

# St. Margaret of Cortona Parish



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## PARISH STAFF

	St. Margaret, Big Lake	St. Thomas Rankin	St. Francis Iraan
<b>Pastor</b>	Fr. Balachandra Nagipogu		
<b>Secretary</b>	Rose Mary Peña		
<b>Business Manager</b>	Julie Flores		
<b>Adult Ministry</b>	Mari Garces		
<b>CRE / Youth Ministry</b>	Sarah Rodriguez		
<b>OCIA Coordinator</b>	Julie Flores		
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	<b>CRE for Iraan</b>		
	Debbie Ramirez		
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	<b>CCD Rankin</b>		
	Elizabeth Mendez		
	Paige Skehan		

**Parish Office Hours**  
**Tuesday thru Thursday**  
**9:00 am. to 12:00 pm.**  
**Office 325-884-3221**

**St. Margaret, Big Lake**  
**Saturday: Confession 5 p.m.**  
Vigil Mass 6:00 PM (English)  
Sunday: 12:30 PM (Spanish)  
**Tuesday at 6:00 pm**  
Wednesday- Friday: 8:30 AM

**St. Thomas Rankin**  
Sunday  
10:30 AM  
**Confessions before mass**

**St. Francis Iraan**  
Sunday  
9:00 AM  
**Confessions Before mass**

## Community Outreach

**Care Center Ministry in Big Lake 3rd Thursday of the month**

## MINISTRY CONTACTS

<b>BIG LAKE</b>	
Council Chair	Jose Rodriguez 325-213-5165
Altar Servers:	Noel Quiñones 432-553-6023
Baptismal Prep:	Rose Mary Pena: 325-450-3495
Homebound Communion:	Please contact Fr. Bala
Adult Ministry	Mari Garces 432-301-5982
Lectors:	Brenda Schneeman 325-650-9161
CCD Coordinator	Sarah Rodriguez 325-226-4743
Business Office	Julie Flores 325-812-6264
Ushers:	Marcos Sosa 915-490-6763
	Edgar Sosa 432-661-5076
Thrift Store	Sandra Huerta 325-226-4952
Parish Hall	Aurelia Hernandez-325-277-4046
Choir Ministry:	Raquel Garcia: 432-301-0435
Search:	Cassandra DeLaRosa 325-277-0412
<b>Iraan Rankin</b>	Debbie Ramirez: 432-202-0391
	Gloria Sifuentes 432-208-5222

## Mission Statement

We, the people of God, are called by the Sacrament of Baptism, to proclaim the Good News, to minister to others and to be united as a family.

We are committed to proclaim the Good news of Jesus Christ to all, that we attain the Kingdom of God.

Nosotros, la gente de Dios, somos llamados con el Sacramento del Bautismo, proclamar la Buena Nueva, servir a otros y ser unidos como una familia.

Somos sometidos a proclamar la palabra a todos de Cristo Jesus para que todos podamos obtener el Reino de Dios.



St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store  
304 3rd Street Big Lake, Texas  
TUESDAY and THURSDAY

St. Vincent is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

“Christianity is not about ideas, but about deeds inspired by love.”

Blessed Frederic Ozanam (1813–1853) lay founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, servant of the poor.

## St. Vincent de Paul is open on Tuesday and Thursday.

Please donate to those in need. **Donate** the things you have outgrown. **Donate** things still in good condition. Many of these items are given to those who have nothing. Remember, we have so much to be thankful for and are the hands and feet of our Lord. Thank you for your generosity in advance. **Give with a grateful heart!**

Por favor, done a los necesitados. **Dona** las cosas que te han quedado pequeñas. **Dona** cosas que aún estén en buen estado. Muchos de estos artículos se dan a los que no tienen nada. Recuerda que tenemos en abundancia y debemos ser agradecidos porque somos los pies y manos de nuestro Señor. Gracias por tu generosidad.

**Dona con un Corazon agradecido.**

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

The readings for the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C teach us about mercy, forgiveness, and love. These themes show us how to live like Jesus in our everyday lives.

- **Mercy over revenge:** David shows mercy to Saul, sparing his life even when he has the chance to kill him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23). This teaches us to choose mercy over revenge.
- **Love your enemies:** Jesus tells us to love our enemies and do good to those who hate us (Luke 6:27-28). This shows the radical love we are called to have.
- **Forgive and be forgiven:** Jesus teaches us to forgive others and we will be forgiven (Luke 6:37). Forgiveness is a key part of Christian living.
- **Generosity in giving:** Jesus encourages us to give without expecting anything in return (Luke 6:30, 38). This generosity reflects God’s love for us.
- **Image of the heavenly man:** Paul explains that we are to bear the image of Christ, the heavenly man (1 Corinthians 15:45-49). We are called to live like Christ.
- **Judging others:** Jesus warns against judging others (Luke 6:37). We are called to show understanding and compassion.

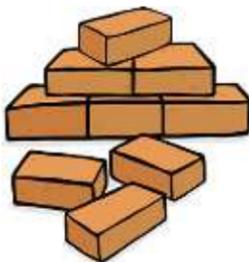
The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C reminds us of the importance of love, mercy, and forgiveness in our lives. By following these teachings, we can live more like Jesus every day.

**I give you a new commandment, says the Lord,  
‘Love one another as I have loved you’**

**BRICKSRUS CAN BE ORDERED IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.  
AN ORDER OF 15 MUST BE SENT TO BE MADE.**

**There is interest.**

If you are interested in ordering a brick for your family, a loved one or in memory of someone who has passed, please come by the office. **THERE IS STILL PLENTY OF ROOM** by the Grotto of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Bricks are \$50 for a 4"x 8" and 8" X 8" Brick for \$75 can be engraved with up to 21 characters. Call or come by the office.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are in need of volunteers to proclaim sacred scripture who are married in the church. We need greeters who can project their voice to make announcements and intercessions. We need persons who can help clean the church on Friday or Saturday mornings. We need persons to usher at Saturday and Sunday masses.

We need persons to come offer their help at the Thrift store on Tuesday and Thursday.

**All these positions are volunteer (non-Pay) the rewards are out of this world!!!**

**Contact the office**

**SE NECESITAN VOLUNTARIOS**

Necesitamos voluntarios para proclamar la escritura que estan casados por la iglesia.

Necesitamos personas que anuncian al principio de la misa y las peticiones.

Personas que ayuden con la limpieza de la iglesia el Viernes o Sabado por la mañana

Personas que sean acomodadores durante las misas en Sabado o Domingo.

Personas que ayuden en la Thrift Store los Martes o Jueves.

**Estas posiciones no son pagadas solamente son voluntarias. Las recompensas son fuera de este mundo.**

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**Parish Council Meeting**

Tuesday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m. after 6:00 p.m. mass. All members are invited to attend.

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**Bilingual Couples Retreat**

St. Margaret of Cortona will be hosting a Couples Retreat on March 2, 2025. We will begin with mass at 12:30 p.m. and continue with a meal in the Parish Hall and begin the retreat with activities for couples to take part in.

We are inviting couples to receive their invitation with an RSVP (Respond if you please) So that preparations can be made for meal and activities with a head count.

Favor de registrarse para el Retiro de Parejas. Necesitamos cuenta para preparar la comida y las actividades para ese dia.



**"Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand against deception."**

**TREASURE STEWARDSHIP**

February 16, 2025

St. Margaret

**Budget to Actual**

Feb. 16, 2025 \$ 1,767.00 Envelope Receipts \$ 667.00

Weekly goal \$ 2,187.50 Loose Plate \$ 415.00

Keep Praying!!! \$ -420.50 TOTAL \$ 1,092.00

**Online report \$ 685.00**

WEEKLY RECEIPTS TOTAL \$ 1,767.00

**Building Fund \$5**

**Thank you for your donation**

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**On line giving may be done by using**

**smcbiglake.org/donate**

**May God bless you for your generosity.**

**Financial reports available in the office.**

**St. Francis of Assisi**

**Budget to Actual**

Feb. 16, 2025 \$ 656.00 Envelope Receipts \$ 297.00

Weekly goal \$ 375.00 Loose Plate \$ 359.00

Keep Praying!!! \$281.00 TOTAL \$ 656.00

**Children's offering**

**Building Fund \$**

**St. Thomas the Apostle**

**Budget to Actual**

Feb. 16, 2024 \$ 588.00 Envelope Receipts \$ 503.00

Weekly goal \$ 323.00 Loose Plate \$ 85.00

Alleluia!!! \$+265.00 Total \$ 588.00

**Building Fund \$12**

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**Prayer for the sick and those in need of prayer in our surrounding communities**

Danny Samanigo, Sylvia Castillo, Nicole Reyes, Stacy Ann Gonzales, Eloisa y Josafat Ramirez, Brigida Gonzalez Cortez, Jayslyn, Jaydynn, Jason Reyes, Tommie Martinez, Joe Lopez, Blanca Guajardo, Helen Martinez, Jade Faustina Castillo Hernandez, Perla, Jennifer, Mauro & Esperanza Castillo, Jose J. Castillo Hernandez, Alonzo Armendarez, Manuel Armendarez, Garcia Family, Karla Dominguez, Eleazar Dominguez, Eloisa Ramirez Moreno Diana Palacio, Melissa Lopez, Jazmin Lopez, Horacio Sebastian E., Emmalyn Grace Guevara, Yvette Gonzales, David Borrego, Benito Magaña, Henry Rodriguez, Frankie Martinez, David Castillo, Robert Galvan, Ernesto 'Tito' Rios, Eddie Subia, Adelina Martinez, Hilaria Esquivel, Mito Martinez, Jennifer Molina, Randall Montañez, Domingo Sedeño, Pablo Levario, Lettie Leija, Yolanda B. Ramirez, Basil Ramirez, David Castillo, Reynaldo Mendoza, Mary Zapata, Alivar Sanchez, Jacob Talamantes, Tony Schillo.

**Please pray for those in need.**

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



**Sat., February 22**

5:00 p.m. Confessions

6:00 p.m. For +Cory Miller

**Sunday, February 23, Seventh Sunday**

9:00a.m. (Iraan) For St. Francis Parishioners

10:30 a.m. (Rankin) For St. Thomas Parishioners

12:30 p.m. For Conversion to the Catholic Faith

**Mon. February 24,**

No mass

**Tues. February 25,**

6:00 p.m. For Birthday blessing Trisha Soto

**Wed., February 26,**

8:30 a.m. For Priest Intention

**Thur., February 27,**

8:30 a.m. For Priest Intention

**Fri, February 28,**

8:30 a.m. For Priest Intention

**Saturday, March 1,**

5:00 p.m. Confession

6:00 p.m. For St. Margaret Parishioners

**Sunday, March 2, Sixth Sunday**

9:00 a.m. (Iraan) Parish of St. Francis

10:30 a.m. (Rankin) Parish of St. Thomas

12:30 p.m. For Health of Alivar Sanchez

**POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR MARCH 2025**

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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**Ministries for March 1,**

**Altar servers: assigned**

**Greeter: Virginia Martinez**

**Lector: Tammy Hodge**

**Choir: Carmen Vasquez**

**Ministries for March 2,**

**Altar servers: assigned**

**Greeter: Marcos Sosa**

**Lector: Aurelia Hernandez**

**Choir: Raquel Garcia**

**If you are not able to serve please ask someone to fill in for you.**

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## Spanish Lenten Retreat

Plans are being made for a Spanish Retreat for Lent in April. Please open your hearts to the call that is being made in our lives to draw closer to Jesus.

Se están haciendo planes para un retiro en español para la Cuaresma en abril. Por favor, abran sus corazones al llamado que se está haciendo en nuestras vidas para acercarnos más a Jesús.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 5, 2025**

**On the first Friday of Lent, we will have Adoration at 5:00 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross at 5:45 p.m. continuing with mass at 6:30 p.m.**



### Office Business Hours:

Tuesday - Thursday: 9 am - 12 pm

### Mass Schedule Weekend Schedule

Saturday: 5:00-5:45 Confession 6:00 pm - English

Sunday: 9:00 am – Bilingual Iraan

10:30 am - English Rankin

12:30 pm - Bilingual Big Lake

### Weekday Schedule

Monday: no mass

Tues: 6:00 pm

Wed-Fri: 8:30 am Holy Days to be announced.

### Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday: after 8:30 am mass

### Sacramental Life

#### Reconciliation

Saturday - 5:00 to 5:45 pm (Big Lake)

15 minutes before weekday Mass or by appointment

#### Baptism

Contact the parish office one month prior to scheduling.

#### Marriage

Contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the intended date of marriage.

#### For Funeral Needs:

In the event of a death in the family, please contact Fr. Bala 432-212-2729

or the parish 325-884-3221

#### Sick and Homebound (Anointing of the Sick)

Contact the parish office to receive a visit from Fr. Bala.

#### Quinceañeros Celebrations

Please contact the office 6 months before the celebration/  
must be attending CCD 2 years prior and attending mass regularly.

**Altar Server Practice** Announced by Coordinators

**St. Margaret of Cortona Church invites you to a:**

## Bilingual Couples Retreat

**Sunday, March 2, 2025**

**Enriching your marriage during Lent**

Begins with Mass at 12:30 p.m. in Big Lake, TX.  
Presentations + Meal in the Parish Hall. Ends @ 6 pm.

Presenters for the afternoon:

**Faustino & Cora Rodriguez from Midland, TX.**

*(N.F.P. Bilingual Instructors, Certified Life Coach,  
Adult Confirmation Teachers, Bible Study Facilitators)*

RSVP w/Rose Mary Peña from  
the Church Office by **Feb. 24:**  
325-450-3495

Cost: Only \$10/person

Childcare could be provided by  
Confirmation Students.

**Inform Rose Mary ASAP!!**



**Invite + SHARE a pic of this  
Flyer with other couples!!**