

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.

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.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Sacred Heart Court #829 held their Grilled Chicken Dinner and Raffle on March 14, 2021. CDA wants to thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts for the amazingly successful fundraiser held on Sunday. Your help and generosity are truly appreciated. God bless you all!! **Winners of the raffle prizes were:** 1) Handmade King Size Quilt - Phillip Webre, 2) \$300 Home Depot Gift Card - Mike Berger, 3) \$100 Dillard's Gift Card - Joe Mashek, 4) \$100 Divine Designs Gift Certificate - Cyndi Lair, 5) \$100 Fillin Station Bar & Grill Gift Certificate - Barbara Chudej, 6) \$100 HEB Gift Card - Dot Pustejovsky, 7) \$100 Pizza House of West/Gerik's Bakery Gift Card - Phillip Webre, 8) \$100 Slovacek's Gift Certificate - Dorothy Machac, 9) \$100 Village Shoppe Gift Certificate - Nancy Polasek, 10) \$100 VISA Gift Card - Veronica Felderhoff, 11) \$100 West Community Grocery Gift Certificate - Ricky Boyd, 12) \$100 West Food Mart Grocery Gift Certificate - Margaret Sinkule 13) \$100 West True Value Gift Card - John Jaska, 14) \$75 Scentsy Gift Certificate - Frank Karlik, 15) \$75 Still Smokin BBQ Gift Certificate - Molly Gerik, 16) \$50 Bush's Fried Chicken Gift Card - Ann Vanek, 17) \$50 Michelle's House of Flowers Gift Card - Andy Beakey, 18) \$50 Olde Czech Corner Antiques Gift Certificate - Janice Roessler, 19) \$50 Slovacek's Gift Certificate - Nancy Polasek.

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 21, 2021

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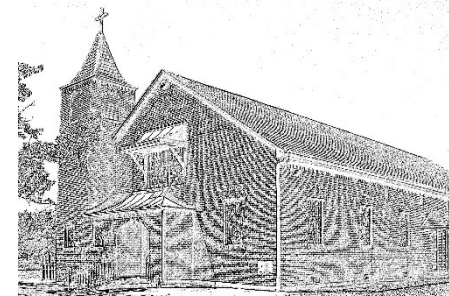
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A full list of Parish Staff and Ministry Leaders can be found on our parish website.



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

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 21, 2021

Weekly Schedule:

Date	Day	Time	MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENT
3/21	Sunday	10:00 am	+Sarah Allen	
3/25	Thursday	7:00 pm	+Jimmy Sinkule	
3/26	Friday	7:00 am	+Joe Mynar	Mass & Stations of the Cross
3/28	Sunday	10:00 am	+Charlie Fabian	Palm Sunday

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

Second Collection – This week, we take up an emergency special collection for **Catholic Charities Fort Worth**. The agency is facing unprecedented requests for financial assistance due to COVID-19 and the recent winter storm has added thousands more to their waitlist. Without your help they are unable to accept any new requests as it will take \$4.2 million just to serve their existing clients. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this emergency special collection during Mass this weekend, or online at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>.

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

Palm Sunday – Next Sunday, March 28, 2021, is Palm Sunday. There will be no procession from the Parish Hall. Palms will be located in the back of the Church.

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.

Next Week's Attendants				
3/28/21	SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS
	Cross: Dylan Lednický	Toby Matula	David Lednický	David Holub
			Debi Lednický	Derek 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	Dvorak, Mary Ann	Matus, Brian	Owens, Darrell & Theresa
Baily, Samuel	Ellis, Bert	Mikuda, George & Jeane	Peoples, Jessica
Barton, Evelyn	Fleming, Bert & Barbara	Miller, Janet	Perras, Jean
Carlie, Carolyn	Hanzlicek, Jessica	Miller, Jim	Rejcek, Anthony
Cassano, Vince	Hanzlicek, Pam	Mills, Adira	Roessler, John & Alma
Castleberry, Gladys	Kral, Donna	Mills, Margie	Roskos, David
Crawley, Danelle	Lopez, Angel	Mitchell, Audrey	Stuckly, Evelyn
Cuevas, Lou	Machac, Matthew	Moreno, Jr., Perfecto	Talley, Renee
Disher, Benjamin	Martin, Brantley	Oelrich, Don	Vochoska, Sharon
Dudik, Ronnie	Matula, Ruby	Ohnhieser, Bernice	

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.

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.

Easter is near – if you would like to purchase flowers in memory of your loved one for Easter, the recommended minimum donation is \$10.00. 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.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday (March 28, 2021)	10:00 am (Blessing of Palms & Holy Mass)
Maundy Thursday (April 1, 2021)	7:30 pm (Mass of the Lord's Supper)
Good Friday (April 2, 2021)	5:30 pm (Stations of the Cross at 5:00 pm)
Easter Vigil (April 3, 2021)	9:30 pm (Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter)
Easter Sunday (April 4, 2021)	10:00 am (Mass of the Easter Day)

COLLECTION 3/14/21

Envelopes	\$ 570.00
Loose	\$ 50.00
Second Collection	\$ 110.00
TOTAL	\$ 730.00

NATIVITY PARISH HALL RENTALS: Contact Debbie Lednický 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)