

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

# NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

219 W. MAGNOLIA ST.  
PENELOPE, TX 76676

REV. BRIJIL LAWRENCE, PASTOR



**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
January 24, 2021

#### **CONTACT US**

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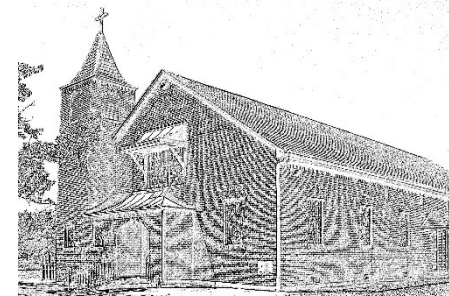
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Parish Website: [nbvm.org](http://nbvm.org)

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

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### Weekly Schedule:

Date	Day	Time	MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENT
1/24	Sunday	10:00 am	+Ben Knapek	
1/28	Thursday	7:00 pm	+Anton Rejcek	
1/28	Thursday	7:30 pm		Finance Meeting
1/29	Friday	7:00 am	+Jimmy Sinkule	
1/31	Sunday	10:00 am	+Freddie Machac	

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

**Second Collection** – This weekend, we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the special collection! To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

**Finance Council** – Will meet on Thursday, January 28, 2021, in the Parish Hall after the 7:00pm Mass.

**2021 Collection Envelopes are located at the back of the Church please pick up your envelopes. Thank You! 2021 Calendars are also available at the back of the Church.**

*Please remember to select your sanctuary and Mass intentions for the New Year. Please contact Janice Chase at Home: (254) 826-3977 Cell: (254) 723-7943 or intentions may be placed in the collection basket. Suggested donation is \$5.00 per intention.*

Next Week's Attendants				
1/31/21	SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS
	Cross: Melyssa Herrera	Treston Esparza	Rodger Chase	Debi Lednicki
			David Timmons	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.

### 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	Lopez, Angel	Mitchell, Audrey	Roskos, David
Cuevas, Lou	Machac, Matthew	Moreno, Jr., Perfecto	Stuckly, Evelyn
Disher, Benjamin	Martin, Brantley	Oelrich, Don	Talley, Pete and Renee
Dudik, Ronnie	Matula, Ruby	Ohnhieser, Bernice	Vochoska, Sharon
Dvorak, Mary Ann	Matus, Brian		

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.

## 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 1/17	
Envelopes	\$ 580.00
Loose	\$ 23.00
Priest Care Collection	\$ 25.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 70.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 698.00</b>

**NATIVITY PARISH HALL RENTALS:** Contact Debbie Lednicki 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)