

Raymond A. and Rosie S. Knapek Memorial Scholarship

We are now taking applications and requirements include graduation senior or current college student. Registered parishioner of NBVM Catholic Church for the past two years. Involved in the parish/school/community. Attends Mass regularly. Two (2) letters of recommendations (Non-Family member). A 500-750 word essay on "Why Religion is Important."

Submit all documentation by April 16, 2023 to the NBVM parish office or mail to NBVM Church, PO Box 98, Penelope, TX 76676

WE INVITE EVERYONE TO PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS THIS YEAR. THE 2022-2023 SEMINARIAN DAILY PRAYER LIST CAN BE FOUND AT FWDIOC.ORG/SEMINARIAN-PRAYER-LIST-DEC-2022-ENGLISH.PDF. FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE VOCATIONS OFFICE.

LOCAL EVENTS

Friday (March 3, 2023) CDA Buchta Sale – KC Hall, West, TX

Preorders for buchtas will be taken thru February 25, 2023. Cost is \$20.00. To preorder, contact Evelyn Petter (254) 716-1710, or Marcella Sinkule (254) 609-2343. Buchtas can be picked up at the KC Hall on Friday after 11:00am.

Saturday (March 4, 2023) CDA – St. Mary's School Cafeteria, West, TX

Catholic Daughters of the Americas are hosting a Ladies Lenten Day of Reflection and Salad Luncheon in the St Mary's School Cafeteria at 9:00am. Please RSVP jackievrana@gmail.com.

Sunday (March 5, 2023) CDA Court #829 Spring Fling Fundraiser – KC Hall, West, TX

Fundraiser consisting of a Meal, Buchta Sale, Raffle and Gift Basket Drawing from 11:00am – 2:00pm. Donations are \$14.00 a plate. Dine in or drive thru will be available. Meal consisting of Stevie Vanek's beef tips in gravy, potatoes, vegetables and dessert. For additional information contact Evelyn Petter (254) 716-2876 or Marcella Sinkule (254) 709-2343. Raffle tickets with 21 prizes are available for \$2.00 each, or 3 for \$5.00. To purchase tickets in advance please contact Mary Brackeen (254) 716-2876 or Theresa Soukup (254) 709-5320. To donate a gift basket, CDA members should contact Molly Gerik (254) 495-0311 or Anita Murphy (254) 227-0337.

Saturday (March 25, 2023) CDA Day of Reflection – KC Hall, West, TX

CDA Day of Reflection will be held in the West KC Hall from 8:00am-2:30pm. Program speaker: Cheryl Maxwell, the former Director of Worship for the Austin Diocese. Lite breakfast and lunch provided. Sr. Mary Danielle Peters, member of the Secular Institute of the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary will speak in the afternoon. Please submit name, phone number & \$10.00 registration fee (checks made out to CDA #829), or cash, by FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023, to Ann Vanek, 810 N Harrison St. West, TX 76691. For additional information, contact Ann Vanek (254) 744-6653 or June Danker (214) 208-7514. Registration includes the cost of the meal. Be sure to invite a friend. Come and enjoy a day of rest, reflection & spiritual enrichment during lent.

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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DENVER CRAWLEY, DEACON



First Sunday of Lent
February 26, 2023

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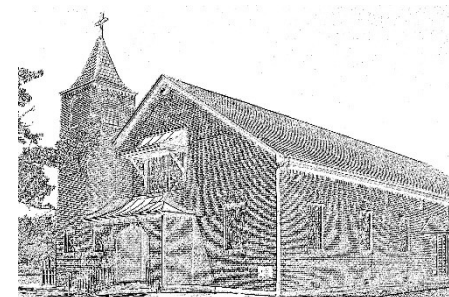
254-580-8458 (Deacon Denver Crawley)

Parish Email: penelopcatholicchurch@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 (No weekday Masses until further notice)

Wednesday

Thursday:

Friday:

First Friday:

Sacrament of Penance:

First Sunday of Lent

February 26, 2023

Weekly Schedule:

Date	Day	Time	MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENT
2/26/23	Sunday	10:00 am	+Raymond & Henrietta Beseda	
3/3/23	Friday	6:00 pm		Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Stations of the Cross
3/5/23	Sunday	10:00 am	+Michael Watson, Jr.	

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in Memory of Mary Ann Fabian

Second Collection - Today, our parish will take up the 139th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in communities from coast to coast, including our diocese, which received \$14,000 from the Black and Indian Mission Collection last year. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today at Mass or at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>. Thank you for your support.

Nativity BVM's Annual Fried Chicken Dinner will be held following the 10:00am Mass today. Please review the list of workers for the event located in the back of the Church. We would appreciate any and all help to make our fundraiser a success. All parishioners are asked to bring a dessert for the event.

Special Collection - Next week, our parish will take up an emergency special collection for the Turkey and Syria Earthquake victims. Your donations will be supporting Catholic Relief Services in Turkey and Syria where extensive damage has been reported. CRS is currently caring for displaced people in safe shelters and distributing hot meals, hygiene supplies and winter items. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this emergency special collection for our international brothers and sisters in Christ. If you can, please give next weekend, online at <https://bit.ly/TurkeySyriaCollection> (case sensitive), or by texting TURKEY to 817-402-3525

Jesus: The Way, the Truth and the Life – All are invited to attend our Lenten classes as we prepare Spiritually for Easter. We will begin our one-hour Lenten classes on Sunday, March 5, 2023, in the hall after Mass. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Please contact Deacon Denver for any questions, (254) 580-8458, or see me after Mass.

We are in NEED of CCD substitute teachers/aides. If you are willing to help please contact Kelly Dudik at (254) 709-3022 for more information.

Next Week's Attendants		
SERVERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS
Cross: Gabriel Kucera Westmoreland Jocelyn Kucera	Jean Disher	David & Susan Kucera
USHERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS
Johnny Kucera Rodger Chase David Kucera Volunteer	Debi Ledncky	Derek Lednicky David Lednicky

	Fulton, Eugene	PRAYER LIST	Oelrich, Don
Abby, Linda	Grones, Laura	Machac, Matthew	Ohnhieser, Bernice
Altamirano, Salvador	Hanzlicek, Pam	Martin, Brantley	Parrish-Lednicky, Deborah
Baily, Samuel	Holy, Patricia	Matus, Brian	Peoples, Jessica
Barton, Evelyn	Jackson, Heather	Matus, Herman & Joann	Perras, Jean
Carlie, Carolyn	Knapek, Lottie	Mikuda, George	Roessler, John & Alma
Carr, Phyllis	Kral, Donna	Miller, Janet	Roskos, David
Disher, Benjamin	Kriss, Jr., Robert	Miller, Jim	Short, Meredith
Dudik, Ronnie	Lander, Kevin	Mills, Adira	Talley, Renee
Dvorak, Mary Ann	Lopez, Angel	Moreno, Jr., Perfecto	Taylor, Kent
Fleming, Bert & Barbara	Lozano, Mary	Mynarcik, Diane	Walker, Travis

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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held every Friday during Lent at 6:00pm followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm.

Beginning Sunday, February 26, 2023 the Rosary will be recited before Mass starting at 9:30am.

We NEED gift bearers, ushers, and greeters. Please contact Janice Chase at (254) 723-7943 if you are able to serve. We would really appreciate your help and assistance.

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

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.

"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" MATTHEW 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.

COLLECTION 2/19/2023

Envelopes	\$ 805.00
Loose	\$ 367.00
TOTAL	\$ 1172.00

NATIVITY PARISH HALL RENTALS: Contact Debbie Lednicky 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) **3SANCTUARY LIGHT & MASS INTENTIONS:** Contact Janice Chase 254-826-3977

(Suggested donation \$5.00 per intention. Intentions may be placed in the collection basket)

CLMMUNION FOR SHUT-INS: Contact Marcella Sinkule 254-826-3860