

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
Pastor
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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

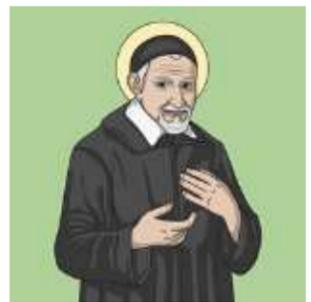
St. Francis Iraan
 Sunday 9:00 AM
Confessions Before mass

Community Outreach
 Care Center Ministry in Big Lake 3rd Thursday of the month 10:15

MINISTRY CONTACTS

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Iraan Rankin



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.
 You may get fresh farm eggs now at the Thrift Store.


Veteran Appreciation
 Active Members:
 Sebastian Sosa
 Veterans who served:
 Marcos Sosa
Freedom isn't Free. Please Pray for them.

Any ad placed in our bulletin will help cover the cost of printing. On June 29th the bulletin covers will no longer be sent. Our office will have to print our own bulletin covers. We invite you to please consider placing an advertisement for your business or your family.



Would you like to sponsor our weekly bulletin?
 Please contact the parish office
 at 325-884-3221

Place an ad for \$120 for the year.
 Or \$60 for 6 months

Please pray for the candidates of Confirmation and their parents. Our CCD teachers are preparing them now to receive on Sunday, June 1, 2025

To donate your weekly donation
 Online, please use
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You can check out the weekly Bulletin online by going to the Web site smcbiglake.org/donate

Promote your business here and support our Parish bulletin



Happy Easter!!! ¡¡¡Felices Pasquas Floridas de Resurreccion!!!



WISHING TO THANK ALL WHO MADE OUR HOLY WEEK SO BEAUTIFUL
TO THOSE WHO GAVE OF THEIR TREASURE, TIME & TALENT
TO THOSE WHO SPENT HOURS WORKING ON DECORATIONS
TO THOSE WHO SPENT TIME BEFORE OUR LORD
TO THOSE WHO RECEIVED THE BLESSING OF INITIATION
TO THOSE WHO SHUTTLED BACK AND FORTH TO AND FROM ANGELO AND MIDLAND TO BRING THE FLOWERS THAT MADE THIS OCCASION SPECIAL
TO THOSE WHO WERE LECTORS, USHERS, CHOIR, PARISH MAINTENANCE



PALM SUNDAY HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST



EASTER SUNDAY

Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday May 13, 2025** This is a planning meeting for the Parish Festival on Saturday, **September 27, 2025.**

TREASURE STEWARDSHIP

April 27, 2025

St. Margaret

Budget to Actual

April 27, 2025	\$ 2,525.00	Envelope Receipts	\$ 860.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 2,187.50	Loose Plate	\$ 1,030.00
Alleluia!!!	\$ +337.50	Total	\$ 1,890.00

Online Report \$ 635.00

WEEKLY RECEIPTS TOTAL \$2,525.00

Building Fund \$50

Rice Bowl \$533.30

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 27, 2025	\$ 347.00	Envelope receipts	\$ 255.00
Weekly goal	\$ 375.00	Loose Plate	\$ 92.00
Keep Praying!!!	\$ -28.00	TOTAL	\$ 347.00

Building Fund \$

St. Thomas the Apostle

Budget to Actual

April 27, 2025	\$588.00	Envelope Receipts	\$ 519.00
Weekly goal	\$ 323.00	Loose Plate	\$ 69.00
Alleluia!!!	\$ +265.00	Total	\$588.00

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, Donna O., Ray Diaz, Loretta Epperson, Juan E. Garcia, Juanita Perez, Jose A. Perez Jr.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 3, First Saturday

6:00 p.m. For +Margie Saner

Sunday, May 4, Third 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) 2025 Confirmation class

Mon. May 5,

No mass

Tues. May 6,

6:00 p.m. Birthday blessing for Addison Curry

Wed. May 7,

8:30 a.m. Priest Intention

Thur. May 8,

8:30 a.m. For vocations to religious life

Fri, May 9,

8:30 a.m. Priest Intention

Saturday, May 10

5:00 p.m. Confessions

6:00 p.m. For +Lalo Soto

Sunday, May 11, 4th Sunday Mother's Day

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

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

12:30 p.m. Conversion in our Parish

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY

For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

Graduation Mass will be held Sunday, May 18 at 12:30 p.m. Seniors are asked to wear their gowns that day.

**Confirmation will be held June 1st
Please pray for our candidates.**

Ministries for

Saturday, May 10, 2025

Altar servers: Isaiah, Daniella, Jax

Greeter: Rose Mary Peña

Lector: Tara Graves

Choir: Rose Mary Peña

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Altar servers: Jalaeda, Aubrey, Ava

Greeter: Marcos Sosa

Lector: Gabriela Torres

Choir: girls

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.

First Communion St. Margaret, Big Lake

Mayson Rodriguez, Emma Gomez, Natalie Rodriguez, Jorge and Jimena Cuellar, Benito Martinez

First Communion St. Thomas, Rankin

Jaiden Conn, Jaiden Black, Paislee Keith, Payton Rodriguez

¡Felicidades! Congratulations!



The 3rd Sunday of Easter Year C

The Mass readings for the 3rd Sunday of Easter Year C emphasize the importance of evangelization, recognizing Jesus, enduring suffering for the gospel, and the universal praise of God by all creation. The apostles courageously proclaim the Good News despite persecution, all creatures unite in declaring Jesus as king, and Peter recognizes Jesus after a miraculous catch of fish.

First Reading – [Acts 5:27-32, 40B-41](#): The apostles, questioned by the high priest, insisted on obeying God and rejoiced in their suffering for Jesus.

Responsorial Psalm – [Psalm 30](#): The LORD saved me from my enemies and from death. I will thank and praise Him forever, for His mercy and favor bring joy and healing.

Second Reading – [Revelation 5:11-14](#): I saw countless angels praising the Lamb, and every creature joined in worship, giving honor and glory to God and the Lamb forever.

Gospel – [John 21:1-19](#): Jesus appeared to his disciples, guiding them to a miraculous catch. He shared breakfast and asked Peter three times if he loved him, instructing him to care for his followers.

The 3rd Sunday Year C readings remind us of the joy and responsibility that come with following Jesus. These themes help us reflect on the call to live out our faith with love and dedication.

- **Obedience to God:** The apostles insisted on obeying God rather than men, even when faced with persecution. This teaches us the importance of putting God's will first in our lives.
- **Joy in Suffering:** The apostles rejoiced in their suffering for Jesus. This shows us that suffering for our faith is a reason for joy and not despair.
- **Worship of the Lamb:** In Revelation, countless angels and all creatures worship the Lamb. This reminds us that Jesus deserves all honor and glory from every part of creation.
- **Love for Jesus:** Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved Him. This highlights the importance of affirming our love for Jesus and the call to show it through our actions.
- **Caring for Others:** Jesus told Peter to take care of His followers. This directs us to care for our fellow Christians as an expression of our love for Jesus.

Obeying God Rather Than Men

The apostles' actions demonstrate their complete trust in God's purposes, even when obedience leads to suffering and persecution. Their example reminds us that authentic faith often requires making difficult choices that may put us at odds with prevailing cultural norms or authorities. The point is not defiance for its own sake, but rather a recognition that we need to align our lives with God's higher purposes. This raises the question: What authorities compete for our obedience today? As we reflect on the apostles' courage, we are inspired to make similar choices in our own lives, trusting in God's plan and guidance.

Witness and Testimony

The readings for this Sunday emphasize the importance of witness and testimony. In the first reading from Acts, the apostles stand before the Sanhedrin, *boldly proclaiming* their experience of Jesus Christ. This act of witnessing to the resurrection is a powerful testament to their faith and commitment.

Redemption and Restoration

Another significant theme is that of redemption and restoration. The Gospel reading from John 21, where Jesus appears to the disciples by the Sea of Galilee, underscores the restoration of Peter and the disciples after their failure. Jesus' threefold question to Peter, "Do you love me?" followed by the command to "feed my sheep," signifies a restoration of Peter's role and a call to deeper love and service.