

O my Jesus, in union with all the angels and the saints.  
I adore thee in the most Holy Sacrament in which thou art concealed for the love of me.  
I adore thee as my Lord, my God, my Creator, and my Redeemer. Amen

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.

**Men's Discernment Retreat (Friday, December 29, 2023)** Join Fr. Brett Metzler, Vocation Director of the Diocese of Fort Worth, for the Men's Discernment Retreat at the [Montserrat Jesuit Retreat Center](#) in Lake Dallas, Texas, on Friday, December 29, 23 from 8am to 3:30pm. This one-day retreat is open to men aged 16-25 and offers a unique opportunity to explore the call to priesthood.

The retreat includes time for prayer, spiritual conferences on discernment and vocations, and opportunities to engage with seminarians, priests, and others on their vocational journeys.

For more information or to register, please contact the Vocations Office at [vocations@fwdioc.org](mailto:vocations@fwdioc.org). Registration will close on Friday, December 22, 2023.

**Basic Sign Language Course: Registration is open for classes starting January 9, 2024.** The [Deaf Ministry](#) is offering a 12-week course that will give students' an interactive experience in sign language including small group and hands on activities. Students will learn basic vocabulary, rules of grammar and cultural aspects of the deaf community and the history of American Sign Language. Classes start January 9 - March 26, 2024 from 7pm to 9pm. Registration Deadline: December 15, 2023.

Please contact [Connie Martin](#) at [817-945-9381](tel:817-945-9381), [817-591-0186](tel:817-591-0186) (VP) for more information.

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

NORMAL MASS TIMES FOR THE 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (ATTENDANCE AT ONE OF THESE MASSES IS REQUIRED)

SATURDAY (12/23) – 5:00PM AT IHM

SUNDAY (12/24) – 8:00AM AT IHM, 10:00AM AT NBVM

SUNDAY (12/24) CHRISTMAS MASS – 4:00PM AT NBVM, 6:00PM AT IHM

MONDAY (12/25) – 10:30AM AT IHM

MONDAY (1/1) IS ABROGATED, AND NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS YEAR.

# NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**First Sunday of Advent**  
**December 3, 2023**

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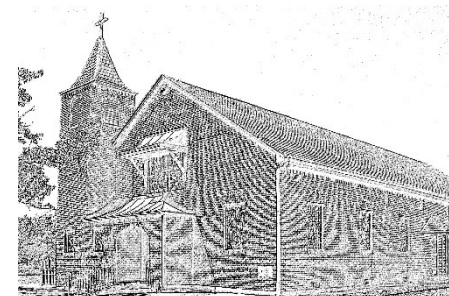
254-580-8458 (Deacon Denver Crawley)

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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

**Thursday:** 8:00 am

**Friday:** 8:00 am

**Sacrament of Penance:**

After Mass on Sunday, 7:30am Thursday and Friday

## First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2023

### Weekly Schedule

Date	Day	Time	MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENT
12/3	Sunday	10:00 am	+Michael Watson, Jr.	Sacrament of Penance after Mass
12/7	Thursday	8:00 am	+Jeanne Nicholson	
12/8	Friday	Noon		
12/10	Sunday	10:00 am	+Mary Mikuda	Sacrament of Penance after Mass

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in Memory of Charlie Fabian

**Second Collection (12/10/23)**- You can help. "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

### Advent Penance Services:

**Penelope (Nativity BVM)** - Fr. Jones is available to hear confession every Sunday after the 10:00am Mass and 7:30am before the weekday Masses on Thursday and Friday.

**Abbott (Immaculate Heart of Mary)** – Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 7:00pm

**West (St. Mary's Church of the Assumption)** – Friday, December 15, 2023 at 6:00pm

**Hillsboro (Our Lady of Mercy)** – Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 7:00pm

### Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) Friday, December 8, 2023

**Abbott, Immaculate Heart of Mary** – Vigil Mass, Thursday, December 7, 2023 – 4:30pm (*prior to penance service*)

**Penelope, Nativity BVM** – Mass of the Day, Friday, December 8, 2023 – Noon

**Abbott, Immaculate Heart of Mary** – Evening Mass, Friday, December 8, 2023 – 6:00pm

		Next Week's Attendants	
12/10/2023	SERVERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS
	Cross: Chance Kucera Samira Herrera	Jennifer Mynarcik	Larry & Jennifer Mynarcik
USHERS		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS
	Josh Kucera Daniel Locke Rodger Chase Adam Dudik		Derek Lednicki David Holub

### PRAYER LIST

Abby, Linda	Glaessman, Gary	Martin, Brantley	Ohnhieser, Bernice
Altamirano, Salvador	Hanzlicek, Pam	Matus, Brian	Peoples, Jessica
Baily, Samuel	Holacka, Dorothy	Matus, Herman & Joann	Perras, Jean
Barton-Finely, Amy	Jackson, Heather	Mikuda, George	Roessler, John & Alma
Carlie, Carolyn	Knapek, Lottie	Miller, Janet	Roskos, David
Carr, Phyllis	Kral, Donna	Miller, Jim	Short, Meredith
Disher, Benjamin	Kriss, Jr., Robert	Mills, Adira	Sulak, Andrea
Dudik, Ronnie	Lander, Kevin	Moreno, Jr., Perfecto	Talley, Renee
Dvorak, Mary Ann	Lopez, Angel	Mynarcik, Diane	Taylor, Kent
Fleming, Bert & Barbara	Lozano, Mary	Nors, Kaitlin	Watson, Troy
Fulton, Eugene	Machac, Matthew	Oelrich, Don	Weber, Shelby

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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Starting this Sunday we will have Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:30-9:25am followed by the Rosary at 9:30am and Mass at 10:00am. We will continue Exposition, Adoration and Benediction beginning in January on First Fridays after Mass.

### Enriching our Catholic Faith and our Love of God

Our classes have resumed on Sunday's after Mass and will conclude at the end of the Easter Season in 2024. The classes are for all current parishioners along with anyone interested in becoming Catholic. The classes will focus on increasing our faith using Holy Scripture, The Catechism of the Catholic Church and supplemented with Ascension Press videos. If you have any questions please see Deacon Denver after Mass.

*"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - MARK 13:33*

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

**RCIA** - Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic (RCIA) should contact Kelly Dudik at (254) 709-3022 for more information. proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

### COLLECTION 11/26

Envelopes	\$ 615.00
Loose	\$ 266.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 881.00</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