

# *St. Margaret Catholic Church*

*Giddings, Texas*

## *St. Mary in Pin Oak*

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Sunday, March 12, 2017  
First Sunday of Lent





## MASS SCHEDULE

### St. Margaret's — Giddings

|           |         |         |          |         |
|-----------|---------|---------|----------|---------|
| Sunday    | 9:30 AM | English | 11:30 AM | Español |
| Tuesday   | 5:00 PM | English |          |         |
| Wednesday | 7:00 AM | English |          |         |
| Thursday  | 7:00 AM | English |          |         |
| Friday    | 5:00 PM | English |          |         |
| Saturday  | 4:30 PM | English |          |         |

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE FEBRUARY 11/12 2017

### St. Margaret's

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Regular Collection                 | \$7,104.93 |
| Special Collection (Ash Wednesday) | \$2,551.21 |
| WeShare ( 02/27/17— 03/06/17)      | \$ 725.30  |

### St. Mary's in Pin Oak

|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Regular Collection                 | \$ 563.40 |
| Special Collection (Ash Wednesday) | \$ 252.00 |

## Parish Staff

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**Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Closed for Lunch: 1:00—2:00 p.m.

*Thank you!*

*¡GRACIAS!*

The family of Janie Pihoda Myers sends a warm thank you for the many prayers, cards, visits, meals, and beautiful flowers. All these acts of kindness have helped us through the difficult time at the passing of my daughter and our baby sister. Janie never met a stranger. May God bless each and everyone of you.

— Angie Pihoda and Family

## VOTIVE CANDLES



Do you want to honor a loved one? St. Margaret's Church will be selling special votive candles, so you do not have to purchase them at the store (e.g., like the picture on this ad). More information to come.

*Wishing you a wonderful week!*

## Lectors:

Mary Ann Bordovsky (English): 512-253-6787

Laura Orocio (Spanish): 979-716-4121

**Altar Society:** Mary Sebesta, President 512-461-9310

## **Sociedad Guadalupana:**

Laura Orocio, President 979-716-4121

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Daniel Bazquez, President 979-542-1620

## **Knights of Columbus:**

Robert Sebesta, Grand Knight 512-253-6159

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

### **RITE OF RECONCILIATION** (Confession):

Saturdays-3:00 to 4:15 pm (St. Margaret's)

**BAPTISM:** Parents must attend a Baptismal Orientation Class before the date of the baptism. Please call the office for more information.

**QUINCEAÑERAS:** Parents must be active registered members of the parish. The girl must be attending Religious Education classes and have received her sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, Penance and Confirmation. Parents must contact the parish six months to a year before scheduling a Quinceaños celebration.

**MARRIAGE:** Couple must contact the parish priest at least SIX MONTHS to a year before the wedding. Marriage Preparation classes are required. Please call the office for more information and to make an appointment with the priest.

## INFORMACIÓN SACRAMENTAL

### **RITO DE RECONCILIACIÓN** (Confesión):

Sábados de 3:00 a 4:15 p.m. (Sta. Margarita)

**BAUTISMO:** Los padres tienen que estar registrados como miembros de la parroquia y tienen que asistir a una clase de orientación antes del bautismo. Para obtener más información, favor de llamar a la oficina de la parroquia.

**QUINCEAÑERAS:** Los padres de la joven tienen que estar registrados y ser miembros activos de la parroquia. La joven debe estar en el programa de las clases de Educación Religiosa y haber recibido los sacramentos de bautismo, primera comunión, penitencia y confirmación.

**MATRIMONIO:** La pareja debe hablar con el sacerdote SEIS MESES a un año de anterioridad a la boda. Clases de preparación son requeridas. Favor de llamar a la oficina para hacer una cita con el sacerdote.

### **SICK LIST:** Please keep the following individuals in your prayers.

|                  |                      |
|------------------|----------------------|
| Liborio Gonzales | Marilyn Denise Ester |
| Leonard Meuth    | Rosie Lopez          |
| Ed Lara          | Mike Riggs           |
| James Lara       | Emilia Basquez       |
| Kenneth Bishop   | Deacon Samuel Reyes  |
| Andrea Sustaita  | Dolores Tonn         |
| Gilbert Lara     |                      |

### **MILITARY LIST:**

|                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Captain Nathaniel Rice | Cody Joe Gonzales |
| Jennifer Gonzales      | Dustin Murray     |

**ST. MARGARET'S WEEK SCHEDULE**  
**LECTORS                      COMMUNION**

|                           |                  |  |
|---------------------------|------------------|--|
| Sat. Mar. 11<br>4:30 p.m. | Veronica Hendrix | Jean Herzik, Chad Allen                                    |
| Sun. Mar. 12<br>9:30 a.m. | Stephanie Lopez  | Virginia Cantu, Diane Rangel<br>Kelly and Donna Allee      |
| Sat. Mar. 18<br>4:30 p.m. | Kelly Majewski   | Mary Posas, Mel Gutierrez                                  |
| Sun. Mar. 19<br>9:30 a.m. | John Simmang     | Adren and Susan Pilger<br>Michael and Minnie Simmang       |
| Sat. Mar. 25<br>4:30 p.m. | Charlotte Penn   | Mary Sebesta, Heather Perez                                |
| Sun. Mar. 26<br>9:30 a.m. | Sylvia Sharp     | Linda Pruitt, Dora Muñiz<br>Joyce Escalante, IvaLynn Locke |

**DOMINGOS — Misas en Español a las 11:30 a.m.**

|                  | <b><u>Lectores</u></b> | <b><u>Ministros de<br/>Comunión</u></b> |
|------------------|------------------------|---|
| 12 de marzo 2017 | — Laura Orocio         | C. Hernández<br>Sanjuana Orocio         |
| 19 de marzo 2017 | — Cesar Carrillo       | María Morín<br>Karla de la Rosa         |
| 26 de marzo 2017 | — Marisol Herrera      | C. Hernández<br>Griselda Orocio         |
| 2 de abril 2017  | — Laura Orocio         | Sanjuana Orocio<br>María Morín          |

**USHERS FOR MARCH 2017**

|               |               |   |
|---------------|---------------|---|
| Saturday Mass | — 4:30 p.m. — | Darris Chapple<br>Marcus Gaertner                                   |
| Sunday Mass   | — 9:30 a.m. — | Martin Rangel<br>Dwight Petschke<br>Kevin Majewski<br>Neal Majewski |

**UJIERES PARA EL MES DE MARZO DE 2017**

|                  |                |  |
|------------------|----------------|--|
| Misa del domingo | — 11:30 a.m. — | Juan Alvarado<br>Carlos Orocio<br>Hector Orocio<br>Carlos Medina |
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|---------------|------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mar. 11, 2017 | 4:30 p.m.  | Elijah Hendrix<br>Nathaniel Hendrix   |
| Mar. 12, 2017 | 9:30 a.m.  | Colette McClure<br>Miranda Muñiz      |
|               | 1:30 a.m.  | Monica Villegas<br>Destiny Villegas   |
| Mar. 18, 2017 | 4:30 p.m.  | Volunteer<br>Volunteer                |
| Mar. 19, 2017 | 9:30 a.m.  | Adrian Armendariz<br>Edgar Armendariz |
|               | 11:30 a.m. | Leonel Hernández<br>Pablo Ontiveros   |
| Mar. 25, 2017 | 4:30 p.m.  | Landon Gaertner<br>Marcus Basquez     |
| Mar. 26, 2017 | 9:30 a.m.  | Alex Pérez<br>Daniel Pérez            |
|               | 11:30 a.m. | Imanol Torres<br>José Luis Carrillo   |

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTION**

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Sat. — Mar. 11 | — Confessions—3:00 p.m.—4:15 p.m. at<br>St. Margaret's Catholic Church<br>— 4:30 p.m.—Mass<br>†Vaclav Jim Masek<br>— 6:15 p.m. - Mass - St. Mary's - Pin Oak<br>For the people of St. Mary's in Pin Oak and<br>St. Margaret's  |
| Sun. — Mar. 12 | — 9:30 a.m.—Mass<br>The Kahanek Family<br>— 11:30 a.m.—Misa<br>†Aurelio Ramirez Recendiz   |
| Mon. — Mar. 13 | — NO MASS<br>(Dn 9:4-b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38)   |
| Tue. — Mar. 14 | — 5:00 p.m.—Mass<br>†Matilde Muñiz<br>(Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;<br>Mt 23:1-12)  |
| Wed. — Mar. 15 | — 7:00 a.m.—Mass/St. Margaret's<br>For the deceased members of the Gonzales<br>Family<br>(Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17:28)   |
| Thu. — Mar. 16 | — 7:00 a.m.—Mass/St. Margaret's<br>For the deceased members of the Gonzales<br>Family<br>(Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31)   |
| Fri. — Mar. 17 | — 12:00 p.m.—Stations of the Cross/<br>St. Mary's in Pin Oak<br>— 5:30 p.m.—Stations of the Cross<br>— 6:00 p.m.—Mass/St. Margaret's (Bilingual)<br>†Butch Perez<br>— 6:30 p.m.—Estaciones de la Cruz<br>(Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;<br>Mt 21:33-43, 45-46) |
| Sat. — Mar. 18 | — Confessions—3:00 p.m.—4:15 p.m. at<br>St. Margaret's Catholic Church<br>— 4:30 p.m.—Mass<br>†Marie Muñiz<br>— 6:15 p.m. - Mass - St. Mary's - Pin Oak<br>†Victor and Marion Marciel  |
| Sun. — Mar. 19 | — 9:30 a.m.—Mass<br>For the People of St. Margaret's and<br>St. Mary's in Pin Oak<br>— 11:30 a.m.—Misa<br>†Florentino Orocio   |

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday, March 12, 2017**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS B-B-Q  
AND BAKE SALE**  
Time: After the 9:30 a.m. Mass  
Place: Knights of Columbus Hall

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Knights of Columbus will be having a bake sale on this day at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The proceeds will be earmarked for The Knights of Columbus. Chicken, Sausage, Noodles, Beans and BBQ Sauce! All items are sold individually. If you would like to order and you are not on any call/reserve list, please contact Robert Sebesta at (512) 253-6159. All orders are to be picked up no later than 11:30 a.m. After that, all food will be sold on a first come/first serve basis.

**Domingo, 12 de marzo de 2017**



**JUNTA DE LA SOCIEDAD GUADALUPANA**

Hora: Después de la misa de las 11:30 a.m.  
Lugar: La Parroquia de la Iglesia

No falte por favor. Para más información, llame a Laura Orocio 979-716-4121; Nina Orocio 979-540-0238 o al 979-542-7050

Sunday, March 12, 2017



**GOD SQUAD MEETING**  
When: Sunday, March 12, 2017  
Where: Parish Hall  
Time: 1:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.  
If you have any questions, please call  
Jessica Castro 979-716-9343.

**SPRING BREAK VACATION**

There will be **NO CCD AND NO CONFIRMATION CLASSES** on March 13-17, 2017. Classes return to regular schedule on March 22, 2017. Have a safe and fun vacation!!

Tuesday, March 14, 2017



There will be a RCIA meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 in the Parish Hall from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 16, 2017

Day of Reflection for **LECTORS** in the Church  
6:00 p.m. — English  
7:00 p.m. — Spanish

Tuesday, March 21, 2017



There will be a RCIA meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 in the Parish Hall from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



**GUADALUPANA SOCIETY**

**Hungry for Fish? Do not have time to cook? No problem...**

The **Guadalupana Society** will be hosting a Lenten Fry Fish meal every Friday during the Lenten Season beginning March 1, 2017, in the Parish Hall. Serving will commence at 5:00 p.m. The cost of the fried fish is \$10.00/plate. It will consist of: fish, fries, hushpuppies, coleslaw, and tea. So, come and fulfill your Friday church obligation and at the same time enjoy a delicious meal that will be prepared for you and your family. Come hungry!

*Thank You!*

*¡GRACIAS!*

*Many thanks to Fr. Fabian Castro and Bruno Moreno for giving us permission to share their materials on "Why do we light candles"*

— Fr. Uche Andeh

**TRUE FRIENDSHIPS**

A true friend can hear a tear drop. — Anonymous

**BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday by 12:00 p.m.**

**Please note the following: If you have any announcement for the bulletin, please submit it to the Parish Office two weeks prior to the event you are announcing.**

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

**ATTENTION 2017 SENIORS**

Please stop by the Parish Office and pick up the following Scholarship Applications.

- The Altar Society Scholarship/due on March 31, 2017
- The Knights of Columbus Scholarship/due on April 5, 2017
- The Guadalupana Society Scholarship/due on March 18, 2017
- The Matthew 6:2-4 Scholarship/due on April 1, 2017

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent;  
Daylight Saving Time begins;  
Girl Scouting Sunday  
Friday: St. Patrick; Abstinence  
Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem



**SORE SHINS**

Don't break your shin on a stool that is not in your way.  
— Irish Proverb

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Liturgical training for various ministries. Please note the following dates:

|          |          |                    |   |
|----------|----------|--------------------|---|
| Saturday | March 11 | 9 a.m.–<br>12 noon | Altar Servers   |
| Thursday | March 16 |                    | Lectors:<br>6:00 p.m. English<br>7:00 p.m. Spanish              |
| Thursday | March 23 |                    | EMHC<br>6:00 p.m. English<br>7:00 p.m. Spanish                  |
| Thursday | April 20 |                    | Ushers<br>6:00 p.m. English<br>7:00 p.m. Spanish                |
| Thursday | April 27 |                    | Music Ministers/Choir<br>6:00 p.m. English<br>7:00 p.m. Spanish |

**St. Vincent de Paul "Invitation to Serve"**



Are you naturally caring, compassionate and giving person?  
Were you blessed with parents and other role models in life from whom you learned that the joy of living is giving?

The vocation of the society's members, who are called Vincentians, is to follow Christ through service to those in need and so bear witness to His compassionate and liberating love. Members show their commitment through person-to-person contact. Vincentians serve in hope.

If you answered, "YES" to either of the above, questions look for an **Invitation to Serve** from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul next weekend.

## THE JOURNEY OF TRANSFIGURATION

"We used to be such good friends. How is it that you've moved so far away?" one man asked another. "Perhaps," the other replied, "you have moved away. By standing still." This exchange very well could have happened between Peter and Jesus, had Peter been allowed to erect tents to stay on the mount of the Transfiguration. He nearly succumbed to the temptation to stay in a place of wonder and light. But Jesus knew the hard truth: we are on a continual journey when we are walking the paths of God's will. It is not good for us to stay in one place on our faith journey. Equally unhealthy is staying put in times of joy and wonder to avoid life's difficulties, or to wallow in our trials and temptations and fail to be companions for our sisters and brothers who are also suffering--or celebrating! The pilgrim Church is required to do one thing on its Lenten journey: to walk continually with Christ as his Body born of water and the Spirit, seeking God's will, helping the reign of God to be known on earth, being led to the end of our journey, transfigured for all time into the company of heaven.

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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Blessed Sacrament was not reserved in church buildings in the first centuries of the church. In those early years, of course, people met in borrowed "house churches," gathering on the Lord's Day for community, apostolic teaching, the breaking of the bread, and the prayers, as Acts of the Apostles tells us. Dispersed, people went their way into the workaday world until the next assembly. Weighing down their hearts was the absence of brothers and sisters, not only the sick, but those imprisoned for the faith. No wonder they developed a way of extending the food of the Holy Table to them. Forty years ago, every altar boy in training heard about Saint Tarcisus. He was a twelve-year-old boy at the time of intense persecution in fourth-century Rome. His community had begun to convey the consecrated bread from their Eucharist to those condemned to death or awaiting trial. Normally deacons did this, but on one occasion, it was necessary to send the boy to bear the holy mysteries to the prison. The legend says that he was an athlete, and was detained on the way by some playmates who wanted him to join in their game. When he refused, they demanded to know what he was carrying. The situation went from bad to worse, and he was badly beaten and died of his injuries. A hundred years later, a pope called him a second St. Stephen. In the nineteenth century, Cardinal Nicholas Wiseman of England wrote a novel in which he expanded the story and popularized it. By then, no one seemed to notice that this twelve-year-old was actually touching and ministering the Eucharist, unthinkable until recently. Scholars say the story rings true: the first reason for setting some Eucharistic bread aside was not adoration, but Communion of the sick.

--Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



## WHY BE CATHOLIC?

Perhaps someone has asked you that question. Perhaps you've asked it of yourself.

It seems as though the media is filled with stories that show the Church in a bad light. Daily we are faced with the reality that the Church includes sinners as well as saints. Still, every year tens of thousands of people choose to enter the Catholic Church and millions more choose to stay, striving to live the Good News of Jesus with faithfulness and courage. The Church and its two-thousand-year heritage continues to have universal appeal, drawing people from every country in the world. So if someone asks you, "Why be Catholic?" here are some of the compelling answers you can give with confidence.

**"The best reason to be Catholic is because the Church leads us to Christ!** Jesus himself founded the Church (Matthew 16:13-20) and gave the Church its mission (Matthew 28:16-20). He sent his Spirit to remain with the Church and guides its teaching and preaching (Acts 2:1-11). The Church is where we meet Jesus, discover his love for us, and learn to love him. Ultimately, the Church will lead us to eternal life with Jesus and with the Father who created and redeemed us in love."

**"Catholics are strengthened in their faith and in their relationship with God through the sacraments.** — In Baptism, we are united with Christ and become part of the Church. In Confirmation, we receive a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In the Eucharist, we receive the very Body and Blood of Christ in the form of bread and wine. In Penance, God forgives our sins and strengthens us to live more faithfully. Anointing of the Sick offers strength and healing, if it is God's will, to those suffering serious illness, helping them to unite their sufferings to those of Christ. Holy Orders conforms those called by God to Christ as priest, allowing them to serve the Church and offer sacrifices to God on behalf of the people. Marriage unites a man and woman in the indissoluble covenant of love that images the love between Christ and his Church. Through the sacraments, we encounter Christ who saves us and offers us eternal life with God."

**"The Catholic Church is universal** — In fact, the word "catholic" means universal. Throughout its history, the Church has spread to every corner of the world. The Church has embraced the cultures it has encountered, incorporating the best elements of each into its own practice. Yet, despite cultural differences, the Church's worship and beliefs remain the same. Even if the language is unfamiliar, the celebration of Mass is universal and invites our participation. Through the world, a Catholic will always be at home in the Church."

**"The Creed teaches that the Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic** — Thus, the Church's first attribute is the *unity*. Under the leadership of the Pope, the successor of Saint Peter, and bishops in union with him, the Church holds to one faith, expressed in all languages and cultures. Despite its diversity, the Church is not divided into a multitude of denominations and sects. Rather, throughout the world, the Church is united in its acceptance of divine revelation, expressed in Scripture and Tradition.

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Bulletin. These pages need to  
Be printed too.**

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