

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 are now optional at Mass for all parishes within the Diocese of Fort Worth.
- 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

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

219 W. MAGNOLIA ST.
PENELOPE, TX 76676

REV. BRIJIL LAWRENCE, PASTOR



The Ascension of the Lord
May 16, 2021

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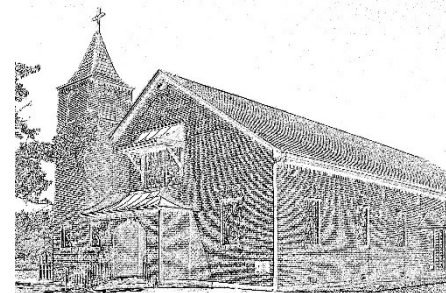
254-582-3092 (Abbott office) or 254-533-2325 (Penelope office)
254-246-9997 (Fr. Lawrence)

Parish Email: penelopecatholicchurch@windstream.net

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

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Weekly Schedule:

Date	Day	Time	MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENT
5/16	Sunday	10:00 am	Youth of the Parish	
5/20	Thursday	7:00 pm	+Joe & Mary Mynar	
5/21	Friday	7:00 am	+Jim & Martha Sinkule	
5/23	Sunday	10:00am	+Johnie Hynek, Mary & Joe Bartosh	

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in Memory of Jimmy Sinkule

Welcome to our graduating seniors: Treston Esparza, MacKenzie Gutierrez and Matthew Hueske! May God guide you and bless you.

Second Collection – This morning is for 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 for your generosity

Finance Committee will meet today, Sunday, May 16th, in the Nativity BVM Hall immediately after Mass.

The Scholarship Committee will meet next Sunday, May 23rd, in the Nativity BVM Hall immediately after Mass.

Small Bottles of Holy Water will be available next Sunday, May 23, 2021, at the entrance of the Church. Please take one per family.

Next Week's Attendants				
5/23	SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS
	Cross: Lillie Dudik	Jean Disher	Rodger Chase	Debi Lednický
	Adrianna Kucera		Toby Matula	Deven 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	Fabian, Mary Ann	Matus, Brian	Owens, Darrell & Theresa
Barton, Evelyn	Fleming, Bert & Barbara	Mikuda, George & Jeane	Peoples, Jessica
Carlie, Carolyn	Fulton, Eugene	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 (The Ascension of the Lord)

“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.”

– 1 JOHN 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

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 5/9	
Envelopes	\$ 1905.00
Loose	\$ 161.00
TOTAL	\$ 2066.00

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)