

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



Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2021

CONTACT US

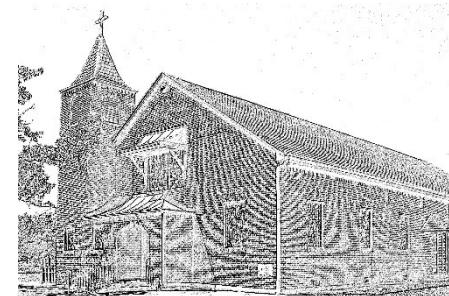
254-582-3092 (Abbott office) or 254-533-2325 (Penelope office)
254-246-9997 (Fr. Lawrence)

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
12/19	Sunday	10:00 am	+Johnie Hynek	
12/22	Wednesday	7:00 pm	+Anton Rejcek	
12/23	Thursday	7:00 pm	+Robert E. Nors	
12/24	Friday	8:00 pm		Pageant & Singing Begins at 7:30pm
12/26	Sunday	10:00 am	+Pete Talley	

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

All are welcome to remain after church this morning as we will be decorating for Christmas.

ADVENT PENANCE - There will be two visiting priests hearing Confessions at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Abbott, on Wednesday, December 22, from 5 PM to 7 PM, in preparation for a meaningful celebration of Christmas.

Christmas is drawing near, if you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of your loved one, the recommended minimum donation is \$10.00 per pot. Please place the name of your loved one and your donation in an envelope marked "Altar Society", and place it in the collection basket or contact LuAnn Matula at (254) 533-2358.

The Nativity of the Lord – Christmas Mass will be held on Friday, December 24, 2021 at 8:00pm. Children's Pageant and singing will begin prior to Mass at 7:30pm.

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

Next Week's Attendants				
12/24	SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS
	Cross: Dylan Lednicki Blane Mynarcik	David Holub	Rodger Chase	Debi Lednicki Derek Lednicki
12/26	SERVERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS
	Cross: Eric Dudik	Toby Matula	David Lednicki	David Holub Deven 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	Roessler, John & Alma
Carlie, Carolyn	Fulton, Eugene	Miller, Jim	Roskos, David
Cassano, Vince	Hanzlicek, Pam	Mills, Adira	Short, Meredith
Castleberry, Gladys	Kral, Donna	Moreno, Jr., Perfecto	Talley, Renee
Crawley, Danelle	Lopez, Angel	Mynarcik, Diane	Taylor, Kent
Cuevas, Lou	Machac, Matthew	Oelrich, Don	
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

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (LUKE 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Or, do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

COLLECTION 12/12

Envelopes	1190.00
Loose	\$ 181.00
TOTAL	\$ 1371.00

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)