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Infant of Prague Catholic Church & School

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday Vigil - 5:00PM

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:
8:00AM, 10:30AM, 1:00PM, Misa en Espanol

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – 12Noon
Wednesday – 8:10AM, Thursday – 9:00AM
Thursday – 7PM (Spanish)

Reconciliation:
Saturdays 2:00 - 4:00 PM or by Appointment

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, ***H***onesty, ***R***everence, ***I***ntegrity, ***S***ervice, ***T***rust

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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MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020
26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARYTIME

Weekend of September 26 & 27

Saturday	5:00PM	+Martin Joseph Brill
Sunday	8:00AM	+Sue Applewhite
	10:30AM	People of the Parish
	1:00PM	+Abelino Parra & +Aurora Ortiz
Monday	12Noon	+Gloria Malewich
Tuesday	12Noon	+Harry Kawhane
Wednesday	8:10AM	Intentions of Shannon Gunderson
	12Noon	+Carmen Blakewood Waslicki
Thursday	9:00AM	+Paul Acker
	7:00PM	
Friday	12Noon	Intentions of Jim Strain

Weekend of October 3 & 4

Saturday	5:00PM	+Josie Pallang
Sunday	8:00AM	+Joe Lorson
	10:30AM	+Joe Lorson
	1:00PM	People of the Parish

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

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 10:000AM on Monday. If Monday falls on a holiday items still need to be submitted by 10AM.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27, 2020

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus. — Philippians 2:5

FINANCIAL NEWS:

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE FOR SEPT. 20, 2020

Offertory	$12,444.00
National Collections	$ 73.00
2nd Collections Previous & Future	$ 2253.00

NEXT WEEKENDS SECOND COLLECTION:
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Online Giving from Our Sunday Visitor

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!

DOWNLOAD MYPARISH APP

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.

#iGIVECATHOLIC

On December 1st, the Infant of Prague Catholic Church will be participating with our nation's first ever Catholic day of giving! On this special day, anyone located anywhere can go to Raleigh.iGiveCatholic.org and search for Infant of Prague Catholic Church and donate $25.00 or more! Our goal will be $5000.00. There will be three areas of focus for funds collected: Women's Issues, Education, Poverty and Hunger.

FoodPantry

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items: large and small cans of soup, canned tuna, baked beans, ravioli, canned chicken, ramen noodles, rice, cold cereal, mac n' cheese, canned and bags of beans. Thank you for your continued donations.

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!

The Infant of Prague Thrift Store is in desperate need of volunteers to work in the Store and the warehouse. The warehouse desperately needs male volunteers, even if you can only give a few hours a week or on a Saturday, no amount of time is too small. Please contact Jose Cabrera at 910-347-4196 for more information or to volunteer.

THRIFT STORE NEWS: The thrift store will not be accepting donations during the month of September. We are currently organizing the warehouses to provide you a better service. Our sincere apologies for any inconvenience

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
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. 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. If you would prefer to register your child and work at home, please call Sr Barbara Marie.
Questions? Contact Sr Barbara Marie at 910-347-4196 ext 401 or email 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.

An important part of the RCIA is the role of the Sponsor; an active member of the local parish Church that walks the journey with his/her candidate.

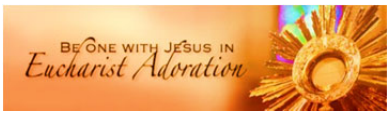
To serve the goals of R.C.I.A., sponsors must be active, practicing Catholics. The ideal sponsor is mature in their faith and active, so as to connect their candidate or catechumen to the parish, via parish activities, ministry, and overall parish life, and be objective in their judgment of a person's readiness or calling. Parishioners interested in becoming an R.C.I.A. sponsor must:

- Be at least 18 years old;
- Be fully initiated in the Catholic Church (Baptism, Confirmation, 1st Holy Communion),
- If married, current marriage was witnessed by a Catholic priest .

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 in the Parish Hall Library from 11:30-12:45, Mask will be worn as well as social distancing practices will be put in place.

ORIENTATION: On Thursday's 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. Wallk-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.



A HEART FELT thank you to ALL those who have been able to help with the hours that are currently open in the ADORATION CHAPEL. Due to the PANDEMIC, injury, illness and some relocating; many of the adorers are unable to come in at this time for their scheduled hour. Below is a list of the hours that need coverage and if you would like to help in covering the open hours, even if it is just one hour; there is a clip board in the ADORATION CHAPEL where you can sign up. O my LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO FOR THE LOVE you bear mankind remain night and day in this SACRAMENT, all full of tenderness and love expecting and receiving ALL those who come to VISIT YOU. I believe that YOU are present in the SACRAMENT of the alter. I ADORE you from the depths of my own nothingness and thank YOU for all the favors YOU have bestowed on me and especially for having given me YOURSELF in this SACRAMENT. AMEN. (in part written by St. Alphonsus Liguori)

MONDAY 8-9 a.m., TUESDAY 7-8 a.m., 8-9 a.m., 2-3 p.m. and 5-6 p.m., WEDNESDAY 5-6 p.m., THURSDAY 3-4 a.m., 2- 3 p.m. (NEEDS PRAYER PARTNER) FRIDAY midnight-1 a.m., 1-2 p.m., 2-3 p.m., 5-6 p.m., SATURDAY 1-2 a.m., 3-4 p.m.

HOURS – Midnight to 6:00 a.m. Maureen Fiorello 353-0085 or 910-336-9359
HOURS – 6:00 a.m. to 12 noon Bonnie DeBlieux 265-2970
HOURS – 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. Bob Butler 320-7852
HOURS – 6:00 p.m. to 12 midnight Madeleine Feagle 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#.

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.

DIOCESAN NEWS:

Fulfillment of Faith, Women's Retreat. Come to a retreat experience like no other. Professional actress and story-teller Olivia Woodford of Bible Women Speak will perform vignettes highlighting the influential women of the bible leading up to the first Christmas. Following each act, Olivia will tap into her wealth of experience leading retreats and lead the participants into a deeper discussion on the biblical figures of each scene. The retreat is one night, November 6-7. The special price is $150, which includes all meals, lodging and access to the beautiful grounds Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC. Space is limited to make sure everyone is properly distanced, so register now at www.catholicconference.org/women. For more information email info@catholicconference.org or call 828.327.7441. While on the website, check out our other Advent/Christmas retreats: Our popular "Art as Spiritual Therapy Retreat", and our "Behold, I make all things new" New Year's Retreat".

ROSARY RALLY:
All Saints Catholic Church in Hampstead, NC is hosting a rosary rally for the conversion of America. On October 10th we will be joining 20,000 other parishes across the United States in praying the rosary on the same day as a form of public penance and witness of our trust in God's mercy. Please join us beginning at 12Noon at Hampstead Village @ the Gazebo. For more information contact Elaine Pease at ncbound100@gmail.com or 910-803-0591.

Wedding Anniversary Mass
The Wedding Anniversary Mass, typically celebrated each year in October, honors those celebrating wedding anniversaries, with special recognition to couples with 25, 50, or 60 years of marriage. Out of concern for the health and well-being of the people in our diocese, the 2020 Wedding Anniversary Mass will not take place. Couples willing to receive a wedding anniversary commemorative certificate will be able to apply to receive one by registering at: https://raldioc.configio.com/go/wam2020. The Most Reverend Luis Rafael Zarama will offer a special Mass intention for the anniversary couples and the strengthening of sacramentality of marriage.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER 3 & 4, 202020:

READERS:

SAT. 5:00PM	Sharon Henderson
SUN. 8:00AM	Greg Marr
10:30AM	V. Loughran

ALTAR SERVERS:

SAT. 5:00PM	
SUN. 8:00AM	Stefan Aragona, Olivia Moulton, Lily Place, Maggie Schilling
10:30AM	Lucas Alexander, Reuben Alexander, Jocelyn Carson, Matthew Curran

EUCHARISITIC MINISTERS:

SAT. 5:00PM	Ginny Albano, Joe Henderson, Robbie Hilton, Immanuel Israel, David Ratte
SUN. 8:00AM	Barbara Duffy, Joe Frank, Michael Higginbotham, Jessica Nelis, Tim Rhodes
10:30AM	Christina Dixon, Jerry Gray, Evelyn Lynge, Vielka Mason, Fran Montcrieff

Don't risk your estate to chance. Don't risk leaving a spouse and/or family unprepared for the future ahead of them without you and without economic security. See your attorney now, and prepare your Will. Please remember the Church through a bequest..

BVM SHRINE & COLUMBARIA UPDATE

Blessed Virgin Shrine and Parish Columbarium. Construction is completed on a privately-funded Shrine building for the Blessed Virgin Mary and nearly completed for a Parish Columbaria.

BVM Shrine. The Shrine structure is complete and will have a statue of our Lady of Grace on a pedestal and a large Miraculous Medal, (front and back), on a wall behind her statue. A few benches will be located in front of the Statue. Behind the wall will be an Altar for Committal services from the Rite of Christian Funerals for those interred in the IOP Columbaria. The shrine will be accessed from the parking lot immediately behind the entrance to the Adoration Chapel.

Columbaria. The Columbaria is for Parishioners who chose to be cremated and desire that their remains be interred on the grounds of their church. The Columbaria will have “Niches” that will hold two Urns. Each Niche will have a granite door with engraved information on the deceased.

The cost of internment in the IOP Columbaria is $2,200 for two urns, including engraving and perpetual maintenance (does not include the urn).

Shrubbery and small trees will be placed along the sides of the Shrine and the sides and rear of the Columbaria. The Columbaria will be accessed directly from the adjacent parking lot.

Anticipated completion dates for these privately-funded projects:

1. Shrine structure is complete.
2. Columbaria and Altar construction by late September.
3. Installation of the BVM Statue by mid-October.
4. Completion of landscaping by late October to mid November 2020.

Point of Contact for purchase of IOP Columbaria Niches is Mr. Jose Cabrera, Business Manager via email @ iopbmanager@gmail.com or by phone (910) 347-4196.

The following is an op-ed by Archbishop Joseph Cordileone of San Francisco that appeared in the September 16, 2020, edition of the *Washington Post*. Let us all pray for Archbishop Cordileone and the good people of the Archdiocese of San Francisco during this struggle.

And let us remember as we go to polls to vote this November that at our nation's founding, the emphasis and importance placed on the freedom for a Christian to worship, and to follow one's religious convictions.

Blessings Father Vic

Opinion by Salvatore Joseph Cordileone

September 16, 2020 at 4:17 p.m. PDT

Salvatore Joseph Cordileone is the archbishop of San Francisco.

I never expected that the most basic religious freedom, the right to worship — protected so robustly in our Constitution's First Amendment — would be unjustly repressed by an American government.

But that is exactly what is happening in San Francisco. For months now, the city has limited worship services to just 12 people outdoors. Worship inside our own churches is banned. The city recently announced it will now allow 50 for outdoor worship, with a goal of permitting indoor services up to a maximum of 25 people by Oct. 1 — less than 1 percent of the capacity of San Francisco's St. Mary's Cathedral.

This is not nearly enough to accommodate the hundreds of thousands of Catholics in San Francisco. In imposing these restrictions, the city is turning a great many faithful away from their houses of prayer.

People can freely go to parks here, as long as they stay six feet apart. If they follow proper social distancing and wear masks, people can eat on an outdoor patio with no hard numerical limit. Indoor shopping malls are already open at 25 percent capacity. Catholics in San Francisco are increasingly noticing the simple unfairness. As one of my parishioners asked recently, "Why can I spend three hours indoors shopping for shoes at Nordstrom's but can't go to Mass?"

And it is not just San Francisco. According to the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, six states with a combined population of 67 million Americans single out religious worship for unfavorable treatment compared to similar secular activities: California, New Jersey, Maine, Virginia, Connecticut and Nevada.

We Catholics are not indifferent to the very real dangers posed by covid-19. This is one of the reasons Catholic churches have developed rigorous protocols to protect public health in our facilities. We submitted our safety plans to the city in May along with other faith communities, and while indoor retailers had their plans approved and went into operation, we are still waiting to hear back.

Meanwhile, the scientific evidence from other jurisdictions is clear: These safeguards are working. As three infectious-disease specialists who reviewed the evidence on more than 1 million public Masses over the past few months concluded, there have been no documented outbreaks of covid-19 linked to church attendance in churches that follow the protocols. We have demonstrated that we know how to hold Mass safely. There is no reason not to allow us to put that knowledge into practice.

Nor do our concerns stem from hostility toward government. We Catholics respect legitimate authority, and we recognize that the government has a right to impose reasonable public health rules, just as we recognize its right to issue safety codes for our church buildings. But when government asserts authority over the church's very right to worship, it crosses a line. Our fundamental rights do not come from the state. As the authors of our Declaration of Independence put it, they are "self-evident," that is, they come from God.

Even this injustice, though, is not as hurtful as the simple lack of compassion. I sometimes wonder whether the increasingly secular elites imposing these restrictions understand the pain they are unnecessarily inflicting. The sacraments as we Catholics understand them cannot be live-streamed. People are being denied the religious worship that connects them with God and one another. For hundreds of thousands of San Franciscans facing the simultaneous challenges of a pandemic and economic downturn, the church is their key source of spiritual, emotional and practical help. I worry about the poor, the jobless and especially the addicted whose major access to community help is the Alcoholics Anonymous meetings formerly held in churches all over the city and the country.

As one of my parishioners, Kathryn Reese, wrote recently in the *San Francisco Chronicle*: “Even more than food for my body, this is food for my soul. I need it. My faith is what got me through all these years, raising my kids, going through a divorce, working as a correctional officer and correctional counselor in San Quentin, and volunteering for my community.” And the Rev. Moises Agudo, who pastors the overwhelmingly Latino churches in the Mission District, echoes the sentiment, saying that his people have lost many things because of the pandemic but “the consolations of the Mass should not be one of those things.”

We want to be partners in protecting the public health, but we cannot accept profoundly harmful and unequal treatment without resisting. This is why I and other Catholics from across San Francisco will join in a public demonstration this Sunday calling on the city’s mayor, London Breed, to treat religious believers fairly.

At our demonstration, we will not be asking for special treatment. We just don’t want religious worshipers singled out for unfavorable treatment relative to people participating in activities with comparable risk profiles. All we are seeking is access to worship in our own churches, following reasonable safety protocols — the same freedoms now extended to customers of nail salons, massage services and gyms. It’s only fair, it’s only compassionate, and, unlike with these other activities, it’s what the First Amendment demands.

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