

St. Margaret of Cortona Parish



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St. Francis of Assisi Church
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Mission Statement

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.

We are committed to proclaim the Good news of Jesus Christ to all, that we attain the Kingdom of God.

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.

Somos sometidos a proclamar la palabra a todos de Cristo Jesus para que todos podamos obtener el Reino de Dios.

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

BIG LAKE

Council Chair
Finance Council Chair
Altar Servers:
Baptismal Prep:
Homebound Communion:
Adult Ministry
Lectors:
CCD Coordinator
Business Office
Ushers:

Choir Ministry:
Hall Contact
St. Vincent

Iraan Rankin

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St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store

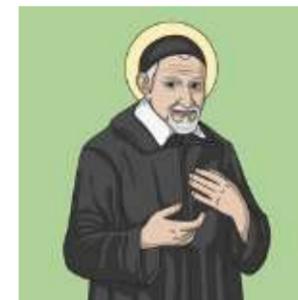
304 3rd Street
Big Lake, Texas

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.

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



Veteran Appreciation

Active Members:

Sebastian Sosa

Erik Sosa

Veterans who served:

Marcos Sosa

Freedom isn't Free. Please Pray for them.



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

Plans for the 25th Annual Family Festival On September 27, 2025. We are in need of Volunteers for the different activities and vendors from St. Margaret for that day.

Festival Committee

Chairperson Marcos Sosa

Secretary Rose Mary Peña

Treasurer Aurelia Hernandez

Please contact the office for more information

325-884-3221

Please leave a message.

Loteria Prizes needed for that day.
Donations will be greatly appreciated.

FAMILY



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- PRIZES!!!**
- ★ 1st- \$2,500
 - ★ 2nd \$1,500
 - ★ 3rd \$1,000
 - ★ 4th Cowboy tickets
 - ★ Dallas/Philadelphia
 - ★ 5th Patio Set
 - ★ 6th 65" TV
 - ★ 7th Apple Watch
 - ★ \$5.00 each
 - ★ Tickets printed soon
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TREASURE STEWARDSHIP

May 25, 2025

St. Margaret

Budget to Actual

May 25, 2025	\$ 1,314.00	Envelope Receipts	\$ 460.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 2,187.50	Loose Plate	\$ 219.00
Keep Praying!!!	\$ -873.50	Total	\$ 679.00

Online Report \$ 635.00

WEEKLY RECEIPTS TOTAL \$ 1,314.00

Building Fund \$20

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 25, 2025	\$325.00	Envelope receipts	\$275.00
Weekly goal	\$ 375.00	Loose Plate	\$ 50.00
Keep Praying!!!	\$ -50.00	TOTAL	\$ 325.00

Building Fund \$3

St. Thomas the Apostle

Budget to Actual

May 25, 2025	\$ 129.00	Envelope Receipts	\$ 54.00
Weekly goal	\$ 323.00	Loose Plate	\$ 75.00
Keep Praying!!!	\$ -194.00	Total	\$129.00

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 31, The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:00 p.m. For +Juan Ramirez

Sunday, June 1, The Ascension of the Lord

9:30 a.m. (Rankin) For Confirmation Candidates

12:30 p.m. (Big Lake) For Caison Graves

Mon. June 2, Sts. Marcellinus & Peter

No mass

Tues. June 3, St. Charles Uwanga & Companions

6:00 p.m. +Anita Rodriguez

Wed. June 4,

8:30 a.m. For +James Pickett

Thur. June 5, St. Boniface

8:30 a.m. For +Larry Isom

Fri. June 6, St. Norbert

8:30 a.m. For +Larry Isom

Saturday, June 7,

5:00 p.m. Confessions

6:00 p.m. For +Larry Isom

Sunday, June 8, Pentecost Sunday

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

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

12:30 p.m. For The Faithful of St. Margaret

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE

That the world might grow in compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.



Ministries for

Saturday, June 7, 2025

Altar servers: Tinley, Fernando Miranda, Joseph Greeter: Virginia Martinez

Lector: Brenda Schneeman

Choir: Rose Mary Peña

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Altar servers: Jalaeda, Santiago, Juan Greeter: Mari Garces

Lector: Martina Gonzales

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.



Prayer to the Holy Spirit
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,
and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise
and ever rejoice in his consolation.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The prophets of the Old Testament foretold that God's Spirit would rest upon the Messiah to sustain his mission. Their prophecy was fulfilled when Jesus the Messiah was conceived by the Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus on the occasion of his baptism by John. Jesus' entire mission occurred in communion with the Spirit. Before he died, Jesus promised that the Spirit would be given to the Apostles and to the entire Church. After his death, he was raised by the Father in the power of the Spirit.

Confirmation deepens our baptismal life that calls us to be missionary witnesses of Jesus Christ in our families, neighborhoods, society, and the world. . . . We receive the message of faith in a deeper and more intensive manner with great emphasis given to the person of Jesus Christ, who asked the Father to give the Holy Spirit to the Church for building up the community in loving service.

Congratulations
Candidates receiving Confirmation

St. Margaret of Cortona

Daniel Carrasco - St. Nicolas

Anahlee Esquivel - St. Cecilia

Isaac Esquivel - St. Joan of Arc

Mareli Cervantes - St. Veronica

Caison Graves - Bl. Carlo Acutis

John Hodge - St. Jude Thaddeus

Lourdes Ortiz - St. Bernadette Soubirous

Alondra Rey - St. Dymphna

Gabriella Rivero - St. Theresa of Avila

Alejandro Salcido - St. Joseph

Savannah Sanchez - St. Rose of Lima

Joaquin Vasquez - St. Philip Neri

St. Thomas the Apostle

Mario Lucio - St. Eligius

Jayden Luna - St. Michael the Archangel

Jeselle Marquez - St. Anthony of Padua

Matthew Marquez - St. Sebastian

Yessenia Renteria - St. Jude

Jayde Rivera - St. Maria Goretti



Pentecost Sunday June 8, 2025



What is the Origin of Pentecost?

Pentecost was the celebration of the beginning of the early weeks of harvest. In Palestine, there were two harvests each year. The early harvest came during the months of May and June; the final harvest came in the Fall. Pentecost was the celebration of the beginning of the early wheat harvest, which meant that Pentecost always fell sometime during the middle of the month of May or sometimes in early June.

There were several festivals, celebrations, or observances that took place before Pentecost. There was [Passover](#), there was [Unleavened Bread](#), and there was the [Feast of Firstfruits](#). The Feast of Firstfruits was the celebration of the beginning of the barley harvest. Here's the way you figured out the date of Pentecost.

According to the Old Testament, you would go to the day of the celebration of Firstfruits, and beginning with that day, you would count off 50 days. The fiftieth day would be the Day of Pentecost. So Firstfruits is the beginning of the barley harvest and Pentecost is the celebration of the beginning of the wheat harvest.

The Significance of Pentecost Today

In a [video for Christianity.com](#), Phillip Nation explains why Pentecost is significant for Christians today. Read the transcript of that interview below:

The significance of Pentecost to the church is something that we need to walk through carefully, and we shouldn't ignore, because Pentecost was a Jewish celebration. And so in our modern day of the New Testament church, we don't celebrate Pentecost in the way that the Old Testament Hebrews did.

But Pentecost was the moment in history after Christ had ascended. And he had promised during the gospel narratives, during his earthly ministry, that he would leave, but that he would send the comforter, he would send the holy spirit. And it was at that moment in Pentecost where the spirit came, and he empowered the early believers, specifically the apostles that were left, and Peter, who is almost a comedic personality in the gospel narratives.