

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

Diocesan Announcements

Aging with Grace: A Catholic workshop for empty nesters, retirees, caregivers and their loved ones. Science may explain physical gaining, but life experience and faith can teach us far more about how to cope with it. As we age or care for aging parents, we often wonder what the Church teaches about ethical medical decisions, the sanctity of life, and preparing documents, such as advance directives or a will. This event will help answer those questions and provide guidance and inspiration for the journey ahead! The workshop will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 from 10:00am to 3:00pm at St. Catherine of Siena, 1705 E Peters Colony Rd., Carrollton, TX 75007. You are invited to join the parishioners of St. Catherine of Siena for daily Mass before the workshop at 8:30am. Advance registration is REQUIRED and is limited to 50 participants. \$15 per person/\$25 per couple (includes Lunch, Snacks and Materials). To learn more or register visit: <https://www.advancementfoundation.org/aging-with-grace>

Come & See Weekend - March 22-24, 2024. Join us for a Vocations Weekend Retreat for men in high school and college, ages 16 and older at St. Joseph Seminary College in Covington, LA. Experience Mass, discernment stories, communal prayer, and a seminary tour – all at no cost. Transportation provided. Register by March 18, 2024, and for those 18 and older, complete Safe Environment training. For more information, email the Vocations Office or call (817) 945-9321.

CDA Day of Reflection: Sat. Mar. 9, 9:00-2p.m., KC Hall in West. Program speaker: Sr. Mary Danielle Peters, member of the Secular Institute of the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary. Submit name, phone #, & \$10 registration fee (check payable to CDA #829 or cash), by Fri., Mar. 1, to Cyndi Lair (254-537-2250). For additional information call Cyndi Lair, or June Danker (214-208-7514). Registration includes a lite breakfast and lunch

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.

LOCAL EVENTS

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

219 W. MAGNOLIA ST.
PENELOPE, TX 76676

REV. THOMAS JONES, PASTOR
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**Third Sunday of Lent
March 3, 2024**

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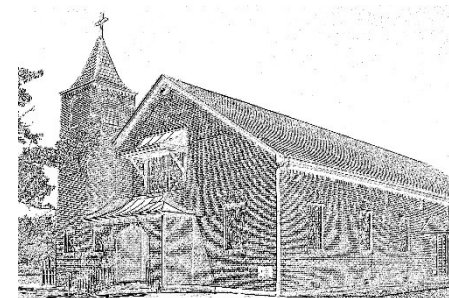
254-580-8458 (Deacon Denver Crawley)

Parish Email: penelopecatholicchurch@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

Thursday: 8:00 am

Friday: 8:00 am

Sacrament of Penance:

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

Third Sunday of Lent March 3, 2024

Weekly Schedule

Date	Day	Time	MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENT
3/3	Sunday	10:00 am	+Michael Watson, Jr.	
3/7	Thursday	8:00 am	+John & Olga Mraz	
3/8	Friday	8:00 am	+Lou Cuevas	
3/8	Friday	6:00 pm		Stations of the Cross
3/10	Sunday	10:00 am	+Barbara Rejcek Smith	

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

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent beginning at 6:00pm

Second Collection, Next Sunday, March 10, 2024 - Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need at Mass or at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections> (case sensitive).

Confessions – In addition to normal scheduled confessional times, Fr. Thomas will hear confessions before Stations of the Cross on Friday March 15, 2024 at Nativity BVM, Penelope and before Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 22, 2024 at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Abbott.

Annual Fried Chicken Dinner – Was a success! Thank you to all who volunteered their time to help as well as to all who came out and supported Nativity BVM.

3/10/2024		SERVERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS
		Cross Gabriel Kucera	Jean Disher	Joey & Susie Jaska
		Jaxon Kucera		
USHERS		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		GREETERS
Adam Dudik	David Holub			Derek Lednický
Joey Jaska	David Kucera			Debie Lednický

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

Enriching our Catholic Faith and our Love of God

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 25 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.

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.

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - EXODUS 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

COLLECTION 2/25

Envelopes	\$
Loose	\$
TOTAL	\$

NATIVITY PARISH HALL RENTALS: Contact Debbie Lednický 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