

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

Sunday (December 5, 2021) Divine Mercy Chaplet – St. Mary's Church of the Assumption, West, TX

Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 3:00pm. Please join us to pray for the ill in our parishes, in our families, and/or among our friends who are in need of hope and healing. You are encouraged to bring names of those in need of prayer and invite family and friends to join you.

Tuesday (December 7, 2021) CDA Court #829 Christmas Social & Meeting – KC Hall, West, TX

CDA Court #829 Christmas social and meeting will begin at 6:00pm followed by the meal at 6:30pm. Spouses or significant others are invited. Please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert. Contact a CDA member if you need a ride to the event.

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

219 W. MAGNOLIA ST.
PENELOPE, TX 76676

REV. BRIJIL LAWRENCE, PASTOR



Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021

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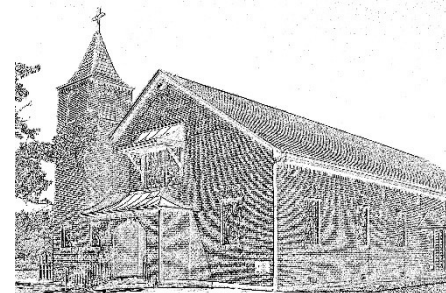
254-582-3092 (Abbott office) or 254-533-2325 (Penelope office)
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Parish Website: nbvm.org

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

Second Sunday of Advent December 5, 2021

Weekly Schedule:

Date	Day	Time	MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENT
12/5	Sunday	10:00 am	+Shorty Stuckly	
12/8	Wednesday	7:00 pm		Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
12/9	Thursday	7:00 pm	+Theresa Hynek	
12/10	Friday	7:00 am	+Joe Bartosh	
12/12	Sunday	10:00 am	+Patrick Kucera	

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

CONDOLENCES to the Family of Evelyn Stuckly. May the perpetual light shine upon her and may she rest in peace, Amen.

CONDOLENCES to the Family Margie Mills. May the perpetual light shine upon her and may she rest in peace, Amen.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (December 8th) is a Holy Day of Obligation –

Mass will be held at 7:00pm at Nativity of the BVM on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, and Mass will be held at 6:00pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary on Wednesday, December 8, 2021.

Second Collection, Next Sunday, December 12, 2021 - Give in gratitude. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.

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

Next Week's Attendants				
12/12	SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS
	Cross: Addi Crawford	Jean Disher	David Lednicki	Derek Lednicki
	Eric 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	Dudik, Ronnie	Matula, Ruby	Owens, Darrell & Theresa
Baily, Samuel	Dvorak, Mary Ann	Matus, Brian	Peoples, Jessica
Barton, Evelyn	Fabian, Mary Ann	Mikuda, George	Perras, Jean
Bledsoe, Dean	Fleming, Bert & Barbara	Miller, Janet	Rejcek, Anthony
Carlie, Carolyn	Fulton, Eugene	Miller, Jim	Roessler, John & Alma
Cassano, Vince	Hanzlicek, Pam	Mills, Adira	Roskos, David
Castleberry, Gladys	Kral, Donna	Moreno, Jr., Perfecto	Short, Meredith
Crawley, Danelle	Lopez, Angel	Mynarcik, Diane	Talley, Renee
Cuevas, Lou	Machac, Matthew	Oelrich, Don	Taylor, Kent
Disher, Benjamin	Martin, Brantley	Ohnhieser, Bernice	

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.

Adopt a Window to Decorate for Christmas – We would like to make this Christmas season special and invite all families to participate in decorating a window. The theme for this year will be "The Nativity of Jesus". Decorating the windows will begin immediately following the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, December 19, 2021.

If you would like to decorate a window for Christmas please contact Janice Chase after church, email jac76707@yahoo.com, text or call (254) 723-7943. The following are the windows that are available on a first come first serve basis. If you do not choose a window, then we will be happy to assign one to you.

Sacrament of Baptism
The Blessed Virgin Mother, Mary
Sacrament of Holy Orders
Sacrament of Penance
Sacrament of Eucharist

Sacrament of Confirmation
Sacrament of Matrimony
Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
Blank Window

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season, it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them, learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

COLLECTION 11/28

Envelopes	\$ 475.00
Loose	\$ 225.50
TOTAL	\$ 700.50

NATIVITY PARISH HALL RENTALS: Contact Debbie Lednicki 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)