

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.

### **LOCAL EVENTS**

#### **Sunday (September 19, 2021) Nativity BVM Annual Bazaar – Nativity BVM Parish Hall, Penelope**

Barbecue Beef Tips and Sausage with all the Trimmings. Raffle, Bingo, Surprise Package, Country Store, Grab Bag, Auction, Horseshoe Tournament, Food, Snacks, etc.

#### **Sunday (September 26, 2021) Fried Chicken & Sausage Drive Thru – St. Martin Catholic Church, Tours, TX**

Fried Chicken & Sausage Drive Thru Plates To Go Dinner starting at 11:00am. Price of meal is \$12. A raffle drawing will be held at 3:00pm. Over \$3,000 in prizes. Donations are 6 for \$5.00.

# **NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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PENELOPE, TX 76676

REV. BRIJIL LAWRENCE, PASTOR



**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 19, 2021**

### **CONTACT US**

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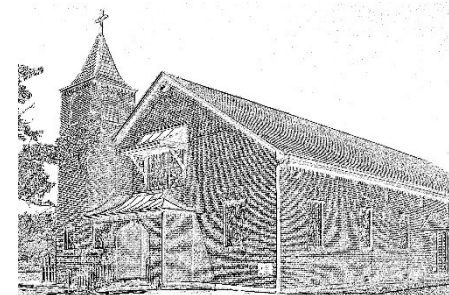
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Diocesan Website: [fwdioc.org](http://fwdioc.org)

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

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 19, 2021

### Weekly Schedule:

Date	Day	Time	MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENT
9/19	Sunday	10:00 am	Success of the Bazaar	
9/23	Thursday	7:00 pm	+Jeanne Nicholson & Cecil Crawley	
9/24	Friday	7:00 am	+Robert E. Nors	
9/26	Sunday	10:00 am	+Elenora Svacina	


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

**BAZAAR:** Our annual Bazaar is today Sunday, September 19, 2021. Thank you in advance to all who have helped setup for the bazaar and to those who volunteer their time to work today. Please review the work schedule and if you can work and your name was not on the work schedule, we would appreciate your help.

**Knappek Scholarship Committee** - If anyone is interested in serving on the Knappek Scholarship Committee, please contact Debbie Lednicki (254) 709-6003. The Committee for the 2022 Year will meet at the end of this month or mid next month. Thank you!


**Second Collection** – Next Sunday, September 26, 2021, is a special collection for the Diocese of Houma and the victims of Hurricane Ida.

*Please bring to the BAZAAR*




- **\$25.00 donation for meat**
- **15 lbs. Red Potatoes Boiled & Cut (or More)**
- **Two Desserts**

*Also, don't forget gifts or prizes for:*



**Grab Bag, Surprise Package,  
Country Store & Bingo**



Next Week's Attendants				
9/26	SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS
	Cross: Lillie Dudik	Jennifer Mynarcik	Debi Lednicki	Deven Lednicki
	Eric Dudik			Debi Lednicki

**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

Abby, Linda	Fabian, Mary Ann	Mikuda, George	Peoples, Jessica
Baily, Samuel	Fleming, Bert & Barbara	Miller, Janet	Perras, Jean
Barton, Evelyn	Fulton, Eugene	Miller, Jim	Rejcek, Anthony
Carlie, Carolyn	Hanzlicek, Pam	Mills, Adira	Roessler, John & Alma
Cassano, Vince	Kral, Donna	Mills, Margie	Roskos, David
Castleberry, Gladys	Lopez, Angel	Mitchell, Audrey	Stuckly, Evelyn
Crawley, Danelle	Machac, Matthew	Moreno, Jr., Perfecto	Talley, Renee
Cuevas, Lou	Martin, Brantley	Mynarcik, Diane	Taylor, Kent
Disher, Benjamin	Matula, Ruby	Oelrich, Don	
Dudik, Ronnie	Matus, Brian	Ohnhieser, Bernice	
Dvorak, Mary Ann		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](mailto:jac76707@yahoo.com).** Only the person requesting, or the person being prayed for can request removal from the list.

### FAITH      HOPE      CHARITY      Annual Diocesan Appeal

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that when we receive a child, it is then that we receive Jesus. Jesus calls us to recognize and identify the figurative children in our lives. Who are the most in need of help? Where are those people who rely on the care of others to have their needs met? When we reach out to those who are helpless, who cry out in need, we are receiving Jesus into our hearts with love and selflessness. The Annual Diocesan Appeal inspires us to take up this call to generosity and to support the many programs that serve people throughout North Central Texas. When we make this commitment, we are responding in gratitude for our blessings. Let us give thanks! Please prayerfully consider what your family will donate to support the needs of others. To learn more, please visit [bit.ly/ADADonate](http://bit.ly/ADADonate).

### REFLECTIONS

*"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." MARK 9:35*

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don't like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

**RCIA** - Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic (RCIA) should contact Debi Lednicki at (254)

COLLECTION 9/12	
Envelopes	\$ 715.00
Loose	\$ 103.35
Bazaar Donation	\$ 650.00
Meat Donation	\$ 250.00
Second Collection	\$ 207.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1925.35</b>

709-6003 for more information.

**NATIVITY PARISH HALL RENTALS:** Contact Debbie Lednicki 254-709-6003.

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Contact Janice Chase 254-826-3977 or [jac76707@yahoo.com](mailto: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)