

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

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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 p.m.
Wednesday- Friday: 8:30 a.m.

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 10:15

MINISTRY CONTACTS

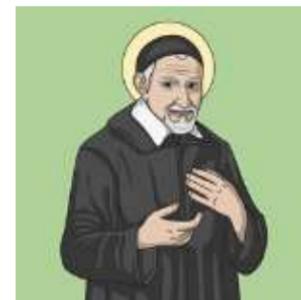
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St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store

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.

Lent is the solemn Christian religious observance in the liturgical year in preparation for Easter.

It echoes the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert and enduring temptation by Satan, according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, before beginning his public ministry.

The 5th Sunday of Lent Year C highlights God’s mercy and our journey in faith. The readings guide us to reflect on new beginnings and leaving behind our old ways.

- **New Beginnings:** In Isaiah, God promises to do something new for His people. This theme reminds us that God always offers us a fresh start.
- **Forget the Past:** God tells His people to forget former things. This means we should not dwell on past mistakes but focus on the future.
- **Striving for Christ:** In Philippians, Paul talks about striving to know Christ better. This theme encourages us to make Christ the center of our lives.
- **Pressing Onward:** Paul also speaks about pressing on towards the goal. This reminds us to keep moving forward in our faith journey.
- **God’s Mercy:** In the Gospel, Jesus forgives the woman caught in adultery. This theme shows that God is always ready to forgive our sins.
- **Avoiding Judgement:** Jesus tells the accusers that whoever is without sin should throw the first stone. This teaches us not to judge others, as we are all sinners.
- **Freedom from Sin:** Jesus’ forgiveness brings freedom to the woman. This reminds us that God’s forgiveness frees us from the burden of sin.

Hope for Renewal: The readings give hope that God will renew our lives. This theme encourages us to trust in God’s promises for a better future. The 5th Sunday of Lent Year C calls us to embrace God’s mercy and strive for holiness. It reminds us to leave behind our old ways and look forward to the new life God offers.

Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her. John 8:7

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

TREASURE STEWARDSHIP

We will be having a Fish Fry

ON FRIDAY, April 11th LAST FISH FRY



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

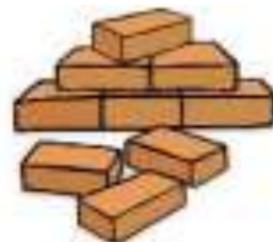
THERE IS STILL PLENTY OF ROOM by the Grotto of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Bricks are \$50 for a 4”x 8”and 8” X 8” Brick for \$75 can be engraved with up to 21 characters.

The Statue for Our Lady that goes in the Grotto has been ordered!!!

Build memories for the future!!!

Brick Order has gone out!!!

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. Still taking orders and will have a wait time!



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 30, 2025

St. Margaret

Budget to Actual

Mar. 30, 2025 \$ 2,027.00 Envelope Receipts \$ 922.00
Weekly Goal \$ 2,187.50 Loose Plate \$ 295.00
Keep Praying \$ -160.50 Total \$ 1,217.00

Online Report \$ 810.00

WEEKLY RECEIPTS TOTAL \$2,027.00

Building Fund \$

Thank you for your donation

**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. 30, 2025 \$ 390.00 Envelope receipts \$ 251.00
Weekly goal \$ 375.00 Loose Plate \$ 139.00
Alleluia!!! \$ +15.00 TOTAL \$ 390.00

Building Fund \$

St. Thomas the Apostle

Budget to Actual

Mar. 30, 2024 \$ 423.00 Envelope Receipts \$ 396.00
Weekly goal \$ 323.00 Loose Plate \$ 27.00
Alleluia!!! \$+100.00 Total \$ 423.00

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 Amendarez, Garcia Family, Karla Dominguez, Eleazar Dominguez, Eloisa Ramirez Moreno, Diana Palacio, Melissa Lopez, Jazmin Lopez, Horacio Sebastian, 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, 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, April 6, Sunday of Lent

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

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

12:30 p.m. +Juanita Camarillo

Mon. April 7, St. John Baptist de La Salle

No mass

Tues. April 8,

6:00 p.m. Priest Intention

Wed. April 9,

8:30 a.m. Priest Intention

Thur. April 10,

8:30 a.m. +Sandra Bocanegra

Fri. April 11,

5:00-6:00 Adoration

6:00 p.m. Stations

6:30 p.m. Priest Intention

Saturday. April 12,

5:00 p.m. Confessions

6:00 p.m. + Lalo Soto

Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday

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

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

12:30 p.m. St. Margaret Parishioners

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR 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 12,

Altar servers: Hector, Dalaysa, Joseph

Greeter: Virginia Martinez

Lector: Brenda Schneeman

And Persons assigned to read the passion

Choir: Rose Mary Peña

Ministries for April 13,

Altar servers: Jalaeda, Jadian, Fernando,

Miranda

Greeter: Aurelia Hernandez

Lector: Mari Garces

And Persons assigned to read the passion

Choir: Raquel Garcia

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.

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday takes place one week before Easter and commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Catholics carry blessed palm branches into church, symbolizing the crowd's welcoming gesture as Jesus rode into the city on a donkey. The Gospel readings recount the story of Jesus' death and Passion, inviting us to reflect on his sacrificial love and the profound significance of Holy Week. Celebrating Palm Sunday begins with a uniquely powerful experience of Mass. This particular Mass includes two incredible readings from the Gospels. As Mass begins, we hear the account of Jesus triumphantly entering Jerusalem on a donkey and being praised by massive crowds. It is a special opportunity to begin a spiritual pilgrimage toward Easter.

Then, during the Liturgy of the Word, we dive into the entire Passion account. Many parishes present this account in an interactive format: the priest reads Jesus' lines, lectors narrate and read the parts of many characters, and everyone in the pews reads the part of the crowd. As you listen, place yourself there in the story. Imagine the sights and sounds. Who do you resonate with? What words or phrases stick out to you? It is a particularly long reading, so try to focus on the one thing God is trying to say to you.

At Palm Sunday Mass, you'll also receive blessed palm branches. Many people keep these palm branches all year, using them as a religious decoration in their home or weaving them into a cross shape. Since palm branches are a blessed item, they should not be thrown in the trash. If you do not want to keep your branch, you can return it to the church where it will be burned for ashes for the following Ash Wednesday!

Schedule for Fridays during Lent

April 11- 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross with 6:30 p.m. Mass

April 13- 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

Envelope and Loose Plate and Online Giving Receipts	\$66,514.00
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
Total Income (All Sources)	\$125,833.79
Toatl Operating Expenses	\$87,283.79
Capital Expenditures & Debt Reduction	\$0.00
Toatl Expenses	\$87,283.79
Total Profit and/ or Loss	\$38,550.00

Have you considered belonging to our parish community? Come by the omce.