

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, 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.

Annual Diocesan Appeal - Support Our Retired and Infirm Priests through the Annual Diocesan Appeal Please remember to pray for the work of the Annual Diocesan Appeal as it supports our retired and infirm priests. Thank you to everyone who responded generously to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Your gift makes a difference to the people whom we will accompany in our shared journey of faith, hope and charity as one Church united in Christ. We are counting on every family to make a commitment in order to reach our parish goal. If you have not already done so, please consider completing and returning the commitment form that was mailed to you or donate online at bit.ly/ADADonate.

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

219 W. MAGNOLIA ST.
PENELOPE, TX 76676

REV. BRIJIL LAWRENCE, PASTOR



Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20, 2020

CONTACT US

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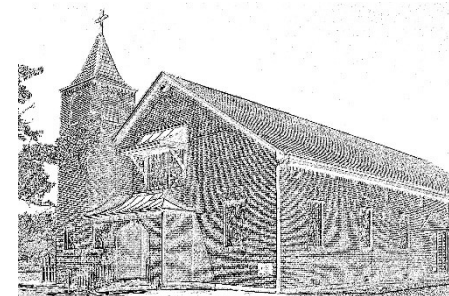
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Parish Website: nbvm.org

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2020

Weekly Schedule:

Date	Day	Time	MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENT
12/20	Sunday	10:00 am	+Lois Rejcek	
12/24	Thursday	10:00 pm		Carols begin at 9:30 pm
12/25	Friday	10:00 am		
12/27	Sunday	10:00 am	+Ben & Eugene Knapek	

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in Memory of

Church Decorating – We will decorate the Church for Christmas on Sunday, December 27, 2020, beginning at 2:00 pm. Anyone who would like to help decorate is greatly appreciated.

Christmas is drawing near, if you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of your loved one, the recommended minimum donation is \$10.00 per pot. Please place the name of your loved one and your donation in an envelope marked “Altar Society”, and place it in the collection basket or contact LuAnn Matula at (254) 533-2358.

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.

Next Week's Attendants				
12/24/20	SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS
	Cross: Jose Herrera Melyssa Herrera	David Timmons	Debi Lednicki Natalie Timmons	David Holub Susie Jaska
12/25/20	SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS
	Cross: Lillie Dudik Adrianna Kucera	David Holub	Rodger Chase Toby Matula	Kelly Dudik Andrea Sulak
12/27/20	SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS
	Cross: Dylan Lednicki Addi Crawford	Treston Esparza	David Lednicki Debi Lednicki	David Lednicki Derek Lednicki

LECTORS and EUCARISTIC 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	Owens, Darrell & Theresa
Baily, Samuel	Fleming, Bert & Barbara	Miller, Janet	Peoples, Jessica
Cassano, Vince	Hanzlicek, Jessica	Miller, Jim	Perras, Jean
Castleberry, Gladys	Hanzlicek, Pam	Mills, Adira	Rejcek, Anthony
Chase, Janice	Kral, Donna	Mills, Margie	Roessler, John & Alma
Crawley, Danelle	Machac, Matthew	Mitchell, Audrey	Roskos, David
Cuevas, Lou	Martin, Brantley	Moreno, Jr., Perfecto	Stuckly, Evelyn
Disher, Benjamin	Matula, Ruby	Oelrich, Don	Talley, Pete and Renee
Dudik, Ronnie	Matus, Brian	Ohnhieser, Bernice	
Dvorak, Mary Ann			

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve) (12/24/20)

IHOM – Vigil Mass (age 60+ only)	5:30 pm
IHOM – Vigil Mass	7:30 pm
Nativity BVM - Christmas Carols	9:30pm
Nativity BVM - Mass during the night	10:00pm

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (1/1/21)

IHOM – Mass	6:00pm
Nativity BVM – Mass	7:00 pm

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day) (12/25/20)

IHOM – Mass	8:00 am
Nativity BVM - Mass during the day	10:00am

Collection 12/6/20

Envelopes	\$ 480.00
Loose	\$ 267.00
TOTAL	\$ 747.00

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)