

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. 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.

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2023

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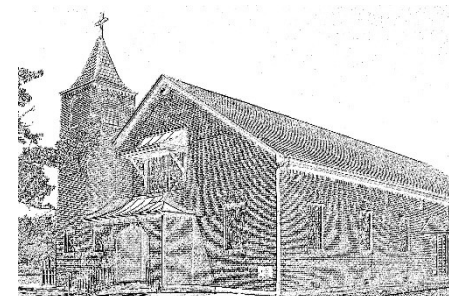
254-580-8458 (Deacon Denver Crawley)

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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

Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 2023

Weekly Schedule

Date	Day	Time	MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENT
12/17	Sunday	10:00 am	+Evelyn Makovy	Sacrament of Penance after Mass
12/20	Wednesday	6:30pm	+Patrick Kucera	6:00pm Christmas Pageant
12/21	Thursday	8:00 am	+Sophie Kallus	Sacrament of Penance after Mass
12/22	Friday	8:00 am	+Eddy Herring	Sacrament of Penance after Mass
12/24	Sunday	10:00 am	+Mr. & Mrs. Anton Rejcek	Sacrament of Penance after Mass
12/24	Sunday	4:00 pm		3:30 Carols Before Mass

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

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.

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

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

NORMAL MASS TIMES FOR THE 5TH 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.

		READER			
12/24/2023	SERVERS	READER		GIFT BEARERS	
	Cross: Darian Westmoreland Carson Bruton	Jean Disher		Joey & Susie Jaska	
USHERS		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		GREETERS	
	David Holub Joey Jaska			Derek Lednický	
	David Kucera Dylan Kucera			Deven Lednický	
12/24/2023 (Evening)	SERVERS	READER		GIFT BEARERS	
	Cross: Chance Kucera Samira Herrera	Marcella Sinkule		Adam & Kelly Dudik	
USHERS		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		GREETERS	
	Adam Dudik David Holub			Derek Lednický	
	Joey Jaska David Kucera			Deven Lednický	

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

Second Collection (12/10/23)- Support a lifetime of service. Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Last weeks collection will be held today. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.

CHRISTMAS Pageant – Will be held, Wednesday, December 20, 2024, at 6:00pm followed by Mass at 6:30pm.

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.

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.

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.” – 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

Adam & Kelly Dudik	Adam & Kelly Dudik	ADVENT PARISH HALL RENTALS: Contact Debbie Lednický 254-709-6003.
		BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Contact Janice Chase 254-826-3977 or jac76707@yahoo.com
COLLECTION 12/10		RECEIPTS due by Wednesday, noon, to be included the following
Envelopes	\$	(Sunday) SANCTUARY LIGHT & MASS INTENTIONS: Contact Janice Chase 254-826-3977
Loose	\$	Intentional donation \$5.00 per intention. Intentions may be placed in the collection basket)
TOTAL	\$	CLMUNION FOR SHUT-INS: Contact Marcella Sinkule 254-826-3860