

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.

#### **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**

**Sunday (February 28, 2021) Fried Chicken Drive-Thru Dinner – Nativity BVM Parish Hall, Penelope TX**  
Drive-Thru Only with serving beginning at 10:30am until sold out. All plates \$11.00. Meal consisting of fried chicken, sausage, sauerkraut, parsley potatoes, slaw & dessert.

**Tuesday (March 2, 2021) CDA Court 829 – West KC Hall, West TX**  
CDA Court 829 will meet at 6:30pm. No social before the meeting. Please wear a mask.

**Sunday (March 7, 2021) Divine Mercy Chaplet – St. Mary's Church, West TX**  
Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 3:00pm. Please join us to pray for the ill in our parishes, in our families, and/or among our friends who are in need of hope and healing. You are encouraged to bring names of those in need of prayer and invite family and friends to join you.

**Sunday (March 14, 2021) Drive-thru Grilled Chicken Dinner & Raffle – West KC Hall, West TX**  
CDA Court #829 Drive-Thru Only serving 11:00am – 2:00pm. All plates \$10.00. Meal consisting of grilled chicken leg quarter, sausage, potatoes, green beans & slaw. For additional information contact Marcella Sinkule (254) 709-2343 or Andrea Sulak (254) 292-0899. For raffle information, contact Wanda Stacha (254) 826-4215

# **NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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REV. BRIJIL LAWRENCE, PASTOR



**First Sunday of Lent  
February 21, 2021**

#### **CONTACT US**

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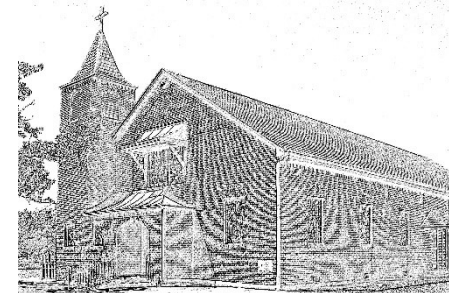
254-246-9997 (Fr. Lawrence)

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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

## First Sunday of Lent February 21, 2021

### Weekly Schedule:

Date	Day	Time	MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENT
2/21	Sunday	10:00 am	+Kallus Grandparents6	Distribution of Ashes
2/25	Thursday	6:00 pm		First Confessions
2/25	Thursday	7:00 pm	+Daniel Roznovsky	
2/25	Thursday	7:30 pm		Joint Pastoral/Finance Council
2/26	Friday	7:00 am	+Henrietta Beseda	Mass & Stations of the Cross
2/28	Sunday	10:00 am	+Carrie Pittenger	

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

**DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES IN TIME OF PANDEMIC:** During Mass on Sunday (Feb. 21, 2021), priest or deacon, with face mask on, distributes the ashes to those who approach the altar. Priest or deacon takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything.

**Second Collection** – Today, our parish will take up the National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast, including the Diocese of Fort Worth, which received grant funding to provide tuition assistance to African America students attending our schools. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help unmet needs with a generous contribution today at Mass or at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>.

**First Confessions** – Will be held on Thursday, February 25, 2021, at 6:00pm before Mass. Please keep the students in your prayers as they make their First Confession.

**Joint Pastoral/Finance Council** – Will meet on Thursday, February 25, 2021, in the Nativity BVM parish hall after the 7:00pm Mass.

**Stations of the Cross** – Will be held on Friday mornings during Lent after the 7:00am Mass.

**Drive-Thru Fried Chicken Dinner** – Parishioners are asked to drop off desserts on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at the Parish Hall from 10:00am-Noon. Frozen desserts may be dropped off anytime during the week prior to the dinner. Preparations for the dinner will be on Saturday, February 27, 2021 from 8:00am – Noon. Please contact David Holub (254) 652-8802 if you are able to volunteer, need to drop off a frozen dessert or for any additional information.

Next Week's Attendants				
2/28/21	SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS
	Cross: Dylan Lednický	David Timmons	Toby Matula	David Holub
			Natalie Timmons	Debi 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	Owens, Darrell & Theresa
Baily, Samuel	Fleming, Bert & Barbara	Miller, Janet	Peoples, Jessica
Carlie, Carolyn	Hanzlicek, Jessica	Miller, Jim	Perras, Jean
Cassano, Vince	Hanzlicek, Pam	Mills, Adira	Rejcek, Anthony
Castleberry, Gladys	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	Olrich, 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.

### *U.S. Church Regulations for Fasting:*

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence from meat for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat.

The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards.

The church recognizes that there are chronically or seriously ill individuals who cannot fast or abstain. The church still calls for these individuals to participate in acts of penance and works of charity. These can be performed throughout the week; however, it is especially appropriate that these acts be performed on Fridays in place of the Friday fast.

**40 Days for Life** prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood in Waco during the Lenten season...Rain, Shine, or Snow. The parishes of St. Mary's Church of the Assumption, West, Nativity BVM, Penelope and IHOM, Abbott will commit to praying at the clinic for an end to abortion each Friday during Lent from 11:00am to Noon. Parishioners will meet at the Planned Parenthood Clinic, 700 West Hwy 6, Ste. B, Waco, TX 76712. Catholic Daughters are welcomed and encouraged to join the prayer vigils. Please wear your purple CDA shirts and masks. You will be able to social distance. This is an opportunity to show our opposition to abortion in numbers and to offer our prayers. The upcoming dates are: February 19, February 26, March 5, March 12, March 19, and March 26. Please text or call Linda Bole at (713) 569-8997 if you have any questions of if you would like to sign up to attend the vigil on a particular Friday.

### COLLECTION 2/14/21

Envelopes

Loose

TOTAL

**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)