

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.

#### **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.

#### **LOCAL EVENTS**

CDA is currently accepting donated items for nursing home Christmas gifts. Items need to be received by Wednesday, December 9, 2020. Some items needed: men/women house shoes with backs on them (no slip on), lap throws, hankies, puzzles, crayons, coloring books, calendars, lotion, large gift bags to wrap gifts, etc. Any donations are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Marcella Sinkule (254) 709-2343 or Andrea Sulak (254) 292-0899. Thank you!

# NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

219 W. MAGNOLIA ST.  
PENELOPE, TX 76676

REV. BRIJIL LAWRENCE, PASTOR



**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 18, 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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 18 2020

### Weekly Schedule:

Date	Day	Time	MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENT
10/18	Sunday	10:00 am	+Mary & John Firasek	
10/22	Thursday	7:00 pm	+Bill & Lillian McKinney	
10/23	Friday	7:00 am	+Daniel Roznovsky	
10/25	Sunday	10:00 am	+Anton & Lois Rejcek	

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

**Second Collection-** Here I Am, Send Me! Today, on World Mission Sunday, we respond, "Here I Am, Send Me," to our baptismal call to mission, and we offer, at the Eucharist celebration, our prayers and our generous financial support, through the Society for Propagation of Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus. Today we are "sent" out to witness to mission in the world through our prayers and sacrifices for our brothers and sisters around the world. As little as \$25 helps support a catechist for a month in remote Latin America, \$75 provides for the work of religious Sisters caring for orphaned children in Africa, \$100 assists families in sending their children to schools in Asia. As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the Mission. Your prayers and financial help, offered today, WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, support mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His healing, love, and peace. Giving is easy, participate during the special collection in our parish or give online at [bit.ly/DiocesesSpecialCollections](http://bit.ly/DiocesesSpecialCollections). Thank you for your generosity.

**CEMETERY BLESSING** – Sunday, November 1, 2020 after the 10:00am Mass. Each year, we offer prayers at our local cemeteries on the weekend close to All Souls' Day. Our belief in Christ's Resurrection from the dead is the reason we commemorate our faithful departed and bless their graves. The blessing of graves, this year, will take place on Sunday, November 1, 2020 after Mass (about 11:15am)

**ALL SOULS' DAY** – November 2, 2020. Join us for All Souls' Day Mass commemorating all the faithful departed, especially the deceased among our family and friends, on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 7:00pm.

Next Week's Attendants				
10/25/20	SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS
	Cross: Dylan Lednický	Treston Esparza	Natalie Timmons	David Holub
	Addi Crawford		Debi Lednický	David Lednický

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

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.

### Catholics Care. Catholics Vote.

As Catholic it is our responsibility to participate in the civic square: To engage in the processes at the local, state and national levels that determines how our towns, state and nation are governed.

The staffs of the diocesan web site and the North Texas Catholic News Magazine have created a variety of resources to assist Catholics of the Diocese of Fort Worth by applying Catholic Social Teaching to determine who to vote in the upcoming election, what the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops describe as "Faithful Citizenship." The information includes columns by Bishop Michael Olson who explains why it is our moral responsibility to participate in the electoral process.

The resources are at: <https://fwdioc.org/faithful-citizenship-for-all-catholics>

Please exercise your civic duty to vote in the upcoming elections. Early voting is occurring from Tuesday, October 3, 2020 through Friday, October 30, 2020. Election day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020

### 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.

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

COLLECTION 10/11/20	
Envelopes	\$ 185.00
Loose	\$ 109.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 304.00</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