

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

Saturday (May 1, 2021) St. Mary's School Fundraising Raffle – West TX

St. Mary's Catholic School has raffle tickets on sale now. St. Mary's will be foregoing their annual "Going West for the Gold" event again this year. Instead of hosting an event St. Mary's will be having a raffle. Tickets are \$100 each or two tickets for \$125 and can be purchased from the St. Mary's School Office of any St. Mary's family. The raffle will be on May 1 with five cash prizes and the top prize of \$5,000.

Sunday (May 23, 2021) BBQ Drive Thru ONLY Dinner – IHOM, Abbott TX

Immaculate Heart of Mary will hold a BBQ Drive Thru ONLY Dinner consisting of BBQ Brisket & Sausage, Parsley Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Pinto Beans, and Dessert. Adult plates are \$10.00 and children plates under 12 are \$6.00.

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

219 W. MAGNOLIA ST.
PENELOPE, TX 76676

REV. BRIJIL LAWRENCE, PASTOR



**Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 25, 2021**

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Diocesan Website: fwdioc.org

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

MASS SCHEDULE

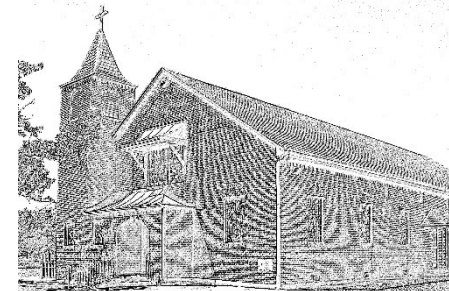
Sunday: 10:00 am

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



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Weekly Schedule:

Date	Day	Time	MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENT
4/25	Sunday	10:00 am	+Anton & Lois Rejcek, Barbara Rejcek	
4/29	Thursday	7:00 pm	+Johnie Hynek, Vaclav & Theresa Hynek, Mary & Joe Bartosh	
4/29	Thursday	7:30 pm		Pastoral & Finance Committee
4/30	Friday	7:00 am	+Robert E. Nors	
5/2	Sunday	10:00 am	+Jeanne Nicholson & Cecil Crawley	

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

SECOND COLLECTION – Today we take up the Good Shepherd Sunday special collection for the Diocesan Seminarian Education Fund. Seminarians have responded to God's call and will one day shepherd us on our faith journey. We have an opportunity to be a help to them on their discernment journey by praying for them and by giving generously to this collection. Make your gift today during Mass or online at bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections.

PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCIL will meet on Thursday, April 29th in the Rectory after the 7:00pm Mass.

RAYMOND A. and ROSIE S. KNAPEK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – The deadline for applications is Sunday, May 2, 2021. Requirements: Graduating senior or current college student, registered parishioner of NBVM Catholic Church for the past two years, involved in the parish/school/community, attends Mass regularly, two letters of recommendations (Non-Family member), and a 500-700 word essay on "My Catholic Faith". Applications are located in the back of the Church. Please feel free to contact Debi Lednický or David Holub for inquiries.

Next Week's Attendants				
5/21	SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS
	Cross: Dylan Lednický	Treston Esparza	David Lednický	David Holub
	Blane Mynarcik		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			Oelrich, Don
Abby, Linda	Dvorak, Mary Ann	Matula, Ruby	Ohnhieser, Bernice
Baily, Samuel	Ellis, Bert	Matus, Brian	Owens, Darrell & Theresa
Barton, Evelyn	Fabian, Mary Ann	Mikuda, George & Jeane	Peoples, Jessica
Carlie, Carolyn	Fleming, Bert & Barbara	Miller, Janet	Perras, Jean
Cassano, Vince	Hanzlicek, Jessica	Miller, Jim	Rejcek, Anthony
Castleberry, Gladys	Hanzlicek, Pam	Mills, Adira	Roessler, John & Alma
Crawley, Danelle	Kral, Donna	Mills, Margie	Roskos, David
Cuevas, Lou	Lopez, Angel	Mitchell, Audrey	Sinkule, Marcella
Disher, Benjamin	Machac, Matthew	Moreno, Jr., Perfecto	Stuckly, Evelyn
Dudik, Ronnie	Martin, Brantley	Mynarcik, Diane	Talley, Renee

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.

REFLECTIONS

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice."

- JOHN 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

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 4/18

Envelopes	\$ 1000.00
Loose	\$ 120.00
TOTAL	\$ 1120.00

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)