

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 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

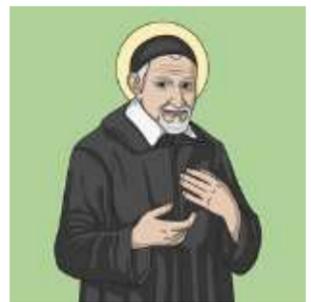
BIG LAKE

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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.

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is the most important week in Catholicism. This week of great reverence and reflection spans the final eight days of Jesus’ life—from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. It is astounding how much wisdom, insight and inspiration are available to us during this one week. Here is just a sample of what happens during Holy Week:

- Palm Sunday, Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem
- Monday of Holy Week, Jesus clears out the temple with a whip
- Tuesday of Holy Week, Jesus is anointed with oil at Bethany and preaches on the Mount of Olives
- Spy Wednesday, Jesus is betrayed by Judas
- Holy Thursday, Jesus celebrates the Last Supper, prays in the Garden of Gethsemane, and is arrested
- Good Friday, Jesus is sentenced to death, scourged, beaten, crucified, and dies on the Cross
- Holy Saturday, Jesus is buried in the tomb and descends into hell
- Easter Sunday, Jesus rises from the dead

We are all trying to make sense of life. One way for us to understand our lives is to look at them through the great experiences that happen during Holy Week. Just try this exercise—at the end of every day, ask yourself, “What sort of day did I have today? Did I have an Ash Wednesday day, or did I have an Easter Sunday day? Did I have a Good Friday day, or did I have a Holy Saturday day?”

What defines those sorts of days? Good Friday is an easy one—it's a day of suffering and sacrifice. There are some days you get to the end of, and you feel like that's the kind of day you've had. What's Holy Saturday? It's a day of darkness, doubt, anxiety, confusion, and a day where faith is tested. What's Easter Sunday? It's a day of new life. Maybe there's a birth of a child in the family, and we see it as a miracle, a gift from God.

We're trying to make sense of our lives, and God is constantly trying to help us make sense of them. These great moments in the life of the Church and the life of Jesus provide powerful lenses through which we can see our lives in a new way, expanding our understanding of ourselves and others.

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

--- **Here in this Holy place** ---

Love of God and love of neighbor, are the core of Jesus' teachings. We show our love of God and love of neighbor at church by creating an environment of prayer and reverence for them to connect with God.

It is a good thing to arrive early and prepare for mass with prayer and reflection on the readings in your pew (if you have not done so at home).

Our noisy world has too few places of silence and reflection. We should be quiet in the Nave of the church (the main area). Conversations should take place in the Narthex of the church (the foyer).

Please turn off cell phones, pagers, watches that beep, etc. so as not to disturb the prayer of those around us.

Please do not bring noisy toys into the church. Little children like to tear paper. Please protect our missals and songbooks. If children get "fussy", please use the cry room.

Please do not bring food or gum into the church (it makes a mess for the people following you).

Please do not arrive late; it is a distraction to those around you. God is present to us when His Word is proclaimed. Arriving late is disrespectful to the Word of God.

Please dress appropriately for church.

In God's Kingdom we do not seek to please others, but to glorify God and serve the good of our neighbor. (Romans 15:2)

If we draw attention to ourselves, we draw attention away from Christ.

Ladies: please be covered from Neck to Knees, modestly.

Gentlemen: a nice shirt and nice pants, please.

(See; 1 Chronicles 16:29, 1 Timothy 2:9-10, Catholic Catechism #1387)

Please wait for the final blessing at the end of mass before leaving.

It is good to spend a few minutes in silent prayer before leaving the church.

Returning books carefully to their racks, picking up any litter, and lifting the kneeler out of the way is a thoughtful gesture. Please keep your shoes off the kneeler to preserve it.

Who may receive Communion in the Catholic Church?

A person must be a Catholic by Baptism or formal Profession of Faith.

A Catholic who is in the State of Grace (having no unconfessed serious sin).

A person must fast one hour before receiving communion (no food unless they have a health condition)

If you are not able to receive or do not wish to receive communion:

Remain seated in your pew for those few minutes.

You may approach the minister to receive a blessing (rather than communion).

Please cross your arms in front of your chest to signal the desire for a blessing.

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

TREASURE STEWARDSHIP

April 6, 2025

St. Margaret

Budget to Actual

April 6, 2025	\$ 1,814.00	Envelope Receipts	\$ 880.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 2,187.50	Loose Plate	\$ 124.00
Keep Praying	\$ -373.50	Total	\$ 1,004.00

Online Report \$ 810.00

WEEKLY RECEIPTS TOTAL \$1,814.00

Building Fund \$50

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

April 6, 2025	\$ 400.00	Envelope receipts	\$ 310.00
Weekly goal	\$ 375.00	Loose Plate	\$ 90.00
Alleluia!!!	\$ +25.00	TOTAL	\$ 400.00

Building Fund \$

St. Thomas the Apostle

Budget to Actual

April 6, 2025	\$ 505.00	Envelope Receipts	\$ 464.00
Weekly goal	\$ 323.00	Loose Plate	\$ 41.00
Alleluia!!!	\$ +182.00	Total	\$ 505.00

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. Linda Gonzalez, Mage & Lupe Rodriguez, Jimmy Matthews.

Please pray for those in need.

Mass Intentions for the Week



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

Mon. April 14,

No mass

Tues. April 15,

6:00 p.m. Priest Intention

Wed. April 16,

8:30 a.m. Birthday blessing for Nevaeh Peña

Thur. April 17, Holy Thursday

5:00 p.m. Rankin/Iraan Parishioners

7:00 p.m.-12:00 Big Lake

Fri, April 18, Good Friday

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

12:00 noon Iraan/Rankin Parishioners

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. Veneration

Saturday, April 19, Holy Saturday

8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunday

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

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

12:30 p.m. (Big Lake) 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.

All Ministries for Holy Week

All persons assigned for the celebration of Our Lord's Passion, death and resurrection will be greatly rewarded.

Please come and offer your help to make this a great celebration of Jesus' love for us.

**Help us prepare for Holy Week!!!
Ayudanos a preparar la Semana Santa**

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.

Aqui en este Lugar Sagrado - - -

El Amor a Dios y el Amor al Projimo son el nucleo de las enseñanzas de Jesus.

(Mateo 22:37-40) Nosotros mostramos nuestro Amor a Dios y nuestro Amor al Projimo en la iglesia, al crear un ambiente de oracion y reverencia para que ellos se conecten con Dios.

Es una buena costumbre el llegar temprano y tambien el prepararse para la misa mediante la oracion y reflexion de las lecturas de la misa del dia que se encuentran en su banca (si es que no lo ha hecho en casa).

Debemos mantenernos en silencio en el Nave de la iglesia (el area principal). Cualesquier conversaciones deberan realizarse en el Natex de la iglesia (el salon de entrada).

Nuestro Ruidoso mundo tiene muy pocos lugares de silencio y reflexion. Por favor apague sus telefonos celulares, pagers, relojes con sonidos, etc., para no perturbar la oracion de aquellos que se encuentran a nuestro alrededor.

Favor de no traer juguetes ruidosos a la iglesia. A los niños pequeños les gusta romper papel. Entonces proteja nuestros libros de himnos y misales. Si sus niños se "inquietan" favor de llevarlos al salon de niños.

Por favor, no introduzca ni comida ni chicle a la iglesia (esto solo colabora a ensuciar la iglesia para los demas).

Por favor no llegue tarde; esta es una distraccion para aquellos que lo rodean. Dios se nos hace presente cuando se proclama Su Palabra. Llegar tarde es irrespetuoso a la Palabra de Dios.

Por favor vistase apropiadamente para la iglesia.

En el Reino de Dios no buscamos nuestro propio agrado, sino el glorificar a Dios y el agradecer al projimo para su bien (Romanos 15:2).

Si llamamos la atencion hacia nuestra persona, quitamos la atencion a Cristo.

Damas: Por favor cubranse de cuello a rodillas, modestamente.

Caballeros: una Linda camisa y lindos pantalones, por favor.

(vea: 1 Cron. 16:29, 1 Tim. 2:9-10, Rom. 12:2, El Catecismo Catolico #1387)

Por favor espere la bendicion final al terminar la misa antes de salir.

Es bueno pasar uno cuantos minutos en oracion silenciosa antes de salir de la iglesia.

El regresar los libros cuidadosamente a sus estantes, el recoger cualquier basura, y el levantar los reclinatorios para dejar paso libre es un gesto de consideracion hacia otras personas. Favor de no poner sus zapatos sobre los reclinatorios para asi preservarlos.

¿Quienes pueden recibir la comunion en la Iglesia Catolica?

La persona debe ser bautizado o por Profesion de Fe formal.

El Catolico debe estar en Estado de Gracia y no tener pecados serios que no hayan sido confesados.

Se debe ayunar por una hora antes de comulgar (no comer, fuera de que sea una condicion medica).

Si usted no puede o no desea recibir la comunion, usted puede;

Permanecer sentado en su banca en oracion por estos cuantos momentos.

Aproximarse al ministro para recibir una bendicion (en lugar de la comunion). Por favor cruce sus brazos sobre su pecho para indicar que desea una bendicion.

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 Holy Week

April 12-13-Palm Sunday will be regular schedule, except for Iraan, St. Francis who will be at 8:30 to receive palms.

***Holy Thursday Mass at 5:00 p.m. in Rankin for Iraan and Rankin Parishioners**

***April 17-Holy Thursday-7:00 p.m. Big Lake**

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

***Good Friday Stations of the Cross in Iraan on April 18th at 12:00 for Iraan and Rankin.**

***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**

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