

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



**First Sunday of Advent  
November 28, 2021**

### **CONTACT US**

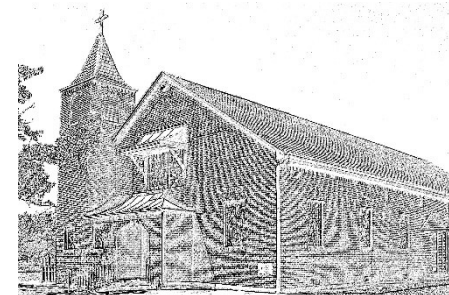
254-582-3092 (Abbott office) or 254-533-2325 (Penelope office)  
254-246-9997 (Fr. Lawrence)

Parish Email: [penelopecatholicchurch@windstream.net](mailto:penelopecatholicchurch@windstream.net)

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

## First Sunday of Advent November 28, 2021

### Weekly Schedule:

Date	Day	Time	MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENT
11/28	Sunday	10:00 am	+Michael Kucera	
12/1	Wednesday	7:00 pm	+Vaclav Hynek	
12/2	Thursday	7:00 pm	+Charlie Mikuda	
12/3	Friday	7:00 am	+Mary Mikuda	
12/5	Sunday	10:00 am	+Shorty Stuckly	

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

**Annual Diocesan Appeal:** Thank You for Supporting the Annual Diocesan Appeal Thank you to everyone who responded generously to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Your gift makes a difference to the people whom we will accompany in our shared journey of faith, hope and charity as one Church united in Christ. We are counting on every family to make a commitment to reach our parish goal. Please complete and return the commitment form that was mailed to you or donate online at [bit.ly/ADADonate](http://bit.ly/ADADonate)

**Candlelight Memorial** – Will be held on Thursday, December 2, 2021, at 7:00pm at the Aderhold Funeral Home Chapel. Each year during the Christmas season, Aderhold Funeral Home hosts a Candlelight Service to honor loved ones who have passed away throughout this year. The Memorial Service will be led by Dr. John Crowder, pastor of First Baptist Church of West. All families who lost loved ones throughout the past 12 months are invited to gather as a family to honor and remember the one they have shared memories with and loved. Each family is asked to bring a small, framed picture of their loved one to place on the memorial table. A Christmas tree is on display in the funeral home's chapel, and each loved one's name is called during the ceremony. The family is asked to come up and light a candle in their loved one's memory and place an angel on the tree. There will be food and fellowship after the service. For more information and to RSVP, please call (254) 826-5321. Please RSVP by November 29, 2021.

Next Week's Attendants				
11/28	SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS
	Cross: Dylan Lednický	Jennifer Mynarcik	Rodger Chase	Derek Lednický
				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

Abby, Linda	Dvorak, Mary Ann	Matus, Brian	Owens, Darrell & Theresa
Baily, Samuel	Fabian, Mary Ann	Mikuda, George	Peoples, Jessica
Barton, Evelyn	Fleming, Bert & Barbara	Miller, Janet	Perras, Jean
Bledsoe, Dean	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	Moreno, Jr., Perfecto	Short, Meredith
Crawley, Danelle	Machac, Matthew	Mynarcik, Diane	Stuckly, Evelyn
Cuevas, Lou	Martin, Brantley	Oelrich, Don	Talley, Renee
Disher, Benjamin	Matula, Ruby	Ohnhieser, Bernice	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

*"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (LUKE 21:28)*

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

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

COLLECTION	
Envelopes	\$
Loose	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

**NATIVITY PARISH HALL RENTALS:** Contact Debbie Lednický 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)