

St. Margaret of Cortona Parish



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PARISH STAFF

<p>Pastor Fr. Balachandra Nagipogu 432-212-2729</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>St. Thomas Rankin Sunday 10:30 AM Confessions before mass</p>	<p>St. Francis Iraan Sunday 9:00 AM Confessions Before mass</p>
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Community Outreach

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

MINISTRY CONTACTS

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

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.

Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C Sunday, March 2, 2025

The third and final section of Luke’s Sermon on the Plain begins: And he told them a parable. There are actually four parables, three of which we read today. They are all about how to be a good disciple.

The blind cannot lead the blind. And a disciple cannot be a good disciple unless he or she has learned from the teacher. Everyone who is fully trained is like the teacher who knows how to cure the blind. Before you can be a good disciple and teach others you must take care of yourself. Do not try to take a speck out of your brother’s eye until you have taken the board out of your own. Finally, only when you have purified yourself can you produce the good works that the teacher requires. Discipleship asks us to produce good deeds. But to produce them requires the integrity and purity of heart found in the teacher. When people see your good deeds they will know that this is because you have a good heart.

The final parable, which we do not read today, is about building on the solid foundation of rock and not on sand. This is the only way to face the difficulties a disciple will encounter and survive.

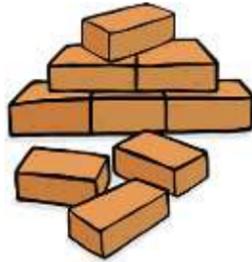
Receive your Rice Bowls Soon

Rice Bowls during Lent are **for those in need of food and shelter** sponsored by Catholic Relief Services. Rice Bowls may be turned in before Holy Week. We must all try to pray, fast and give alms. Lent is a Christian tradition that is observed in many denominations. It is the hallowed forty-day period of sacrifice leading up to Jesus' death and Resurrection. During Lent, Orthodox Christians, Catholics and some Protestants prepare for Holy Week by **fasting, praying, and reconciling with the Lord.**

**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.



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 along with Faustino & Cora Rodriguez from St. Ann in Midland as presenters.

Fish Fry Fridays of Lent

11:00 a.m. until sold

St. Margaret Parish Hall

(Be ready to enjoy Cheese Enchiladas on other Fridays)



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

TREASURE STEWARDSHIP

February 23, 2025

St. Margaret

Budget to Actual

Feb. 23, 2025	\$ 2,241.00	Envelope Receipts	\$ 1,077.00
<u>Weekly goal</u>	<u>\$ 2,187.50</u>	<u>Loose Plate</u>	<u>\$ 529.00</u>
Alleluia!!!	\$ +53.50	TOTAL	\$ 1,606.00

Online report \$ 635.00

WEEKLY RECEIPTS TOTAL \$ 2,241.00

Building Fund \$5

Thank you for your donation

**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. 23, 2025	\$ 430.00	Envelope Receipts	\$ 281.00
<u>Weekly goal</u>	<u>\$ 375.00</u>	<u>Loose Plate</u>	<u>\$ 149.00</u>
Alleluia!!!	\$ +55.00	TOTAL	\$ 430.00

Children's offering

Building Fund \$

St. Thomas the Apostle

Budget to Actual

Feb. 23, 2024	\$ 823.00	Envelope Receipts	\$ 645.00
<u>Weekly goal</u>	<u>\$ 323.00</u>	<u>Loose Plate</u>	<u>\$ 178.00</u>
Alleluia!!!	\$ +500.00	Total	\$ 823.00

Building Fund \$



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

Danny Samaniego, 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., Em-malyn Grace Guevara, Yvette Gonzales, David Borrego, Benito Magaña, Henry Rodriguez, Frankie Martinez, David Castillo, Robert Galvan, Eddie Subia, Adelina Martinez, Jennifer Molina, Randall Montañez, Domingo Sedeño, Pablo Levario, Lettie Leija, Basil Ramirez, David Castillo, Reynaldo Mendoza, Mary Zapata, Alivar Sanchez, Jacob Talamantes, Tony Schillo, Christy Curry.

Please pray for those in need.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 1, First Saturday

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Confession

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

Sunday, March 2, Eighth 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

Mon. March 3, St. Katherine Drexel

No mass

Tues. March 4, St. Casimir

6:00 p.m. For Priest Intention

Wed., March 5, Ash Wednesday

8:30 a.m. For St. Margaret

12:00 p.m. St. Francis

5:00 p.m. St. Thomas

7:00 p.m. St. Margaret

Thur., March 6,

8:30 a.m. For Priest Intention

Fri, March 7, First Friday,

Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

5:00 p.m. Adoration

5:45 p.m. Stations

6:30 p.m. Mass

Sat. March 8,

5:00 p.m. Confessions

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

Sunday, March 9, First Sunday of Lent

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

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

12:30 p.m. Birthday Blessing Maria Ester Sosa

Ministries for March 8,
Altar servers: Fabian, Fernando, Miranda
Greeter: Rose Mary Peña
Lector: David Kohutek
Choir: Rose Mary Peña
Ministries for March 9,
Altar servers: Sebastian, Santiago, Juan
Greeter: Blanca Lopez
Lector: Lourdes Robles
Choir: Ladies
**If you are not able to serve please ask
someone to fill in for you.**

ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 5, 2025

Ash Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Big Lake

12:00 p.m. Iraan, St. Francis

5:00 p.m. Rankin, St. Thomas

7:00 p.m. Big Lake

On the first Friday of Lent, we will have Adoration

5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross at

6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. continuing with mass at 6:30 p.m.

Schedule for Fridays during Lent

March 7-5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adoration

6:00 p.m.-6:30 Stations of the Cross

6:30 p.m. Mass

March 14- 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

6:30 p.m. Mass

March 21-6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

6:30 p.m. Mass

March 28-6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

6:30 p.m. Mass

April 4- 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

6:30 p.m. Mass

April 11- 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

6:30 p.m. Mass

April 2, 2025-Penance Service

April 13-Palm Sunday

Holy Week

April 17-Holy Thursday-7:00 p.m.

April 18-Good Friday-Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m./

Stations 3:00 p.m./ Veneration 7:00 p.m.

April 19-Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) 8:30 p.m.

April 20-Easter Sunday Regular Schedule



8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading – [Sirach 27:4-7](#): Speech reveals faults and true character. Just as a tree's fruit shows its care, words show thoughts. Do not praise someone before hearing them speak.

Responsorial Psalm – [Psalm 92](#): It is good to thank and praise the Lord, whose kindness and faithfulness are constant. The righteous flourish and bear fruit, proclaiming God's justice and reliability.

Second Reading – [1 Corinthians 15:54-58](#): Through Jesus, we have victory over death. Be steadfast and devoted to the Lord's work, knowing it is not in vain.

Gospel – [Luke 6:39-45](#): Jesus teaches that we must address our own faults before correcting others. A person's actions reflect their inner character, just as a tree is known by its fruit.

Words Reveal Our True Selves

On the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, we reflect on the power of our words. Sirach 27:4-7 teaches that our words reveal who we really are. Good words show a good heart, while bad words reveal inner problems. Our speech can lift others up or tear them down.

Luke 6:43-45 also talks about the connection between our hearts and actions. Jesus compares people to trees, saying that good trees bear good fruit. This means our actions and words reflect our inner goodness. If our hearts are good, we will naturally do and say good things.

We need to be careful with our words. Speaking kindly and truthfully can show our faith and love for others. Harsh or dishonest words can hurt people and damage our witness as Christians. Reflecting on how we speak helps us grow in holiness.

Our words also impact our relationships. Kind words can build strong friendships and trust. Hurtful words can create distance and conflict. By watching what we say, we can strengthen our bonds with others and show them Christ's love.

On this 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, let's remember the power of our words. They are a window to our hearts. Let us strive to speak words that reflect our faith and love for God and others.

A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit.

Luke 6:43-44