

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 (February 27, 2022) Save the Date Fried Chicken Dinner – Nativity BVM Parish Hall, Penelope TX
Serving beginning at 10:30am until sold out. All plates \$12.00. Meal consisting of fried chicken, sausage, sauerkraut, parsley potatoes, slaw & dessert.

Friday (March 4, 2022) KJT Society 31 Fried Fish Dinner – St. Mary's School Parking Lot, West TX
Fried Fish Dinner benefitting the Priest and Religious Retirement Fund will be held 5:00-7:00pm. Drive-through only event and cost is \$12 per plate.

Sunday (March 6, 2022) CDA Court #829 will have a Grilled Chicken Dinner, Buchta sale, Raffle, and Gift Card Tree Drawing at the West Knights of Columbus Hall, from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Donations are \$12 a plate. Dine in or drive thru will be available. The meal will consist of grilled chicken leg quarter, sausage, potatoes, green beans and dessert. Buchtas will be sold only on the day of the dinner for \$15 each. For additional information contact Evelyn Petter, 254-716-1710. Raffle tickets are available for \$2 each, or 3 for \$5. There are 20 prizes on the tickets. The drawing will be on March 6th; need not be present to win. For raffle ticket information, contact Wanda Stacha, 826-4215. Gi cards of any denomination are needed for the Gi Card Tree Drawing. For donations, CDA members should contact Debby Marak, 254-749-8605.

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

219 W. MAGNOLIA ST.
PENELOPE, TX 76676

REV. BRIJIL LAWRENCE, PASTOR



**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 27, 2022**

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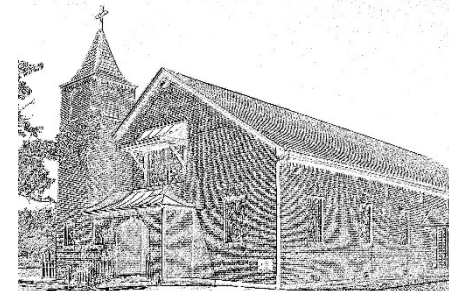
254-582-3092 (Abbott office) or 254-533-2325 (Penelope office)
254-246-9997 (Fr. Lawrence)

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
2/27	Sunday	10:00 am	+Patrick Kucera	
3/2	Wednesday	7:00 pm		Ash Wednesday
3/3	Thursday	7:00 pm	+Lois Rejcek	
3/4	Friday	7:00 am	+Eugene Knapek	
3/6	Sunday	10:00 am	+Martha Sinkule	

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

ANNUAL FRIED CHICKEN DINNER: The annual fried chicken dinner will be held today Sunday, February 27, 2022, with serving to begin at 11:00am. There will be Drive-Thru or Dine-In options. Parishioners are asked to bring their desserts to the Parish Hall. Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

Ash Wednesday Services (March 2, 2022) *Day of Fasting and Abstinence*

Noon – Immaculate Heart of Mary, Abbott – Mass & Ashes
5:30pm – Immaculate Heart of Mary, Abbott – Mass & Ashes
7:00pm – Nativity BVM, Penelope – Mass & Ashes

SECOND COLLECTION – Next week, our parish will take up the 138th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Our diocese also received \$14,000 in grant funding from this collection last year. Please give generously to the Black and Indian Mission Collection on March 6 at Mass, or at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

Come pray with CDA #829 members each Friday in Lent, at Planned Parenthood Abortion Center of Waco, 700 W. HWY 6. We pray silently for one hour each Friday in the public right of way. Our peaceful campaign of intercessory prayer focuses on families, mothers and the unborn. We simply pray for life & the end to abortion. We have no contact with the clients, however if they so choose, Care-Net is right across the street & there are trained sidewalk counselors who are available. Free parking is available on the empty lot behind Planned Parenthood. We are outside, so bring a chair or your walking shoes. We pray rain or shine.

Please consider joining us beginning Friday, March 4th & continuing each Friday until April 10, Palm Sunday, from 11:00 am-12:00 noon. A sign-up sheet will be passed around to pray any or all Fridays. For more info, call Marcella Sinkule @ 254-709-2343

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

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.

U.S. Church Regulations for Fasting:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence from meat for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat.

The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards.

The church recognizes that there are chronically or seriously ill individuals who cannot fast or abstain. The church still calls for these individuals to participate in acts of penance and works of charity. These can be performed throughout the week; however, it is especially appropriate that these acts be performed on Fridays in place of the Friday fast.

Easter is Near – if you would like to purchase flowers in memory of your loved one for Easter, the recommended minimum donation is \$10.00. 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.

Please remember to select your sanctuary and Mass intentions for the New Year. Please contact Janice Chase at Home: (254) 826-3977 Cell: (254) 723-7943 or intentions may be placed in the collection basket. Suggested donation is \$5.00 per intention. PLEASE NOTE: Mass intentions are for one person only and the suggested donation is \$5.00 per intention.

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

COLLECTION 2/20	
Envelopes	\$
Loose	\$
TOTAL	\$

NATIVITY PARISH HALL RENTALS: Contact Debbie Lednický 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)