

Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Second Collection – Next Sunday, May 24, 2020, our special collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ in the United States and in developing countries around the world through the Internet, television, radio and print media. Fully 50 percent of the funds collected remain in the Diocese of Fort Worth to fund our local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To donate, please visit <https://bit.ly/CatholicCommunications> or text COMM to 91999.

Pastoral Leadership Meeting – Fr. Lawrence invites the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee members of Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary and Immaculate Heart of Mary Parishes for the joint PASTORAL LEADERSHIP MEETING on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 from 6:40pm – 8:30pm at IHOM Parish Hall. The focus of this meeting is to set priorities for the parishes in the coming year (July 2020 – June 2021), while evaluating the ministries and apostolates that pertain to parish life. Please save the date and be part of the meeting in setting the Pastoral Plan for our parish.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS: DEVEN LEDNICKY, BRENNER MARTIN, DAKOTA MYNARCIK, JESUS SILVA AND COURTNEY WESTMORELAND.
MAY GOD GUIDE YOU AND BLESS YOU IN YOUR FUTURE PLANS.

LOCAL EVENTS

Thursday (September 3, 2020) Gift Card Raffle – St. Mary's Church of the Assumption, West TX
CDA Court #829 is sponsoring a Gift Card Raffle with 3 prizes: \$4000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 Visa Gift Cards. Tickets are \$100 each and only 300 tickets will be sold. Winners are responsible for taxes per IRS and Texas law. Due to the pandemic, the date for the drawing has been changed from Thursday, June 4, 2020, to **Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 6:00pm** at St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church. Money raised from this fundraiser will support the following: West Ministerial Alliance, West Rest Haven Activity Fund, KJZT Food Pantry, St. Vincent De Paul Society, CCE programs for West and surrounding parishes. St. Louis Church televised mass, scholarships to local students, and more. For ticket information, contact Tappy Vanek (254) 722-1742, Cyndi Lair (254) 537-2250, or Debby Marak (254) 749-8605.

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

219 W. MAGNOLIA ST.
PENELOPE, TX 76676

REV. BRIJIL LAWRENCE, PASTOR



Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2020

CONTACT US

254-582-3092 (Abbott office) or 254-533-2325 (Penelope office)

254-246-9997 (Fr. Lawrence)

Parish Email: penelopenatholicchurch@windstream.net

Parish Website: nbvm.org

Diocesan Website: fwdioc.org

A full list of Parish Staff and Ministry Leaders can be found on our parish website.



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 10:00 am

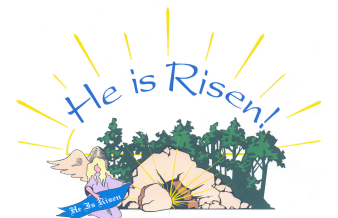
Thursday: 7:00 pm

Friday: 7:00 am

First Friday: 7:00 am

Mass with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for one hour after Mass.

Sacrament of Penance: Thursday at 6:00 pm



Sixth Sunday of Easter May 17, 2020

Weekly Schedule:

| Date | Day | Time | MASS INTENTION | PARISH EVENT |
|------|----------|----------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 5/17 | Sunday | 10:00 am | +Mary Mikukda | |
| 5/21 | Thursday | 7:00 pm | +Daniel Roznovsky | |
| 5/22 | Friday | 7:00 am | +Jim & Martha Sinkule | |
| 5/24 | Sunday | 10:00 am | +Carrie Pittenger | |

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week In Thanksgiving for God's Blessings.

Our parish may return to public Masses with distribution of communion beginning today, Sunday, May 3, 2020. Steps are being taken to create a safe environment for those who wish to attend and we want to ensure everyone is informed of the following logistical details to undertake this effort until further notice.

- The obligation to physically attend Mass is still lifted through the time of this pandemic especially for the elderly, their caretakers, the immunocompromised, those who are feeling ill, or those who may have been exposed to COVID-19. You are asked not to attend if you are sick, so that we can continue to protect the vulnerable around us.
- In consideration for parishioners of all ages, the Saturday 6:00pm Mass at Abbott will be celebrated exclusively for 65 and older parishioners. The Sunday Mass at 10:00am in Penelope has no age restrictions.
- Public Masses will be held with 25% occupancy restrictions in place. This means 40-50 people will be allowed in the Church for each Mass with social distancing measures in place. Family units may sit together but individuals must sit a minimum of 6 ft. apart. Please follow the instructions of the ushers when finding seats, coming forward for communion, and upon dismissal so that we can ensure safe distancing.
- After attendance of 40-50 is reached in the Church, or if you don't feel comfortable around large gatherings but still would like to receive communion, you may remain in the parking lot and communion will be brought outside after the Mass. This will happen once the people, who attended Mass inside, have left the parking lot. Please continue to remain in your car until communion is brought to you, and avoid congregating before or after Mass.
- Masks must be worn by anyone in attendance at the Mass or who wishes to receive Eucharist in the parking lot.
- Holy Communion will only be distributed in the hand. When you come up, receive the sacred host in your hand, step away from the Eucharistic Minister, then use one hand to pull your mask down, before picking up the sacred host to consume it. Then return your mask to its proper place before walking back to your seat or car.
- We ask all those in attendance or receiving Holy Communion to also wash and/or sanitize their hands upon arriving at the Church. Remember, no holding hands for the "Our Father" and the Sign of Peace is suspended.
- The offertory baskets will not be used during Mass, but instead baskets will be available at the exit doors where you can drop your weekly contributions. We appreciate everyone's cooperation with these efforts.
- Public Daily Masses will resume with the social distancing and mask requirement, beginning Thursday, May 7, 2020.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered on Thursdays from 6:00-6:45pm. We are still determining the best way to do this safely, and so, you are asked to follow social distancing with the requirement of a mask.
- At this moment, all onsite faith formation, religious education and ministry events continue to be suspended. For a considerable period of time, the remote-learning methods, which are currently offered by the DRE, will be in place.

| Next Week's Attendants | | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------------------|----------------|
| 5/24/20 | SERVERS | LECTOR | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | GREETERS |
| | Cross: Addi Crawford | Toby Matula | Toby Matula | Debi Lednicki |
| | Missal: Adrianna Kucera | | David Lednicki | Deven Lednicki |

LECTORS and EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: If you are scheduled and you are not comfortable serving during this pandemic please notify Janice Chase at (254) 723-7943 to have your name temporarily removed. Please remember no volunteers over the age of 65 may serve.



Act of Spiritual Communion By St. Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PRAYER LIST

| | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Abby, Linda | Fleming, Bert & Barbara | Martin, Brantley | Ohnhieser, Bernice |
| Baily, Samuel | Hanzlicek, Jessica | Matula, Ruby | Owens, Darrell & Theresa |
| Castleberry, Gladys | Hanzlicek, Pam | Mikuda, George & Jeane | Peoples, Jessica |
| Cervenka, Susan | Howard, Charles | Miller, Janet | Perras, Jean |
| Crawley, Danelle | Hutyra, Wanda | Miller, Jim | Petty, Dian |
| Cuevas, Lou | Kral, Donna | Mills, Adira | Rebollar, Margarita |
| Disher, Benjamin | Kucera, Susan | Mills, Margie | Roskos, David |
| Dudik, Ronnie | Kuykendall, Glenn | Mitchell, Audrey | Stuckly, Evelyn |
| Dvorak, Mary Ann | Lewallen, Charli | Moreno, Jr., Perfecto | Sulak, Andrea |
| Ellis, Bert | Machac, Matthew | Oelrich, Don | Sulak, Mary |

It is not necessary to be a member of the parish to be added to the list. You will not be put on the prayer list without your permission. To have anyone added or removed, please contact Janice Chase via phone, text, or email at (254) 723-7943 or jac76707@yahoo.com. Only the person requesting, or the person being prayed for can request removal from the list.

Weekly Offering for Church Support – If you would like, you may mail your offering to Nativity BVM, PO Box 98, Penelope. TX 76676

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (DRE): Contact Callie Nowlin 254-582-3092 or CNowlin@fwdioc.org

NATIVITY PARISH HALL RENTALS: Contact Debbie Lednicki 254-709-6003.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Contact Janice Chase 254-826-3977 or

jac76707@yahoo.com

(Announcements due by Wednesday, noon, to be included the following Sunday)

SANCTUARY LIGHT & MASS INTENTIONS: Contact Janice Chase 254-826-3977

(Suggested donation \$5.00 per intention. Intentions may be placed in the collection basket)

COMMUNION FOR SHUT-INS: Contact Marcella Sinkule 254-826-3860

| COLLECTION | |
|---------------|-----------|
| Envelopes | \$ |
| Loose | \$ |
| Mass Stipends | \$ |
| TOTAL | \$ |