

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2024

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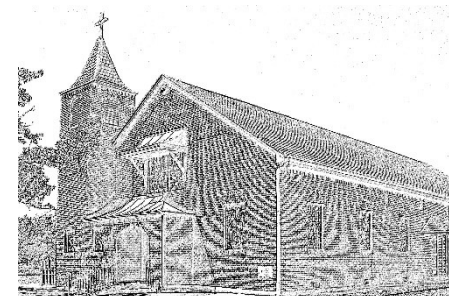
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A full list of Parish Staff and Ministry Leaders can be found on our parish website.



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

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

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.

CDA Visa Gift Card Raffle with 7 prizes: \$3000, \$2000, \$1500, \$1000, \$750, \$500 and \$250 Visa Gift Cards. Tickets are \$100 each; only 350 tickets will be sold. Winners are responsible for taxes per IRS and Texas law. The drawing will be held Sunday, July 14, at the CDA Taste of West fundraiser at the KC Hall in West. For ticket information, contact Stephanie (Tappy) Vanek (254-722-1742), or Marcella Sinkule (254) 709-2343

LOCAL EVENTS

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 17, 2024

Weekly Schedule

Date	Day	Time	MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENT
3/17	Sunday	10:00 am	+Brandie Svacina	
3/21	Thursday	8:00 am	+Anthony Rejcek	
3/22	Friday	8:00 am	+Deanell Crawley	
3/22	Friday	6:00 pm		Stations of the Cross
3/24	Sunday	10:00 am	+Sarah Allen	

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

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 22, 2024 at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Abbott.

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

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 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.

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." - JEREMIAH 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

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.

3/24/2024	SERVERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS
	Cross Isaiah Locke	Jennifer Mynarcik	Josh & BJ Kucera
	Jordyn Svacina		
	USHERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS
	Rodger Chase David Holub		Derek Lednický
	Adam Dudik Joey Jaska		David Lednický

Abby, Linda	Fulton, Eugene	PRAYER LIST	Ohnhieser, Bernice
Altamirano, Salvador	Hanzlicek, Pam	Matus, Brian	Peoples, Jessica
Baily, Samuel	Jackson, Heather	Matus, Herman	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
Cates, June	Lander, Kevin	Mills, Adira	Sulak, Andrea
Disher, Benjamin	Lopez, Angel	Moreno, Jr., Perfecto	Talley, Renee
Dudik, Ronnie	Lozano, Mary	Mynarcik, Diane	Taylor, Kent
Dvorak, Mary Ann	Machac, Judy	Nors, Fran	Warren, April
Firasek, Benny	Machac, Matthew	Nors, Kaitlin	Watson, Troy
Fleming, Bert & Barbara	Martin, Brantley	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.

JCDA Count #829 Community Easter Egg Hunt
Sat. March 30, 2024
10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Knight of Columbus Hall

- Hunt times:
- Ages 0 -2 (10:15)
- Ages 3-4 (10:45)
- Ages 5 yrs (K) - 1st (11:15)
- Grades 2-3 (11:45)
- Children's games, Bingo, cake walk, Easter Bunny pictures are available. Prize eggs will determine winners in each category.
- TEEN ACTS will have hamburger baskets with chips/drinks available to dine in or to-go for \$10. A big Thank You to Front Street Women's League
- for donating the prize baskets and Mars Wrigley Confectionery for the chocolate candy.

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.

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

COLLECTION 3/10/24	
Envelopes	\$ 518.00
Loose	\$ 250.00
Donation	\$ 320.00
Second Collection	\$ 171.00
TOTAL	\$ 1259.00