAS DE HOY

Isaías 56:1, 6-7
Salmo 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8
Romanos 11:13-15, 29-32
Mateo 15:21-28

NOW ENROLLING

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