

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 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

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

219 W. MAGNOLIA ST.
PENELOPE, TX 76676

REV. BRIJIL LAWRENCE, PASTOR



**Twentieth-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 22, 2021**

CONTACT US

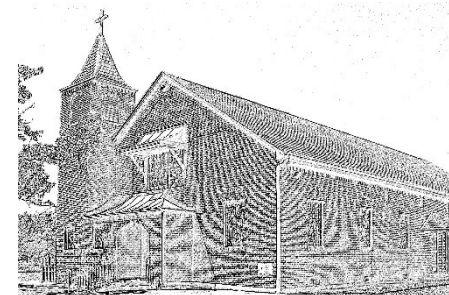
254-582-3092 (Abbott office) or 254-533-2325 (Penelope office)
254-246-9997 (Fr. Lawrence)

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
8/22	Sunday	10:00 am	+August (Goober) Dvorak	
8/26	Thursday	7:00 pm	+Jeanne Nicholson & Cecil Crawley	
8/26	Thursday	7:30 pm		Pastoral/Finance Committee
8/27	Friday	7:00 am	+Jimmy Sinkule	
8/29	Sunday	10:00 am	+Pete Talley & Carrie Pittenger	

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

Joint Pastoral & Finance Council meeting – will be held Thursday, August 26, 2021, in the Rectory after the 7:00pm Mass.

ADULT SAFE ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS SESSION

“New” Ministry Volunteers: Protecting God's Children for Adults”, a Safe Environment Awareness Session is scheduled as follows:

Date: Saturday, August 28, 2021

Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Location: Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, Abbott, TX

Please Note: Adult Safe Environment Awareness Session for Adult Volunteers is REQUIRED PRIOR TO SERVING in our Parish Ministry. Please contact Janice Chase, Safe Environment Coordinator, at (254) 723-7943 for any questions. To register online for a session please go to <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/index.cfm>

Next Week's Attendants				
8/29	SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS
	Cross: Dylan Lednický	Jean Disher	Rodger Chase	David Holub
	Lillie Dudik		Toby Matula	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

Abby, Linda	Fabian, Mary Ann	Mikuda, George & Jeane	Peoples, Jessica
Baily, Samuel	Fleming, Bert & Barbara	Miller, Janet	Perras, Jean
Barton, Evelyn	Fulton, Eugene	Miller, Jim	Rejcek, Anthony
Carlie, Carolyn	Hanzlicek, Jessica	Mills, Adira	Roessler, John & Alma
Cassano, Vince	Hanzlicek, Pam	Mills, Margie	Roskos, David
Castleberry, Gladys	Kral, Donna	Mitchell, Audrey	Sinkule, Marcella
Crawley, Danelle	Lopez, Angel	Moreno, Jr., Perfecto	Stuckly, Evelyn
Cuevas, Lou	Machac, Matthew	Mynarcik, Diane	Talley, Renee
Disher, Benjamin	Martin, Brantley	Oelrich, Don	Taylor, Kent
Dudik, Ronnie	Matula, Ruby	Ohnhieser, Bernice	
Dvorak, Mary Ann	Matus, Brian	Owens, Darrell & Theresa	

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.

BAZAAR: At this time we are moving forward with our annual Bazaar which will be held on Sunday, September 19, 2021. We are still waiting on specific instructions from the Diocese of Fort Worth so we are not quite sure what the Bazaar will look like but will keep everyone informed as we receive updates. We need items for the raffle. If you would like to donate an item for the raffle, please contact David Holub (254) 716-0492 or Debi Lednický (254) 709-6003 or you may bring the raffle item to the Nativity Parish Rectory on Sundays.

REFLECTIONS

“If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” JOSHUA 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

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 8/15

Envelopes	\$ 1955.00
Loose	\$ 200.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 50.00
TOTAL	\$ 2205.00