

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.

Mass of Reparation for Victims of Abuse – Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 10:00am. The Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth invites you to attend a Mass of Reparation for Victims of Abuse to help heal those who have been harmed by the terrible evil of abuse and for the reparation for sins of sexual abuse perpetrated against minors and the vulnerable. Principal celebrant will be Most Reverend Michael F. Olson, STD, MA. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00am on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at St. Patrick Cathedral Fort Worth in downtown Fort Worth. Following the Mass, we will have a luncheon for the participants at the parish hall and will also be hosting our annual facilitator's meeting after the luncheon. **Note:** This Mass will be live streamed on the front of the diocesan website at <https://fwdioc.org/>

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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**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 10, 2024**

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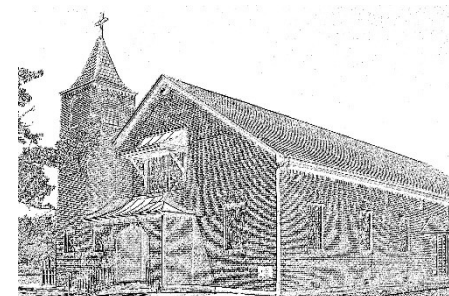
254-580-8458 (Deacon Denver Crawley)

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 10, 2024

Weekly Schedule

Date	Day	Time	MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENT
3/10	Sunday	10:00 am	+Barbara Rejcek Smith	
3/14	Thursday	8:00 am	+Jimmy Sinkule	
3/15	Friday	8:00 am	+Dorothy Holacka	
3/15	Friday	6:00 pm		Confessions Before Stations of the Cross
3/17	Sunday	10:00 am	+Brandie Svacina	

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

Condolences to the family of Joann Matus. May the perpetual light shine upon her and may she rest in peace. Amen.

Second Collection, Today, March 10, 2024 - This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Please contribute generously today! Give today or online at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections> (case sensitive).

Joint Pastoral and Finance Council Meeting will be held in the Nativity BVM Parish Hall on Sunday, March 17, 2024, following the 10:00am Mass.

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.

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

3/17/2024 SERVERS		READER	GIFT BEARERS
Cross Darian Westmoreland		David Holub	David & Susan Kucera
Carson Bruton			
USHERS		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS
Dylan Kucera	Josh Kucera		Derek Lednický
Johnny Kucera	Daniel Locke		Deven Lednický

PRAYER LIST		PRAYER LIST	
Abby, Linda	Fulton, Eugene	Matus, Brian	Ohnhieser, Bernice
Altamirano, Salvador	Hanzlicek, Pam	Matus, Herman	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.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - JOHN 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

COLLECTION 3/3/24	
Envelopes	\$ 1745.00
Loose	\$ 747.00
TOTAL	\$ 2492.00

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)
SANCTUARY 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