

# NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The Third Sunday of Lent  
March 8, 2026

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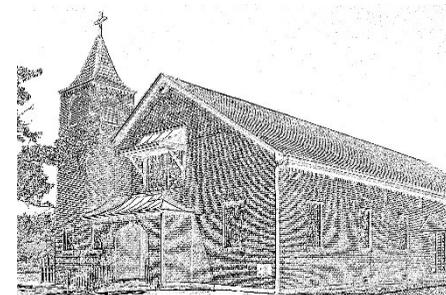
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A full list of Parish Staff and Ministry Leaders can be found on our parish website.



## 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

## Immaculate Heart of Mary Mass Schedule

| Masses  | Sacrament of Reconciliation        |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Monday – 8:00 am<br>Wednesday – 6:00 pm<br>Saturday – 5:00 pm<br>Sunday – 8:00 am | Saturday – 3:30 to 4:30 pm         |
|   | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
|   | Saturday – 3:30 to 4:30 pm         |

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

**St. Andrew Breakfast (Saturday, March 14, 2026)** – The next St. Andrew Breakfast will be held 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. We encourage young men in high school and college in the Diocese of Fort Worth to attend. Please contact Fr. Jones and reserve your spot by March 12, 2026, through the Vocations Office or by calling (817) 945-9321.

**Come & See Discernment Retreat (Friday, March 27-29, 2026)** – Join us for a Vocations Retreat for men in high school and college, ages 16 and older, from March 27-29, 2026 at St. Joseph Seminary College in Covington, LA. Experience Mass, discernment stories, communal prayer, and a seminary tour – all at no cost. Transportation is provided to and from the seminary. For those who are or will be 18 years of age at the time of the event, you will be required to register and complete the Safe Environment training no later than March 19, 2026. For more information please contact Fr. Jones or Vacations at [vocations@fwdio.org](mailto:vocations@fwdio.org) or (817) 945-9321.

### Raymond A. and Rosie S. Knapek Memorial Scholarship

Applications are available online or in the back of the Church. Requirements include graduating senior or current college student. Registered parishioner of NBVM Catholic Church for the past two years. Involved in the parish/school/community.

Attends Mass regularly. Two (2) letters of recommendation (non-family member). A 500–750-word essay on “My Confirmation Saint and why they are important to me.”

Submit all documentation by April 5, 2026, to NBVM parish office or mail: NBVM Church, PO Box 98, Penelope, TX 76676.

For more information, please contact Debi Lednický (254) 709-6003

## Lent and Easter Bible Study

All ages are welcome as we gather as a community to study Sacred Scripture after Mass on Sundays for an hour beginning March 8th in the hall. We will focus on Scripture in light of the 10 Commandments. Please bring your Bible as we reflect on God’s Word and how we in turn reflect God’s Word in our lives. Refreshments will be provided. Contact Deacon Denver for any questions.

## LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday, March 8, 2026 – JCDA Sacred Heart #829 Meeting. St. Joseph Hall, West, TX**

JCDA Sacred Heart Court #829 will meet at 11:30 am at St. Joseph’s Hall. Discussion will include the community Easter Egg hunt. Questions please email [jcda829@gmail.com](mailto:jcda829@gmail.com)

# The Third Sunday of Lent

## March 8, 2026

### Weekly Schedule

| Date | Day      | Time     | MASS INTENTION   | PARISH EVENT          |
|------|----------|----------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 3/8  | Sunday   | 10:00 am | +Joana Williams  |                       |
| 3/12 | Thursday | 8:00 am  |                  | No Mass               |
| 3/13 | Friday   | 8:00 am  |                  | No Mass               |
| 3/13 | Friday   | 6:00PM   |                  | Stations of the Cross |
| 3/15 | Sunday   | 10:00 am | +Brandie Svacina |                       |

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

**Condolences to the Family of Emilia Moreno.** We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Emilia Moreno. May the perpetual light shine upon her, and may she rest in the peace of Christ

#### Corrections – All Schedules:

The schedules for Mass Intentions, the Vocation Chalice Prayer Family, Servers, Lectors, Gift Bearers, and other ministries have been carefully reviewed and verified. Thank you for your patience, and I apologize for any confusion over the past couple of weeks.

**Second Collection** – Next Sunday, March 15, 2026 is to support the Catholic Relief Services which aims to bring Christ’s love and compassion to those in need, both domestically and internationally. The collection supports various humanitarian efforts, including providing food to the hungry, assisting families displaced by conflict, and promoting human development through emergency responses and poverty alleviation. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

#### Vocation Chalice Prayer Family

Thank you to all families who have signed up. If you would like to be added please contact Janice Chase at (254) 826-3977 to be added to the list. **Please Note: If you are unable to attend during your scheduled time, kindly reach out to another family to arrange a swap.**

- March 8 – Disher, Ben & Jean
- March 15 – Dudik, Adam & Kelly
- March 22 – Dudik, Martin & Whitney
- March 29 – Esparza, Antonia
- April 5 – Gremela, Ernest & Maggie

**PLEASE NOTE:** All daily Masses are cancelled for Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> through Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held on Fridays during lent at 6:00pm.

| 3/15/2026 | SERVERS       | READER       | GIFT BEARERS         | USHERS       | GREETERS     |                |
|-----------|---------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
|           | Audrey Dudik  | James Watson | David & Susan Kucera | Dylan Kucera | Josh Kucera  | Derek Lednický |
|           | Cassidy Dudik |              |                      | Rodger Chase | Daniel Locke | David Lednický |

#### PRAYER LIST

|                         |                    |                    |  |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|
| Abby, Linda             | Jackson, Heather   | Machac, Jane’cy    | Perras, Jean                                   |
| Altamirano, Salvador    | Kaura, Steve       | Machac, Matthew    | Roessler, Alma                                 |
| Baily, Samuel           | Knapek, Lottie     | Martin, Brantley   | Roskos, David                                  |
| Carr, Phyllis           | Kral, Donna        | Matus, Brian       | Short, Meredith                                |
| Disher, Benjamin        | Kriss, Jr., Robert | Matus, Herman      | Sulak, Andrea                                  |
| Dudik, Ronnie           | Kucera, Johnny     | Miller, Janet      | Talley, Renee                                  |
| Firasek, Benny          | Kuykandell, Glenn  | Miller, Jim        | Taylor, Kent                                   |
| Fleming, Bert & Barbara | Lander, Kevin      | Mills, Adira       | Volcik, Loretta (Poopsie)                      |
| Fulton, Eugene          | Lander, Marietta   | Nors, Fran         | Warren, April                                  |
| Hanzlicek, Debbie       | Lenart, Margaret   | Nors, Kaitlin      | Watson, Troy                                   |
| Hanzlicek, Pam          | Lopez, Angel       | Ohnhieser, Bernice | Remi (Grand-daughter of Wesely & Melissa Holt) |
|                         | Lozano, Mary       | Peoples, Jessica   |  |

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](mailto:jac76707@yahoo.com).** Only the person requesting, or the person being prayed for can request removal from the list.

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.” JOHN 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more, and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only come when we follow Jesus - when we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered.”

**VOCATIONS** - “Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst.” (John 4:14)

Only Jesus can satisfy the deepest desires of our hearts. When we encounter Him, our lives overflow with the living water of grace. Some are called to share that grace as priests, religious brothers or sisters, or consecrated virgins. Could God be inviting you to share His living water with others? Talk to Fr. Jones.

**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

If you would like to be added to a rotation schedule for leading the Rosary before Mass on Sunday mornings please contact Marcella Sinkule or Kelly Dudik.

#### COLLECTION 3/1/2026

|                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Envelopes              | \$ 1248.00        |
| Loose                  | \$ 685.00         |
| Ash Wednesday          | \$ 235.00         |
| Emilia Moreno Memorial | \$ 75.00          |
| Donation               | \$ 5000.00        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b>\$ 7223.00</b> |

**NATIVITY PARISH HALL RENTALS:** Contact Debbie Lednický 254-709-6003.

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Contact Janice Chase 254-826-3977 or [jac76707@yahoo.com](mailto: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)9

**COMMUNION FOR SHUT-INS:** Contact Marcella Sinkule 254-709-2343