

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.
- Public Masses will be held with 50% occupancy restrictions in place. Family units may sit together but individuals must ensure safe distancing.
- Masks must be worn by anyone in attendance at the Mass.
- 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.
- 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.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered on Thursdays from 6:00-6:45pm. Please 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.



We love having you as part of our flock! Let's keep in touch! Get important updates via email & text.

#### **Two ways to connect (pick one):**

1. Go to [www.flocknote.com/IHMNBVM](http://www.flocknote.com/IHMNBVM), and then select the main NBVM List.
2. ext NBVMParish to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates.

**2020 CENSUS:** As the 2020 Census enters its final stages, it is important that every Catholic be counted

Being counted matters for you and our community regardless of your religious affiliation. The 2020 Census will determine how many representatives Texas will have in Congress. Census results will also help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding are allocated to states and communities each year for housing, schools, food assistance, health care, and other vital services.

You still may complete and return the census form mailed to you. Or if you have not received the census form, you may go to [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov). Select the link that says, "If you do not have a Census ID, click here." It is located below the Census ID login field.

#### **LOCAL EVENTS**

# NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

219 W. MAGNOLIA ST.  
PENELOPE, TX 76676

REV. BRIJIL LAWRENCE, PASTOR



**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 6, 2020**

#### **CONTACT US**

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Parish Website: [nbvm.org](http://nbvm.org)

Diocesan Website: [fwdioc.org](http://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



## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 6, 2020

### Weekly Schedule:

Date	Day	Time	MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENT
9/6	Sunday	10:00 am	+Johnie Hynek, Mary & Joe Bartosh, Teresa & Vaclav Hynek	
9/11	Friday	7:00 am	+Jim & Clara Nors	
9/13	Sunday	10:00 am	+Shorty Stuckly	

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

**Second Collection** - Today, September 6, 2020, is for the National Collection for The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Located in the heart of the nation's capital, Catholic University offers graduate and undergraduate courses in more than 180 academic programs. By giving to the National Collection, you will help support more than 6,000 students who are seeking a faith-filled education at an institution that supports cuttingedge research in multiple fields. Your donation will also enable the continuance of The Catholic Project. Jumpstarted by philanthropic gifts, The Catholic Project is an initiative of the University that aims to help clergy and the lay faithful develop a deeper understanding of the lay vocation and principles for effective action in the wake of the recent Church crisis. Thank you for your generosity. Learn more at: [collection.catholic.edu](http://collection.catholic.edu)

**Please join us in welcoming Deacon Terry Timmons as our Coordinator of Catechesis.** Catechesis registration will be held immediately following Mass this morning. Please contact Debi Lednický (254) 709-6003 for further questions regarding registration. We are also in need of Catechist Aides, please contact Deacon Terry Timmons or Debi Lednický for further information.

**Please NOTE: There will be no Mass on Thursday, September 10, 2020.**

Next Week's Attendants				
9/13/20	SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS
Cross:	Melyssa Herrera	Treston Esparza	Rodger Chase	David Holub
Missal:	Jose Herrera		Natalie Timmons	Susie Jaska

**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.

### PRAYER LIST

Abby, Linda	Ellis, Bert	Mikuda, George & Jeane	Oelrich, Don
Baily, Samuel	Fleming, Bert & Barbara	Miller, Janet	Ohnhieser, Bernice
Castleberry, Gladys	Hanzlicek, Jessica	Miller, Jim	Owens, Darrell & Theresa
Cervenka, Susan	Hanzlicek, Pam	Mills, Adira	Peoples, Jessica
Crawley, Danelle	Kral, Donna	Mills, Margie	Perras, Jean
Cuevas, Lou	Machac, Matthew	Mitchell, Audrey	Rebollar, Margarita
Disher, Benjamin	Martin, Brantley	Moreno, Jr., Perfecto	Roessler, John & Alma
Dudik, Ronnie	Matula, Ruby	Nors, Laura and Baby	Roskos, David
Dvorak, Mary Ann	Matus, Brian	Nors, Marvin	Stuckly, Evelyn

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](mailto:jac76707@yahoo.com). Only the person requesting, or the person being prayed for can request removal from the list.

### Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pander



O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust 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.

**SAVE THE DATE** – This year's Confirmation Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, September 27, 2020 at the 10:00am Mass in Penelope.

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

### 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.

### COLLECTION 8/30/20

Envelopes	\$ 645.00
Loose	\$ 100.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 745.00</b>

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

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

[jac76707@yahoo.com](mailto: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