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.
- Family units may sit together but must ensure safe distancing of 3 feet between persons and/or other families.
- . 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 only 300 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 (June 27, 2021) St. Joseph's Annual Picnic – Elk, TX

A BBQ/Sausage dinner will be served from 11:00am until 2:00pm. All plates are \$12 each. Live auction begins at 1:00pm along with many other activities (Jewelry, kid's games, bingo, raffle & country store

# NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



219 W. Magnolia St. Penelope, TX 76676

REV. BRIJIL LAWRENCE, PASTOR



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 20, 2021



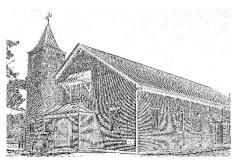
254-582-3092 (Abbott office) or 254-533-2325 (Penelope office)

254-246-9997 (Fr. Lawrence)

Parish Email: <a href="mailto:penelopecatholicchurch@windstream.net">penelopecatholicchurch@windstream.net</a>

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

# Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 20, 2021

# Weekly Schedule:

Date	Day	Tim9e	Mass Intention	Parish Event
6/20	Sunday	10:00 am		
6/24	Thursday	7:00 pm	+Annie Machac	
6/25	Friday	7:00 am	+Jim & Martha Sinkule	
6/27	Sunday	10:00 am	+Shorty Stuckly	

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

Second Collection Next Sunday, June 27, 2021 – We will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which unites us and Catholics around the world more closely with the Holy Father in two ways: it supports the structures of the Holy See through which the Pope governs the Church as well as his charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need. Please be generous. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.peterspence.va/en.html">http://www.peterspence.va/en.html</a>.

**Safe Environment Special Event** – *Innocence Lost to Human Trafficking presentation by Dr. Kimberly Robinson, June 23, 2021.* 

Human Trafficking is a global problem and happens more often than we think. Dr. Robinson is an ambassador for Shared Hope international, a nonprofit organization that combats human trafficking. Please join us for a special **Zoom presentation** by Dr. Kim Robinson, **Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at 6:30pm,** to learn why Dallas/Fort Worth is one of the most highly trafficked areas for this crime and how to recognize the signs of recruitment. No cost to attend. For questions contact the Safe Environment Office for the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth at 817-945-9342.

Next Week's Attendants				
6/27	SERVERS	LECTOR	<b>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	GREETERS
Cros	<b>s</b> : Dylan Lednicky	Jean Disher	Debi Lednicky	Debi Lednicky
	Eric Dudik		David Lednicky	Derek Lednicky

LECTORS and EUCHARISTIC 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
Abbgy, 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 <a href="mailto:jac76707@yahoo.com">jac76707@yahoo.com</a>. Only the person requesting, or the person being prayed for can request removal from the list.

# **REFLECTIONS**

"Then he asked them, 'Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" - MARK 4:40

Do you really trust God? Is God your first choice or last resort? Is your faith something you just do on Sunday, or do you live the Gospel message every day of the week? May of us know about God. How many of you have a personal relationship with Him? Start now, open your heart to receive our Lord. Talk and listen to Him throughout the day, in all circumstances.

Bishop Olson issued a letter in support of the Hyde Amendment that bars taxpayer-supported abortions and he asks the faithful to join in signing a nation petition in support of the Hyde Amendment and to contact their respective elected federal officials urging them to continue support for the Hyde amendment. Go to <a href="https://fwdioc.org/bpolson-pastoral-letter-support-hyde-amendment-en-5-31-21.pdf">https://fwdioc.org/bpolson-pastoral-letter-support-hyde-amendment-en-5-31-21.pdf</a> to view the letter. Go to <a href="https://www.notaxpayerabortion.com/">www.notaxpayerabortion.com/</a> to sign the petition.

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NATIVITY PARISH HALL RENTALS: Contact Debbie Lednicky 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  $\mbox{\it Sunday}$ )

SANCTUARY LIGHT & MASS INTENTIONS: Contact Janice Chase 254-826-3977

(Suggested donation \$5.00 per intention. Intentions may be placed in the collection basket)