

# St. Margaret of Cortona Parish



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## Mission Statement

<p>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.</p> <p>We are committed to proclaim the Good news of Jesus Christ to all, that we attain the Kingdom of God.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Somos sometidos a proclamar la palabra a todos de Cristo Jesus para que todos podamos obtener el Reino de Dios.</p>
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PARISH STAFF	St. Margaret, Big Lake	St. Thomas Rankin	St. Francis Iraan
<b>Pastor</b> Fr. Balachandra Nagipogu 432-212-2729	<b>Saturday: Confession 5 p.m.</b> Vigil Mass 6:00 PM (English) Sunday: 12:30 PM (Spanish)	<b>Sunday</b> 10:30 AM	<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 AM
<b>Secretary</b> Rose Mary Peña	<b>Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.</b> Wednesday- Friday: 8:30 a.m.	<b>Confessions before mass</b>	<b>Confessions Before mass</b>
<b>Business Manager</b> Julie Flores	<b>Community Outreach</b>		
<b>Adult Ministry</b> Mari Garces	<b>Care Center Ministry in Big Lake 3rd Thursday of the month 10:15</b>		

	BIG LAKE	
<b>CRE / Youth Ministry</b> Sarah Rodriguez Christy Row	Council Chair Finance Council Chair Altar Servers: Baptismal Prep: Homebound Communion: Adult Ministry Lectors: CCD Coordinator Business Office Ushers:	Jose Rodriguez 325-213-5165 Amanda Esquivel 325-450-4575 Noel Quiñones 432-553-6023 Rose Mary Pena: 325-450-3495 Please contact Fr. Bala Mari Garces 432-301-5982 Brenda Schneeman 325-650-9161 Sarah Rodriguez 325-226-4743 Julie Flores 325-812-6264 Marcos Sosa 915-490-6763 Edgar Sosa 432-661-5076 Raquel Garcia: 432-301-0435 Aurelia Hernandez 325-277-4046 Sandra Huerta 325-226-4952
<b>OCIA Coordinator</b> Julie Flores *****		Debbie Ramirez: 432-202-0391 Gloria Sifuentes 432-208-5222
<b>CRE for Iraan</b> Debbie Ramirez *****		
<b>CCD Rankin</b> Elizabeth Mendez Paige Skehan	Choir Ministry: Hall Contact St. Vincent	
<b>Parish Office Hours</b> <b>Tuesday thru Thursday</b> <b>9:00 am. to 12:00 pm.</b> <b>Office 325-884-3221</b>	<b>Iraan Rankin</b>	

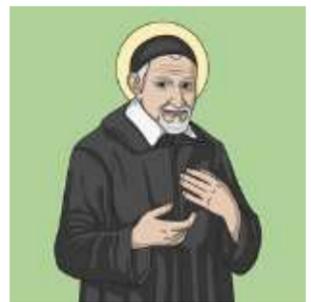
St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store

**304 3rd Street**  
**Big Lake, Texas**

**St. Vincent is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday**  
**“Christianity is not about ideas, but about deeds inspired by love.”**

—Blessed Frederic Ozanam (1813–1853)

lay founder of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, servant of the poor.



## Laetare Sunday,

Fourth Sunday in Lent in the Western Christian Church, so called from the first word (“Rejoice”) of the introit of the liturgy. It is also known as mid-Lent Sunday, for it occurs just over halfway through Lent, and as Refreshment Sunday because it may be observed with some relaxation of Lenten strictness. In medieval England simnel cakes (special rich fruitcakes) were consumed on this day. In the Anglican churches it is sometimes called Mothering Sunday, with reference to a verse in Galatians (4:27).

**The tradition of using the color rose is thought to come from the tradition of the Golden Rose;** at one time popes sent golden roses to Catholic heads of state in Europe on this Sunday.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent, also known as Laetare Sunday, is a time for rejoicing and hope within the Lenten season, marked by the use of rose-colored vestments and a temporary relaxation of some penitential practices. Laetare Sunday derives its name from the Latin phrase ("Laetare Jerusalem "Rejoice, O Jerusalem"), the first words of the traditional Latin entrance verse (Introit) for the Mass of the day, taken from Isaiah 66:10.

**Liturgical Color:**The liturgical color for Laetare Sunday is rose, a symbol of joy and hope, which is used to mark the fact that Easter is drawing near.

## Traditions and Practices:

**Altar Decorations:** While flowers are typically forbidden on the altar during Lent, they are permitted on Laetare Sunday.

**Music:** Instrumental music is often used on Laetare Sunday, which is a departure from the more somber tone of the rest of Lent.

**Marriages:** Historically, Laetare Sunday was sometimes seen as a day when marriages could be celebrated within the penitential season.

## Other Names:

Laetare Sunday is also known as Refreshment Sunday, Sunday of the Five Loaves, and Mothering Sunday in some traditions.

**Significance:** Laetare Sunday is a time to reflect on God's love and the promise of salvation offered through Jesus' sacrifice, and to rejoice in the hope of Easter.

**Have you considered belonging to our parish community? Please register.**

**Please register in your parish and receive your offering envelopes for 2025**

**TREASURE STEWARDSHIP**

**We will be having a Fish Fry**

**ON FRIDAY, March 4th and 11th**



**St. Francis News**

**Kickball Tournament on April 12th.**

Please help with donations for the concession stand donations for snacks and help during the tournament. Contact Debbie 432-202-0391.

**St. Thomas, Rankin News**

Prayers for Justin Steele and his family as he prepares to receive the Sacraments of initiation at Easter Vigil. Also, for the First Communion and Confirmation candidates and their sponsors. Safe Environment class for parents will be scheduled soon.

**ST. MARGARET BRICK SALES**

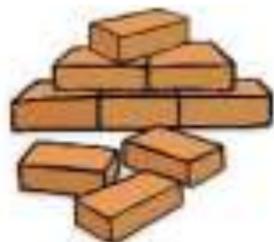
**THERE IS STILL PLENTY OF ROOM** by the Grotto of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Bricks are \$50 for a 4"x 8" and 8" X 8" Brick for \$75 can be engraved with up to 21 characters. Call or come by the office. 5 more orders needed

**ORDER SOON!!!**

**Deadline coming soon so order now.**

**Build memories for the future!!!**

If you are interested in ordering a brick for your family, a loved on or in memory of someone who has passed, please come by the office.



**Office Business Hours:**

Tuesday - Thursday: 9 am - 12 pm

**Mass Schedule**

**Weekend Schedule**

Saturday: 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**

**TREASURE STEWARDSHIP**

**March 23, 2025**

**St. Margaret**

**Budget to Actual**

Mar.23, 2025 \$ 1,703.00 Envelope Receipts \$ 1068.00  
Weekly Goal \$ 2,187.50 Loose Plate \$ .00  
Keep Praying \$ -484.50 Total \$ 1,068.00

**Online Report \$ 635.00**

WEEKLY RECEIPTS TOTAL \$1,703.00

**Building Fund \$55**

**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 you generosity. Financial reports available in the office.**

**St. Francis of Assisi**

**Budget to Actual**

Mar. 23, 2025 \$ 260.00 Envelope receipts \$ 153.00  
Weekly goal \$ 375.00 Loose Plate \$ 107.00  
Keep Praying!! \$ -115.00 TOTAL \$ 260.00

**Building Fund \$**

**St. Thomas the Apostle**

**Budget to Actual**

Mar. 23, 2024 \$ 503.00 Envelope Receipts \$ 416.00  
Weekly goal \$ 323.00 Loose Plate \$ 87.00  
Alleluia!!! \$+180.00 Total \$ 503.00

**Building Fund \$5**

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**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 Amendarez, 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, 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, Zachary Gonzales, Kit Rodriguez.

**Please pray for those in need.**

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



**Saturday, March 29,**

5:00 p.m. Confessions  
6:00 p.m. + Walter Saner

**Sunday, March 30, Fourth Sunday of Lent**

9:00a.m. (Iraan) For St. Francis Parishioners  
10:30 a.m. (Rankin) For St. Thomas Parishioners  
12:30 p.m. +Juanita Camarillo

**Mon. March 31,**

No mass

**Tues. April 1,**

6:00 p.m. Birthday blessing Mari Garces

**Wed. April 2, St. Francis of Paola**

8:30 a.m. Birthday blessing for Penny Perez

**Thur. April 3,**

8:30 a.m. Priest Intention

**Fri, April 4, First Friday, St. Isidore**

5:00-6:00 Adoration

6:00 p.m. Stations

6:30 p.m. Priest Intention

**Saturday, April 5, First Saturday,**

**St. Vincent Ferrer**

8:30 a.m. Priest Intention

5:00 p.m. Confession

6:00 p.m. +Lalo Soto

**Sunday,, Sunday of Lent C**

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

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

12:30 p.m. +Juanita Camarillo

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**POPE'S INTENTIONS APRIL**

**For the use of the new technologies**

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

**Ministries for April 5,**

**Altar servers: Isaiah , Daniella, Jax**

**Greeter: Cassandra DelaRosa**

**Lector: Brenda Schneeman**

**Choir: Cassandra DelaRosa**

**Ministries for April 6,**

**Altar servers: Sebastian, Santiago, Juan**

**Greeter: Aurelia Hernandez**

**Lector: Lourdes Robles**

**Choir: Ruth Sandate**

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

**Welcome Guests and Visitors:** We're so glad that you're here and invite you to join us in thanksgiving for God's action in our lives. Our goal is to provide a spiritual home where all are welcome, where the healing, reconciling, liberating love of God flows through us to all people. In this way, we believe that the Church is the sacrament of God's saving presence in the world.

### protocols for receiving holy communion

Every important occasion carries with it clear expectations about how things are to be done and how people are to conduct themselves on those occasions (Think about what would be expected if you were meeting the Pope or the President or even just consider all the etiquette books that have been published about weddings!). The same is especially true for what we Catholics consider to be one of the most important occasions of all: receiving our Lord in Holy Communion. There are things to be said and done in certain prescribed ways for the sake of good *order* and *reverence* and to express our *unity* as we receive the Sacrament of Unity.



#### SIGN OF REVERENCE

Each communicant is to make a sign of reverence before receiving the Host and/or the Precious Blood. In the United States, that gesture is to be a bow. For the sake of keeping the communion line flowing smoothly, you should make your bow just as the person in front of you is receiving.

#### FOR ALL COMMUNICANTS

As you are about to receive the Host or the Precious Blood, the Minister of Communion will say "The Body of Christ" or "The Blood of Christ."

The correct response is simply "Amen." The word "Amen" is prescribed because it expresses many layers of theological meaning contained in this brief ritual dialogue. **No other response should be used** (for example: "I believe" or "My Lord and my God").

It is particularly inappropriate to respond with "Thank You" or some other form of secular or seasonal greeting ("Merry Christmas" or "Happy Easter").



#### RECEIVING THE HOST IN THE HAND

The proper way to receive the Host in the hand is to place one hand flat on top of the other so that the open palm is facing upward. Saint John Chrysostom described this beautiful gesture as making of your hands a throne for the King of Kings.

In order to indicate clearly that you intend to receive in your hands, you should have your hands in this position already when you approach the Minister of Communion and not wait until after the dialogue "The Body of Christ" / "Amen." It is not appropriate to receive the Host by taking it with two fingers (as if "plucking" or "pinching") from the Minister of Communion.



Once the Minister of Communion has placed the Host onto your palm, step to the side and consume it immediately by taking it with the fingers of the lower hand and placing the Host in your mouth. It is not appropriate to take the Host with your mouth directly from your open palm.

***We invite you to participate in our liturgy by praying, singing and receiving the Body and Blood by expressing your love for Jesus.***

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart, for God loves a cheerful giver.

### Reconciliation Service (Penance)

**6:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, 2025**

***On the first Fridays of Lent, we will have Adoration,***

***April 4th 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.***

#### Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) April 2, 2025

On the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year C, the Gospel reading emphasizes repentance. Consider going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a family or with your youth group to receive God's grace. Afterward, celebrate this special moment together by sharing a meal or enjoying an activity. This practice helps us respond to Jesus' call for repentance and strengthens our bond with God and each other.

#### Schedule for Fridays during Lent

**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 (Priests will attend)**

**April 13-Palm Sunday**

**Palm Sunday will be regular schedule,**

**except for Iraan, St. Francis who will be at 8:30 to receive palms.**

#### 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**

### St Margaret of Cortona Quarterly Profit and Loss Summary

**July 2024 - February 2025**

<b>Envelope and Loose Plate and Online Giving Receipts</b>	<b>\$66,514.00</b>
Non-Ordinary Income and Contribution	\$1,606.30
Festival and Fundraisers	\$39,076.91
St Vincent Thrift Thrift Store	\$8,003.25
Mission Reimbursements	\$10,633.28
<b>Total Income (All Sources)</b>	<b>\$125,833.79</b>
Toatl Operating Expenses	\$87,283.79
Capital Expenditures & Debt Reduction	\$0.00
Toatl Expenses	\$87,283.79
<b>Total Profit and/ or Loss</b>	<b>\$38,550.00</b>

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