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 https://example.com/seminarian-prayer-list-dec-2022-English.pdf. FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE ONTACT THE VOCATIONS OFFICE.

Diocesan Announcements

Women's Vocations Retreat – 'High School Girls' Day with the Sisters' retreat, January 13, 2024, 1:00pm-8:00pm. Join us for a special 'High School Girls' Day with the Sisters' retreat at Our Lady of Guadalupe Priory in Georgetown, Texas! Hosted by the Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist, this free one-day event is for young women in grades 9-12 in the Diocese of Fort Worth. Transportation to and from the event will be provided. Please arrive to the Catholic Center before 8:00am for Mass and breakfast before departing. For more information or questions, contact us at Vocations Office or call (817) 945-9321. Don't miss this opportunity for a day of reflection and connection!

St. Andrew's Breakfast – *Saturday, January 13, 2024.* The next St. Andrew Breakfast will be on Saturday morning, January 13, 2024 at St. Patrick Cathedral, 1206 Throckmorton St. Fort Worth, TX 76102, at 8:00am. The day will begin with Mass followed by breakfast and fellowship in the Parish Formation Building. We encourage young men in high school and college of the Diocese of Fort Worth to attend. With limited space, please reserve your spot by January 12, 2024 to the Vocations Office or by calling (817) 945-9321.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Mass – *Saturday, January 20, 2024*. The 38th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at Good Shepherd Catholic Community in Colleyville, 1000 Tinker Rd., Colleyville, TX 76034 at 5:00pm. The homilist will be Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski, and the main celebrant will be Bishop Michael F. Olson, STD, MA. All are encouraged to attend.

LOCAL EVENTS

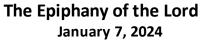
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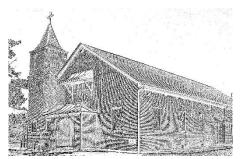
CONTACT US

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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 amThursday:8:00 amFriday:8:00 am

Sacrament of Penance:

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

The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2024

Weekly Schedule

Date	Day	Tim9e	Mass Intention	Parish Event
1/7	Sunday	10:00 am	+Anthony Rejcek	
1/11	Thursday	8:00am	+William Svrcek	
1/12	Friday	8:00 am	+Patrick Kucera	
1/14	Sunday	10:00am	+Raymond & Emilia Vochoska	

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

Second Collection - Next week, we will take up a collection for the *Priest Care Fund*. Your support of this collection pays for our priests' medical and long-term care expenses that are not covered by insurance. "A Lifetime of Service Asks for a Moment of Support." Please give generously to the *Priest Care Fund* on January 14 at Mass or at https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections (case sensitive)

Adult Safe Environment Awareness Sessions:

Renewing Current Volunteers Only: "A Plan to Protect Adults", a Safe Environment Awareness Session will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2024, 1:00-3:00pm at IHOM's Smid Center.

"NEW" Ministry Volunteers & Renewing Current Volunteers: "Protecting God's Children for Adults" Safe Environment Awareness Session will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2024, 1:00-4:00pm at IHOM's Smid Center.

Please Note: Adult Safe Environment Awareness Session is required for all Adult Volunteers prior to serving in any Parish Ministries. Please contact Janice Chase, Safe Environment Coordinator, at (254) 723-7943 to volunteer. To register online for a session please go to https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/index.cfm

1/14/2024	SERVERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	
Cross: Eric Dudik		Jean Disher	Larry & Jennifer Mynarcik	
Riley Dudik				
USHERS		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS	
Dylan Kucera	Johnny Kucera		Derek Lednicky	
Josh Kucera	Daniel Locke		Debi Lednicky	

PRAYER LIST					
Abbgy, Linda	Fulton, Eugene	Martin, Brantley	Ohnhieser, Bernice		
Altamirano, Salvador	Glaessman, Gary	Matus, Brian	Peoples, Jessica		
Baily, Samuel	Hanzlicek, Pam	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		
Cates, June	Kriss, Jr., Robert	Mills, Adira	Sulak, Andrea		
Disher, Benjamin	Lander, Kevin	Moreno, Jr., Perfecto	Talley, Renee		
Dudik, Ronnie	Lopez, Angel	Mynarcik, Diane	Taylor, Kent		
Dvorak, Mary Ann	Lozano, Mary	Nors, Kaitlin	Watson, Troy		
Fleming, Bert & Barbara	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. Only the person requesting, or the person being prayed for can request removal from the list.

PLEASE NOTE: On Sundays 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.

"They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - MATTHEW 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

COLLECTION 12/31					
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Donatio	\$	320.00			
Mass Stipenc	\$	80.00			
TOT!	\$	1449.00			

NATIVITY PARISH HALLRENTALS: 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 $\$5.00\,\mathrm{per}$ intention. Intentions may be placed in the collection basket)

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