

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.

### ***Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel***

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

### **LOCAL EVENTS**

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

219 W. MAGNOLIA ST.  
PENELOPE, TX 76676

REV. BRIJIL LAWRENCE, PASTOR



**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 17, 2021**

### **CONTACT US**

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Parish Website: [nbvm.org](http://nbvm.org)

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**

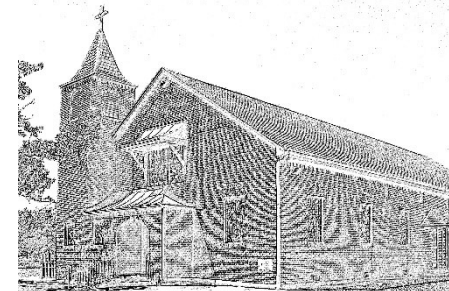
**Sunday:** 10:00 am

**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



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### Weekly Schedule:

Date	Day	Time	MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENT
10/17	Sunday	10:00 am	+Patrick Kucera	
10/20	Wednesday	7:00 pm	+Jeanne Nicholson & Cecil Crawley	
10/21	Thursday	7:00 pm	+Cecil Atkins	
10/22	Friday	7:00 am	+Ikie, Rosie & John Thomas Firasek	
10/24	Sunday	10:00 am	+John & Olga Mraz	

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

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** – NEXT WEEKEND we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and part of Latin American and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith or give online at [bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections](http://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections).

**Nativity BVM Catholic Church Cemetery Blessings** will follow the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, October 31, 2021. St. Joseph's Cemetery (FM 2114) followed by St. Mary's Cemetery (HCR 3240)

**FAITH HOPE CHARITY Annual Diocesan Appeal** It's Not Too Late to Give. All parishioners should have received a commitment form and a letter from Bishop Michael Olson with an invitation to participate in the Annual Diocesan Appeal "Give Thanks to the Lord." Please respond generously. We count on every family to help our parish meet its goal. If your mail was misdirected, please use one of the commitment envelopes located in the back of the Church or donate online at [bit.ly/ADADonate](http://bit.ly/ADADonate).

Next Week's Attendants				
10/24	SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS
	Cross: Adrianna Kucera	Toby Matula	Rodger Chase	David Holub
	Lillie Dudik			Debi Lednicki

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

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.

### REFLECTIONS

*"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."  
(MARK 10:45)*

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share". This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.

**RCIA** - Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic (RCIA) should contact Debi Lednicki at (254) 709-6003 for more information.

COLLECTION 10/10	
Envelopes	\$ 1580.00
Loose	\$ 232.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1812.00</b>

**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)