

with the requirement of a mask.

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
- 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.

CDA Court #829 of West is sponsoring a Gift Card Raffle with 3 prizes: \$4000, \$3,000, and \$2000 Visa Gift Cards. Tickets are \$100 each and only300 tickets will be sold. Winners are responsible for taxes per IRS and Texas law. The drawing will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 7th. For ticket information, contact Mary Brackeen, (254) 716-2876, Charlene Cook (254) 495-0202, Theresa Soukup (254) 709-5329m Tappy Vanek (254) 722-1742, or Cyndi Lair (254) 537-2250.

LOCAL EVENTS

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

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PENELOPE, TX 76676

REV. BRIJIL LAWRENCE, PASTOR



Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9, 2021

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

MASS SCHEDULE

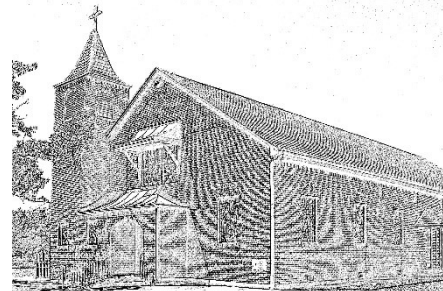
Sunday: 10:00 am

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



Sixth Sunday of Easter May 9, 2021

Weekly Schedule:

Date	Day	Time	MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENT
5/9	Sunday	10:00 am		Mother's Day
5/13	Thursday	7:00 pm	+Anton Rejcek	
5/14	Friday	7:00 am	+Robert Nors	
5/16	Sunday	10:00am	Youth of the Parish	

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

Second Collection – Next Sunday, May 16th, is the Communication Campaign **Spread the Good News Your donation to the Catholic Communication Campaign supports the Church's efforts to remain a strong voice in the media.** TV, Radio, Newspapers, Podcasts, the Internet. Thank you in advance for your generosity

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				
5/16	SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS
	Cross: Adrianna Kucera	Jennifer Mynarick		David Holub
	Dylan Kucera			David Lednický

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			
			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

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" - JOHN 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

Happy Mother's Day!

We wish all our mothers a happy and healthy Mother's Day!

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless our mother. Let the example of her faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, her family, may honor her always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

<https://catholiccurrent.org/bulletin-insert/bulletin-insert-may-9-2021>

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)

COLLECTION 5/2	
Envelopes	\$ 957.00
Loose	\$ 205.00
TOTAL	\$ 1162.00