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2 Chronicles 7:14

...and if then my people who bear my name humble themselves and pray to me and seek my presence as they turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear them from heaven and forgive their sins and restore their land.



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St. Margaret of Cortona Parish



St. Margaret of Cortona Big Lake, Texas
Email: biglake@sanangelodiocese.org Website: www.smcbiglake.org
Missions:
[St. Francis Mission](#), Iraan, Texas-9:00a.m.
[St. Thomas Mission](#), Rankin, Texas-10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Balachandra Nagipogu
Secretary: Rose Mary Peña
CRE: Sarah Rodriguez
Business Manager: Julie Flores

Saturday Confession 5:00 p.m.
Or by appointment with pastor
Saturday: Mass 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 12:30 p.m.

Weekday Mass:
Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Wednesday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.
Adoration: 1st Friday: 8:00 a.m.

MINISTRY CONTACTS BIG LAKE

Council Chair: Jose Rodriguez
Finance Council Chair: Amanda Esquivel
Altar Servers: Noel Quiñones
Baptismal Prep: Rose Mary Pena
Homebound Communion:

Please contact Fr. Bala
Adult Ministry: Mari Garces
Lectors: Brenda Schneeman
Ushers: Marcos Sosa
Eddie Subia
Edgar Sosa

Choir Ministry: Raquel Garcia
Hall Contact: Aurelia Hernandez
St. Vincent: Sandra Huerta

Iraan Contact Debbie Ramirez
Rankin Contact Gloria Sifuentes

Office hours 9:00 a.m. to Noon
Tuesday-Friday
325-884-3221

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

**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. Please contact the office for more information 325-884-3221 Please leave a message or come by the office. Loteria and Bingo Prizes needed for that day. Donations will be greatly appreciated.



BOUNCIES ALONG

LOTERIA ON

WITH A

SATURDAY a 3:00 at the North Park

MECHANICAL BULL

BINGO ON SUNDAY in the

Bingo prizes at \$25 Non-perishable Food items, Drinks. All activities will take place September 27, 2025

- PRIZES!!!**
- 1st- \$2,500
 - 2nd \$1,500
 - 3rd \$1,000
 - 4th Cowboy tickets Dallas/Philadelphia
 - 5th Patio Set
 - 6th 65" TV
 - 7th Best Buy Gift Card Tickets \$5.00 each
- They are in!!!
Get yours today!!!**

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Special Thank you to all who helped make the Red Taco Sale at the Santa Rita Celebration possible.

REGISTRATION UPDATES

St. Margaret of Cortona, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Thomas the Apostle Each parish will have a list of all registered parishioners along with their addresses. If you have moved or have a different address please let us know. We pray for all our parishioners each Sunday and we want all of us to be included. **Cada Parroquia tiene su lista de familias junto con su direccion. Si has cambiado sitio favor de darnos de saber. Cada Domingo resamos por nuestros parroquianos y queremos que todos sean incluidos.**

There are 2 lists: those who have donation envelopes assigned and those in our parish roles. Please check both for us to have correct enrollment.

Tenemos 2 listas:

- 1. los que tienen sobres de ofrenda.**
- 2. los que estan en lista en nuestra parroquia.**

IF YOUR NAME IS NOT ON THE LIST PLEASE INCLUDE IT.

Si tu nombre no esta en la lista, favor de incluirlo.

If you would like a box of donation envelopes for the year please let us know so we can order more for the coming year.

TREASURE STEWARDSHIP

**June 29, 2025
St. Margaret
Budget to Actual**

June 29, 2025 \$ 2,060.00	Envelope Receipts \$739.00
Weekly Goal \$ 2,187.50	Loose Plate \$ 686.00
Keep Praying!!! \$ -127.50	Total \$1,425.00
	Online Report \$ 635.00
WEEKLY RECEIPTS TOTAL	\$2,060.00

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

June 29, 2025 \$ 360.00	Envelope receipts \$.27000
Weekly goal \$ 375.00	Loose Plate \$ 90.00
Keep Praying!!! \$ -15.00	TOTAL \$ 360.00
	Building Fund \$

St. Thomas the Apostle

Budget to Actual

June 29, 2025 \$ 288.00	Envelope Receipts \$ 204.00
Weekly goal \$ 323.00	Loose Plate \$ 84.00
Keep Praying!!! \$ -35.00	Total \$ 288.00
	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, Manuel Amendarez, Garcia Family, Karla Dominguez, Eleazar Dominguez, Eloisa Ramirez Moreno, Diana Palacio, Melissa Lopez, Jazmin Lopez, Horacio Sebastian, Em-malyn Grace Guevara, Yvette Gonzales, David Borrego, Benito Magaña, Henry Rodriguez, David Castillo, Jennifer Molina, Randall Montañez, Pablo Levario, Basil Ramirez, David Castillo, Reynaldo Mendoza, Mary Zapata, Alivar Sanchez, Jacob Talamantes, Zachary Gonzales, Kit Rodriguez. Linda Gonzalez, Mage & Lupe Rodriguez, Donna O., Ray Diaz, Loretta Epperson, Juan E. Garcia, Juanita Perez, Jose A. Perez Jr., Brandon (Fort Stockton)Cornelio Cortez, Gabriel & Martha Peña, Rosa Soto, Susana Ramirez , Sylvia Lujan H., Virginia Ortiz.

Please let us know if we need to keep these names on the list or remove them.



Saturday, July 5, First Saturday St. Anthony & St. Elizabeth

5:00 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. For +Mike Lopez

Sunday, July 6, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00a.m. (Iraan) For St. Francis Parishioners
10:30 a.m. (Rankin) For St. Thomas Parishioners
12:30 p.m. (Big Lake) +Mike Lopez

Mon. July 7, No mass

Tues. July 8,
6:00 p.m. For +Mike Lopez

Wed. July 9, St. Augustine Zhao Rong
8:30 a.m. For +Mike Lopez

Thur. July 10,
8:30 a.m. For +Mike Lopez

Fri, July 11, St. Benedict
8:30 a.m. For +Craig Kuykendall

Saturday, July 12
6:00 p.m. For +Julie Kuykendall

Sunday, July 13, Fifteenth Sunday
9:00 a.m. (Iraan) For Parishioners

10:30 a.m. (Rankin) For Parishioners
12:30 p.m. (Big Lake) For Parishioners



POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY

For formation in discernment
Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

Ministries for

Saturday, July 12, 2025

Altar servers: Tinley, Fernando, Miranda, Isaiah Greeter: Virginia Martinez
Lector: Tara Graves
Choir: Rose Mary Peña/Cassandra DelaRosa

Sunday, July 13, 2025

Altar servers: Daisy, Nicole, Rosalie, Juan Greeter: Blanca Lopez
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.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time **July 6, 2025**

Isaiah 66:10-14c Psalm 66 Galatians 6:14-18 Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

The disciples' only mission was to reveal how God was reigning in their world. Jesus offered them no preaching technique, no potions or blessing formula, he simply sent them out in peace to receive what was offered and to heal those in need.

What happened in the process amazed them as much as anyone else. Reporting back to Jesus they said, "Even the demons are subject to us because of your name!"

Because they had gone in the name of Jesus, bringing his love and energy to each situation, their very presence healed. That was the secret of the peace they shared.

If people were open to their message, the experience of God's reign grew among them. When people refused the message, the disciples could move on in peace, knowing that what God offers can never be imposed, it can only be welcomed.

What gave them such great power? St. Paul described it to the Galatians. He explained that people who share God's love know God's reign is among them. They have become a new creation. They are free from the need to protect themselves from the unknown or social norms that demand certain types of behavior. As Isaiah promises, no matter the circumstances, they can flourish like grass because their way of living draws forth all that they can become and they know God is with them.

Today's Liturgy of the Word dares us to be sheep among wolves, to be evangelizers in a world dying for lack of love. The wolves of our time are purveyors of the fear and hatred that spawn every type of bigotry, division, violence and lies.

[Pope Leo XIV tells us](#) that as disciples, we are sent into "many settings in which the Christian faith is considered absurd, meant for the weak and unintelligent. Settings where other securities are preferred, like technology, money, success, power or pleasure ... where believers are mocked, opposed, despised or at best tolerated and pitied."

What do we have to offer? Like the inexperienced 72, we've got nothing more than our experience of the joy of living Christ's message. As disciples, we can continue to share experiences of love, hope and possibility that are strong enough to seduce others into believing the unbelievable: that the reign of God is at hand.

If we want to succeed in taking up Jesus' mission, we will draw people through attraction rather than rational proofs. We need to know our faith by heart and accept the fact that what we offer will only attract the hungry; the complacent know how to stay safe behind what old toothpaste ads called "an invisible protective shield." As Leo points out, they prefer the kind of securities they can buy or demand. They are tragically out of touch with their deepest yearnings, invulnerable to knowing the vastness of God's love.

Evangelizers know that the reign of God they announce is real. They've experienced it in communion with God and others. They know it can't be proven, only experienced, and when it is experienced, it's contagious.

That's the secret of greeting a household with "Shalom, peace." People disposed to receive the Gospel and the fullness it offers, will share the disciples' peace. The missionaries continue on in peace, knowing that they offered — even if their offerings were not appreciated.

We are today's 72. The evangelization we can offer has little to do with expertise. Rather, it's the contagious energy of God's reign among us. It has the power to make Satan fall like lightning, noisy and momentarily impressive, but gone in a flash.

Most of all, our awareness of God's reigning grows prodigiously as we share it. We can only share what we have, and that is enough.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's high summer now, school is out, the pace of work slows, and some people drift away. There are visitors in the churches every summer, and familiar faces are "among the missing." Some find the summer's call more appealing than the summons of the church bells. Many, however, would not dream of missing a Sunday, and so they make their way to Mass in unfamiliar places, watching the locals for clues as to when to sit or stand, where the Communion stations are. In answering the call, they keep the "sabbatical" rhythm of the Christian life: every seventh day, the Body of Christ assembles for worship.

For centuries, there was no obligation to Sunday Mass in the sense of a written law, but Christians have always yearned to be together on Sunday. In the city of Abitina, during a persecution by the Emperor Diocletian, a group of Christians were urged to stop worshipping together on Sundays. They responded, "Then take our lives, for without the Sunday we cannot live." By a curious coincidence, the appointed readings today center us on thoughts of peace. On our Independence Day, the experience of worship situates us in community, and evokes a commitment from us to be advocates of peace in all aspects of our society's life.

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Decimocuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En muchos santuarios de Latinoamérica y Europa se pueden encontrar diversas ofrendas que han dejado los fieles a través de los siglos. Entre estas ofrendas es de particular relieve el exvoto. Exvoto (una frase en latín que se traduce "del voto") es el regalo que se le presenta al santo o a la santa en reconocimiento del favor recibido. Esto también se llama "manda".

Los exvotos o mandas toman varias formas desde pequeñas medallas en forma de la parte del cuerpo que fue sanado hasta pinturas del milagro concedido. El exvoto más antiguo en América es de una pintura mandada a hacer por Hernán Cortés en honor de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe de Extremadura (España). Esta imagen reconocía el hecho de ser salvado del piquete de un alacrán mientras estaba en México. Lamentablemente esta pintura se extravió en el siglo XIX.

En realidad el santo o la santa no necesita el exvoto pero los creyentes sí. Estas mandas nos recuerdan el poder de la intercesión divina en la vida humana. También nos invitan al agradecimiento de los favores que Dios nos hace.

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

SAINT INFORMATION

José Sánchez del Río

José Luis Sánchez del Río (March 28, 1913 – February 10, 1928) was a Mexican Cristero who was put to death by government officials because he refused to renounce his Catholic faith. His death was seen as a largely political venture on the part of government officials in their attempt to stamp out dissent and crush religious freedom in the area. He was dubbed "Joselito." He was declared to be venerable on June 22, 2004, by Pope John Paul II and was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI – through the Cardinal-Prefect of the Congregation of the Causes of Saints – on November 20, 2005, in Mexico. Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to him on January 21, 2016, allowing for his canonization to take place; a date was determined at a consistory on March 15, 2016, and he was proclaimed to be a saint on October 16, 2016.

Background

The Cristero War began when the government began eliminating church privileges and seizing church properties throughout the country, in accordance with anti-clerical laws written into the Mexican Constitution. President Plutarco Elias Calles, who took office in 1924, focused on the Roman Catholic Church, which led to seizure of church property, the closing of religious schools and convents, and the exile or the execution of priests.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY!!! ¡¡¡Sigue en oracion!!!