

### 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](http://fwdioc.org/SEMINARIAN-PRAYER-LIST-DEC-2022-ENGLISH.PDF). FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE VOCATIONS OFFICE.

### COME and SEE WEEKEND (Vocations Weekend Retreat, March 31-April 2, 2023)

The Spring 2023 Come & See Weekend will take place at St. Joseph Seminary College, 75376 River Rd., St. Benedict, LA 74057. This vocations weekend retreat is for young men 16 years and older who are in high school and college in the Diocese of Fort Worth. The vocations weekend will consist of communal prayer, Mass, Seminary tour, and discernment stories. There is no cost, transportation is provided to and from the Seminary. For more information, email the Vocations office at [Vocations@FWDioc.org](mailto:Vocations@FWDioc.org) or call (817) 945-9321.

### Bishop Olson urges Catholic community to support school choice legislation

Bishop Michael Olson in a video joins the Catholic bishops of Texas in supporting school choice legislation now before the Texas Legislature. Please take a moment to watch Bishop Olson's message about school choice. You can find the video to share in the diocesan web site: [www.fwdioc.org](http://www.fwdioc.org) or here is the direct link to the video: <https://youtu.be/UzwqFG1vqAg>

### LOCAL EVENTS

Tuesday (April 4, 2023) CDA Court #829 Meeting – St. Joseph's Hall, West, TX  
CDA Court #829 will meet on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 with social beginning at 6:00pm followed by the meeting at 6:30pm.

## NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

219 W. MAGNOLIA ST.  
PENELOPE, TX 76676

DENVER CRAWLEY, DEACON



**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**March 26, 2023**

### CONTACT US

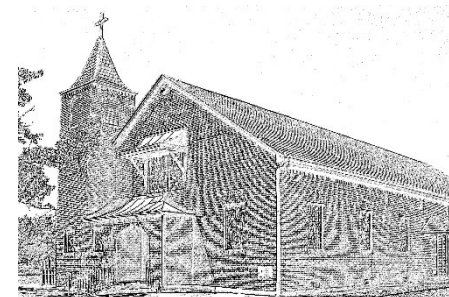
254-580-8458 (Deacon Denver Crawley)

Parish Email: [penelopezcatholicchurch@windstream.net](mailto:penelopezcatholicchurch@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 (No weekday Masses until further notice)

**Wednesday**

**Thursday:**

**Friday:**

**First Friday:**

**Sacrament of Penance:**

## Fifth Sunday of Lent March 26, 2023

### Weekly Schedule:

Date	Day	Time	MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENT
3/26/23	Sunday	10:00 am	+Raymond & Henrietta Beseda	
3/31	Friday	6:00 pm		Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Stations of the Cross
4/2/23	Sunday	10:00 am	+Michael Watson, Jr.	Palm Sunday

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

**Palm Sunday** – Next Sunday, April 2, 2023, is Palm Sunday. Mass will begin in the Parish Hall and there will be a procession from the hall to the Church.

**Jesus: The Way, the Truth and the Life** – All are invited to attend our Lenten classes as we prepare Spiritually for Easter. Classes are held on Sundays 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.

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

**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.

### Holy Week Schedule

**Maundy Thursday (April 6, 2023)** 6:00 pm (Mass of the Lord’s Supper) - Abbott  
**Good Friday (April 7, 2023)** 5:30 pm (Stations of the Cross at 5:00 pm) - Penelope  
**Easter Vigil (April 8, 2023)** 8:00 pm (Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter) - Abbott  
**Easter Sunday (April 9, 2023)** 10:00 am (Mass of the Easter Day) – Penelope

**Needed:** Volunteers from Penelope Nativity BVM to have their feet washed at Holy Thursday Mass in Abbott.

<i>Next Week’s Attendants</i>		
SERVERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS
Cross: Gabriel Kucera Jocelyn Kucera	David Holub	David & Susan Kucera
USHERS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS
Adam Dudik David Holub Joey Jaska	Debi Lednicki	Derek Lednicki Debi Lednicki

David Kucera			
PRAYER LIST			
Abby, Linda	Glaessman, Gary	Martin, Brantley	Ohnhieser, Bernice
Altamirano, Salvador	Hanzlicek, Pam	Matus, Brian	Parrish-Lednicki, Deborah
Baily, Samuel	Holy, Patricia	Matus, Herman & Joann	Peoples, Jessica
Barton, Evelyn	Jackson, Heather	Mikuda, George	Perras, Jean
Carlie, Carolyn	Knapek, Lottie	Miller, Janet	Roessler, John & Alma
Carr, Phyllis	Kral, Donna	Miller, Jim	Roskos, David
Disher, Benjamin	Kriss, Jr., Robert	Mills, Adira	Short, Meredith
Dudik, Ronnie	Lander, Kevin	Moreno, Jr., Perfecto	Sulak, Andrea
Dvorak, Mary Ann	Lopez, Angel	Mynarcik, Diane	Talley, Renee
Fleming, Bert & Barbara	Lozano, Mary	Nors, Kaitlin	Taylor, Kent
Fulton, Eugene	Machac, Matthew	Oelrich, Don	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](mailto:jac76707@yahoo.com).** Only the person requesting, or the person being prayed for can request removal from the list.

**RCIA** - Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic (RCIA) should contact Debi Lednicki 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.

*“Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’” JOHN 11:40*

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren’t going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God’s active presence in our daily lives and we become “partakers of the divine nature.”

#### COLLECTION 3/19/2023

Envelopes	\$ 1095.00
Loose	\$ 176.00
Second Collection	\$ 244.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1515.00</b>

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