

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

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



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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Promote your business here and support our Parish bulletin



Mother's Day Prayer to Honor and Bless Moms

Heavenly Father, I speak this prayer to you now in gratitude and praise for the gift of mothers. My mother, those of my friends, relatives, those I'll never know, all mothers. Thank you for the role they play in the family unit. Thank you for their teachings, wisdom, patience, and understanding. Thank you for the physical, emotional, and [spiritual gifts](#) they possess. I pray that you help mothers all across the world to be a blessing to their children. Whether delivering affirmation or discipline, I pray that you help every word and action to be done in love. And I pray that children worldwide will take time to honor their mothers and that you will show them how to do so uniquely.

Prayer for a Mother's Protection

Heavenly Father, I lift up my dear mother to You, asking for Your divine protection over her. Keep her safe from all harm, both physical and spiritual. Let Your angels guard her every step, and may she always walk in Your grace and peace. Grant her strength in times of difficulty and wisdom in moments of uncertainty. May she always feel Your love surrounding her. Amen.

**St. Margaret
In memory**

- +Juanita Camarillo
- +Maria Elena Luna
- +Catalina Camarillo
- +Adelfa Subia
- +Maggie Levario
- +Doris Kohutek
- +Andrea de Guadalupe Gasca
- +Josefa Garces
- +Cuca Moreno
- +Mary Ann Veloz
- +Alicia Zimmerman
- +Leslie Valente
- +Dominga Lopez
- +Concepcion Ochoa 'Tita'
- +Trinidad Martinez 'Trine'
- +Concepcion Urias 'Momo Chelo'
- +Margarita Holguin 'Ama Mague'
- +Maria Barrera
- +Rosa Flores
- +Angelina Gallegos
- +Maria Ester Montoya
- +Paulina Ibarra Rodriguez
- +Agustina Lopez
- +Ruperta Cortez
- +Gina Graves

- +Juanita Santibanes
- +Alcarea Sosa
- +Martina Sosa
- +Asuncion Cortes Saldaña

In Honor

- Carmen Palacio
- Maria de la Lus Gasca
- Bertha Rodriguez
- Linda Flores
- Sylvia Moreno

- Cassandra De La Rosa
- Maria Ester Sosa
- Francisca Sosa
- Maria Nicolasa Sosa
- Licha Sosa
- Arely Torres
- Graciela Gonzalez
- Yolanda B. Ramirez
- Ruth Strube
- Tara Graves
- LaRue Schneeman
- Margie Saner

**St. Francis
In Memory**

- +Oralia Barrera
- +Consuelo Roles
- +Fidelia Rosales
- +Rebecca Portillo
- +Francis Rodriguez
- +Paula Rodriguez

In Honor

- Ofie Villanueva
- Lupe Rodriguez
- Julie Rivera
- Audelia Aguirre
- Lisa Villanueva

**St. Thomas
In memory**

- +Juanita Martinez
- +Maria Mendez

In honor

- Estefana Armendarez
- Maria Aguirre
- Donna Hendricks



Wishing all mothers, grandmothers, great grand mothers and godmothers a very special day May 11th even though, every day is Mothers Day.



TREASURE STEWARDSHIP

May 4, 2025

St. Margaret

Budget to Actual

May 4, 2025	\$ 2,429.00	Envelope Receipts	\$ 1,319.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 2,187.50	Loose Plate	\$ 300.00
Alleluia!!!	\$ +241.50	Total	\$ 1,619.00

Online Report \$ 810.00

WEEKLY RECEIPTS TOTAL \$ +.00

Building Fund \$7

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

May 4, 2025	\$ 322.00	Envelope receipts	\$ 265.00
Weekly goal	\$ 375.00	Loose Plate	\$ 57.00
Keep Praying!!!	\$ -53.00	TOTAL	\$ 322.00

Building Fund \$

St. Thomas the Apostle

Budget to Actual

May 4, 2025	\$431.00	Envelope Receipts	\$ 360.00
Weekly goal	\$ 323.00	Loose Plate	\$ 71.00
Alleluia!!!	\$ +108.00	Total	\$431.00

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 10

5:00 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. For +Joe Anthony Reyes

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

Mon. May 12, Sts. Nereus & Achileus

No mass

Tues. May 13, Our Lady of Fatima

5:30 p.m. Rosary
6:00 p.m. +Angelita Ramos

Wed. May 14, St. Matthias

8:30 a.m. For +Phyllis Smith

Thur. May 15, St. Isidore

8:30 a.m. For +Roy Cooper

Fri, May 16,

8:30 a.m. +Bertha Garza

Saturday, May 17

6:00 p.m. For +Lalo Soto

Sunday, May 18, 5th 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) For Conversion

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.

**¡¡¡Feliz Dia de las Madres!!!
Happy Mother's Day!!!**



Ministries for

Saturday, May 17, 2025

Altar servers: Tinley, Fernando, Miranda, Joseph Greeter: Cassandra DeLa Rosa
Lector: Tara Graves
Choir: Cassandra DeLa Rosa

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Altar servers: Sebastian, Santiago, Juan Greeter: Aurelia Hernandez
Lector: Zayra Martinez
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.

Reflecting on God's Word

The game called Follow the Leader can be fun—depending on how the leader leads. If the leader charges through tangled bushes, over high fences, under fallen branches, and around barking dogs, trying to lose and discourage the other players, the followers tend to give up in defeat, feeling cowardly, sad, and weak. On the other hand, if the leader blazes the trail for the others, and encourages and guides them along the way, the followers can complete the game feeling confident and joyful.

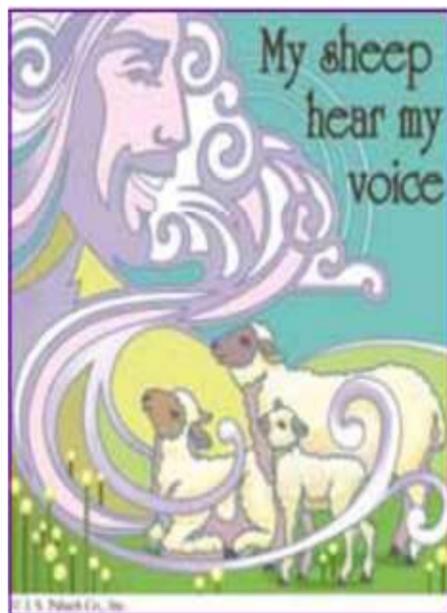
Today's scriptures show Christ as the latter kind of leader. He guides us and wipes away our tears. He is a shepherd who encourages us and brings us through suffering to life-giving water. Paul and Barnabas joyfully follow his lead by becoming Christ-like leaders themselves. They encourage and ease the way for their own followers through whatever distress may come their way. In the same way, all followers of Christ are meant to become leaders who share with others the courage, confidence, and joy they have found in following Christ.

—Virginia Stillwell
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Living God's Word

The passage from Revelation speaks of "a great multitude . . . wearing white robes" (7:9). This refers to all who have put on Christ in baptism. Those who put on Christ will suffer as Christ suffered. Suffering will come to each of us who chooses to follow our shepherd-leader.

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THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Good Shepherd not only knows us but has given his life for us. We belong to the Shepherd. His life is the source of our life. One part of this relationship is firm—God's part. The Father has entrusted us to the Son, and the Son will not let go of our hand.

The other part of this relationship depends on us, of course. In today's Gospel, Jesus assumes our open-hearted good will. "My sheep hear my voice . . . and they follow me." This hearing and following is a daily undertaking that implies responsibility. Take Paul and Barnabas, for example. They moved ever closer to the reality that salvation was also meant for those members of the flock who did not yet know God's saving power. The Gentiles were the sheep known by the Shepherd. Paul could finally see that now was the acceptable time for them to know the Shepherd. Now the circle could be completed. Finally, those who were known and loved by the God of Jesus could know and follow the God of Jesus. There will never be a last chapter to this story of salvation.

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Good Shepherd Sunday
May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There are few openings for "Shepherds" in the classified ads today, but few occupations are as dear to the Christian heart. Most of us tenderly place shepherds by our Christmas cribs, name the Twenty-third Psalm as our favorite, and recognize "Good Shepherd" as a title of Jesus. Bishops carry a staff, called a crozier, modeled after the shepherd's walking staff. Long before Christian artists painted Jesus on the cross, they traced on the walls of their worship places images of a strong young shepherd, shouldering a lost sheep and bringing it to safety. Springtime is the season of lambing, a time when the shepherd not only learns the faces of the new arrivals, but also when the newborn sheep become attuned to the voice of the shepherd. This is exactly what we do as a community in Easter as we shelter and guide the newly received Christians, and also put our Lenten muscles to good use: listening more attentively to God's Word, and responding with springtime vigor to God's call.

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Cuarto Domingo de Pascua

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En el año 1674 una Argentina, Doña Ana Mattos de Siqueyras se llevó a su casa una imagen de la Virgen María para hacerle una capillita en sus terrenos a un lado del Río Luján. La imagen era de reputación milagrosa y Doña Ana deseaba tenerla cerquita de su hogar. Al día siguiente la imagen se había regresado a un eremitorio donde la cuidaba un esclavo africano llamado Manuel. Esto le pasó un par de veces hasta que se le ocurrió a Doña Ana llevarse en peregrinación a ambos María y Manuel. Desde entonces en una capilla abierta al público María se quedó sin ningún problema.

Como muchos ricos, Doña Ana quería echarse a Dios en el bolsillo llevándose para sí misma la imagen de María. Pero nuestra Señora de Luján tenía otro plan. Ella deseaba estar con el esclavo Manuel y con el pueblo. En fin, Doña Ana se fijó que a Dios y su madre no los controla nadie y nadie los puede hacer su propiedad, a lo contrario, ellos se entregan a los pobres y desamparados.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

St. Francis/St. Thomas News

Confirmation Retreat will be held on
Saturday, May 17, 2025

Please pray for the candidates

Confirmation will be held on June 1,
2025 at 9:30 a.m. in Rankin.

Graduation Mass

Sunday, May 18th for Rankin, St. Thomas
at 10:30 a.m. and Big Lake,
St. Margaret
at 12:30 p.m.



Please wear your gowns.

