



St. Cyril of Alexandria

CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

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SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2024 / DOMINGO, 7 DE JULIO DE 2024

MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISAS

SATURDAY / SÁBADO

English | 4:00 pm

SUNDAY / DOMINGO

English | 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Español | 1:00pm y 6:00 pm

WEEKDAY / ENTRE SEMANA

English | 12:00 pm

Monday, Wednesday / Lunes y Miércoles

Español | 6:00 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday / Martes y Miércoles

CONFESSION / CONFESIÓN

Tues. / Martes | 5:00-5:45pm (Bilingual)

Wed. / Miér | 5:00-5:45pm (Bilingual)

Mon. & Wed. | 11:00—11:30am (English Only)

OFFICE HOURS / HORARIO DE OFICINA

MON - WED

THURSDAY

LUNES - MIÉR

JUEVES

8:30am - 6:00pm

8:30am - 3:00pm

MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS

MINISTERIOS Y PROGRAMAS

SAT - THURS / SABADO A JUEVES

CHAPEL HOURS / HORARIO DE CAPILLA

MON - WED / LUNES - MIÉRCOLES

10:00am - 7:00pm

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UNCIÓN PARA LOS ENFERMOS

ENGLISH AND SPANISH

INGLÉS Y ESPAÑOL

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Favor de llamar a la Oficina



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" - Mk 6:2

Cuando llegó el sábado, se puso a enseñar en la sinagoga, y la multitud que lo escuchaba se preguntaba con asombro: "¿Dónde aprendió este hombre tantas cosas? ¿De dónde le viene esa sabiduría y ese poder para hacer milagros?" - Mc 6, 2

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GLPI

Rev. Christopher Shackelford, Pastor

Rev. Steve Sellers, Assistant to the Pastor

Transforming Cultural Catholics Into Intentional Disciples

Transformando Católicos por Tradición

en Discípulos con Intención



Sunday Masses will be streamed Live on Facebook
Misas los domingos se transmitirán en vivo en nuestra
página de Facebook. www.facebook.com/stcyrilhouston

2 WORSHIP TOGETHER / JUNTOS ADOREMOS

MASS INTENTIONS

INTENCIONES DE MISAS

SAT. / SÁB. JULY 6

4:00 pm † Tomas Reyna

SUN. / DOM. JULY 7

9:00 am † Dolores & Joe Vallot
† Jacob Heinlein
† Mark Reilly, Jr.
† Jim McDonald

11:00 am † Phyllis Anzalone
† Ugo Ekwemalor

1:00 pm † Irama Elena Cordova

6:00 pm For All / Para Todos

MON. / LUNES JULY 8

12:00 pm For All / Para Todos

TUE. / MARTES JULY 9

6:00 pm For All / Para Todos

WED. / MIÉR. JULY 10

12:00 pm For All / Para Todos

6:00 pm For All / Para Todos

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

The Lord encourages Ezekiel to be courageous in his role as a prophet, regardless of the response of the Israelites. Can you think of a time when you had to be courageous in facing uncertainty?

Second Reading:

Paul learned a “thorn in his flesh” that was given to him to teach him that God’s grace alone should be sufficient for his ministry. What are some obstacles in your life you have had to overcome?

Gospel:

We hear how the villagers of Nazareth were “offended” by Jesus and lacked faith in him. How do you support family or friends who have been hurt by others?

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PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

Primera Lectura:

El Señor anima a Ezequiel a ser valiente en su papel de profeta, independientemente de la respuesta de los israelitas. ¿Puedes pensar en algún momento en el que tuviste que ser valiente para enfrentar la incertidumbre?

Segunda Lectura:

Pablo aprendió un “aguijón en su carne” que le fue dado para enseñarle que sólo la gracia de Dios debería ser suficiente para su ministerio. ¿Cuáles son algunos de los obstáculos en tu vida que has tenido que superar?

Evangelio:

Escuchamos cómo los aldeanos de Nazaret se sintieron “ofendidos” por Jesús y carecieron de fe en él. ¿Cómo apoyas a familiares o amigos que han sido heridos por otros?

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Readings for the Week (Las Lecturas de la Semana)

SUNDAY/DOMINGO

Ez (Ez) 2:2-5 / Ps (Sal) 123:1-2, 2,
3-4 (2cd) / 2 Cor (2 Cor) 12:7-10 /
Mk (Mc) 6:1-6a

MONDAY/LUNES

Hos (Os) 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22 /
Ps (Sal) 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 /
Mt (Mt) 9:18-26

TUESDAY/MARTES

Hos (Os) 8:4-7, 11-13 / Ps (Sal) 115:3-4,
5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 / Mt (Mt) 9:32-38

WEDNESDAY/MIÉRCOLES

Hos (Os) 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 /
Ps (Sal) 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 /
Mt (Mt) 10:1-7

THURSDAY/JUEVES

Hos (Os) 11:1-4, 8e-9 / Ps (Sal) 80:2ac
and 3b, 15-16 / Mt (Mt) 10:7-15

FRIDAY/VIERNES

Hos (Os) 14:2-10 / Ps (Sal) 51:3-4, 8-9,
12-13, 14 and 17 / Mt (Mt) 10:16-23

SATURDAY/SÁBADO

Is (Is) 6:1-8 / Ps (Sal) 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 /
Mt (Mt) 10:24-33

SUNDAY/DOMINGO

Am (Am) 7:12-15 / Ps (Sal) 85:9-10,
11-12, 13-14 (8) / Eph (Ef) 1:3-14 or
1:3-10 / Mk (Mc) 6:7-13

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Intentional Disciples - Icons of God

That we generously use our God-given gifts to do the work God has placed us here on earth to do.

God has a plan for each of us. He calls us to do something for Him. But, He doesn't leave us on our own to figure it out. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. Are you listening for God's call? When you hear it, do you get on your feet and do the work He asks of you? Do not be afraid. God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called. Answer His call.

Register for Online Giving at: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/TX256>,
 OR use the "Text-to-Give" instructions from your cell phone.

Discípulos Intencionales - Iconos de Dios

Que utilicemos generosamente los dones que Dios nos ha dado para hacer el trabajo para el que nos ha puesto en la tierra.

Dios tiene un plan para cada uno de nosotros. Nos llama a hacer algo por Él. Sin embargo, no nos deja de nuestra cuenta para resolverlo. Él nos da los recursos que necesitamos para hacer Su obra. ¿Estás escuchando el llamado de Dios? Cuando lo escuchas, ¿te levantas y vas a hacer el trabajo que Él te ha pedido? No tengas miedo, Dios no llama a los que están equipados, Él equipa a los que llama. Responde a su llamado.

Para hacer tus donaciones regístrate en línea:
<https://membership.faithdirect.net/TX256>
 O sigue las instrucciones que damos a la derecha para
 "Donación por Texto" desde tu teléfono celular.

Faith Direct Makes Electronic Giving Easy! "Text-to-Give"

1. **Text a dollar amount to (832)753-5887.**
2. You'll receive a Text Back to help you complete your gift with your credit/debit card.

For more information, call toll free 1-866-507-8757

Donación Electrónica por Texto con Faith Direct!

1. **Envíe un mensaje de texto con la cantidad que desea donar al (832) 753-5887.**
2. Recibirá un mensaje por texto para ayudarlo a finalizar su trámite de donación.

Para mas información:
 1-866-507-8757 (gratis)

Diocesan Services Fund (DSF)

We are \$8,000 behind where we were at this time last year.

The Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) is the annual collection to fund over 60 ministries in our archdiocese that no one single parish could ever possibly support on its own.

If **every family** would make a pledge of just a dollar a day we can make our goal.
 Scan the QR-Code , or use this link for your online contribution: <https://dsf.archgh.org/>

YOU make these ministries possible. This year:

- **75% of every dollar** by which your parish exceeds its allotted DSF goal will be returned directly to our parish community;
- **50%** of every gift made by a first-time giver to DSF will be returned directly to our parish community.



DSF / FSD 2024	Parish Goal Meta Parroquial	Amount Paid Cantidad Pagada	Amount Needed Todavía Necesitado
5/23/2024	\$ 129,100	\$ 55,939	\$ 73,161

Fondo de Servicios Diocesanos (FSD)

Estamos \$8,000 por detrás de donde estábamos en este momento el año pasado.

El Fondo de Servicios Diocesanos (DSF) es la colecta anual para financiar más de 60 ministerios en nuestra arquidiócesis que ninguna parroquia podría apoyar por sí sola.

Si **cada familia** contribuimos con \$1.00 al día a través del año, llegaríamos a cumplir con nuestra meta.

Escanee el código QR o utilice este enlace para su contribución en línea: <https://dar.archgh.org/>

TÚ haces posible estos ministerios. Este año:

- **El 75% de cada dólar** por el cual su parroquia exceda su meta asignada de DSF será devuelto directamente a su comunidad parroquial;
- **El 50%** de cada donación hecha por un donante por primera-vez a DSF será devuelto directamente a su comunidad parroquial.





MS. BEA GREEN ☆



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713-554-1553



QUINCEAÑOS



La celebración en San Cirilo de Alejandria de Acción de Gracias o Quince Años, tiene como motivo principal que la Quinceañera entienda y renueve su compromiso Bautismal.

Para la inscripción comunicarse con la coordinadora, Beatriz Green, para una entrevista al 713 554 1553 o bgreen@stcyrilhouston.org



Infant Baptisms 2024

Next Registration / Proximo Inscripciones

Monday / mañana, lunes
July 8/ 8 de julio

Registrations are held once a month on a Monday from 1pm to 2pm. The registration day corresponds to the celebration of the Sacrament that will occur during the following month.

Las inscripciones se realizan una vez al mes
los lunes de 10 am a 12 pm.
El día de inscripción corresponde a la celebración del
Sacramento que tendrá lugar el mes siguiente.



2024 - 2025
REGISTRATION



Faith Formation Classes
Grades: Kinder - 12



Early Bird

\$85 per student

Register Online



All students need to
be registered.
whether this is your
first or fifth year!!

**Forms
also
available
in the office**



Aug 1

Regular Price of
\$100 per child begins

6 MINISTRY NEWS / NOTICIAS DEL MINISTERIO



Nursing Home and Homebound Ministry

We have wonderful teams at 4 of our Nursing Homes, 2 weeks each month. But we need additional teams to expand to 4 weeks a month. Also, we have one more facility to serve.

We need your help!

For Information please contact:
Aida Silva: 713-554-1563
Email: asilva@stcyrilhouston.org

For Your Marriage

Whether you are preparing for Marriage or are already married, have you checked out the resources available to you on our website:

<https://stcyrilhouston.org/marriage>

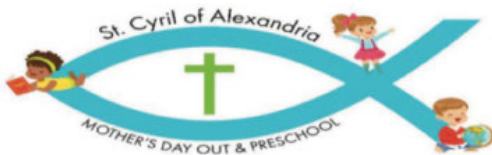
For information on Marriage at St. Cyril
Contact: Aida Silva
Office: 713-554-1563
Email: asilva@stcyrilhouston.org

FLOCKNOTE



Keep in touch
with us via
email & text

Text CYRIL to 84576



REGISTRATION

St. Cyril Mother's Day Out & Preschool (MDO) is registering for fall 2024.

Our program is a great way for children to learn in a small, safe, affordable and FUN environment!

Ages 15 months (if walking) - 5 years.
Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 - 2:00.
Extended hours are available.

For information, or to schedule a tour,
Please call Meegan at 713-554-1551
Email: mndo@stcyrilhouston.org

You can also check us out on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/stcyrilmothersdayout/>



St. Cyril English Bereavement Group

July 20 in Room 119 — 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm

The Women of St Cyril Bereavement Group provides support and fellowship to those experiencing grief thru the loss of a loved one—whether the loss is recent or in the past.

Sometimes, sharing memories of our loved ones with others really helps. Come visit with us. We are here for you and we are praying for you.

If you would like more information, Please Call:
Dini Paul at: 713-835-2009 or Kathy Davidson at: 281-841-1229

"I plead with you! Never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid." Pope St. John Paul II



Women of St. Cyril Group

Saturday - July 20 in Room 121 — 1:00 pm

All Ladies are welcomed to come and pray, learn, and spend time with other parishioners **and** share a pot luck late lunch!!!

What's Better than a Fantastic Group of Women? A Fantastic Group of Women with YOU in the Group! Join Us July 20.



For more information?
Please Call:
Dini Paul: 713-835-2009
or
Kathy Davidson: 281-841-1229



Parish Blood Drive - August 11

Donation Hours: 10:30 am to 3:00 pm

There is no substitute for blood - YOUR donation saves lives.

Parish Blood Drive is coordinated by our Knights of Columbus, Council 8024

For information or a scheduled appointment:

Canute J. Chiverton: 832-875-1368
Email cchiverton@comcast.net

Or Visit: www.giveblood.org

Call or Scan the Code to Schedule your Appointment?



PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY

Do you enjoy working with children?

St. Cyril Mother's Day Out & Preschool has an opening beginning in late August for a head teacher for children ages 15 to 22 months. Applicants must be able to speak English. Bilingual is a plus, but not required.

If you are interested, please call Meegan in the MDO office:
Phone: 713-554-1551 or email mndo@stcyrilhouston.org



Monday Nights with Fr. Mario

7:00 pm — 8:30 pm on Zoom — Open to All Adults

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING WITH FR. MARIO ARROYO

CURRENT PROGRAM:

Lectio: The Case for Jesus

Videos on FORMED from Dr. Brant Pitre

Join us as Dr. Brant Pitre presents evidence from both early Christian & non-Christian writings attesting to the authenticity, authorship, & dating of the Gospels, and as he gives an in-depth look at the Gospel accounts of Jesus's Crucifixion, Resurrection, & the proclamation of Christ's divinity.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6637340367>

Using the Zoom App? Join with Meeting ID: 663 734 0367



Thursday Night with Fr. Mario

Open to all Adults 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm on ZOOM

THE WORD AMONG US

Join Fr. Mario each week to explore next Sunday Mass readings with DVD presentation by Dr. Brant Pitre!

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6637340367>

Using the Zoom App? Join with Meeting ID: 663 734 0367



On A Summer Break

Sunday Morning Bible Study and Tuesday Night With Fr. Steve Sellers

Our In Person Bible Studies on Sunday Morning and Tuesday Night are on Summer Break. We are taking a few weeks off to plan our schedules and programs for the Fall of 2024.

We hope to see you in September.

Questions? Contact John Wincelowicz

Email: jwincelowicz@stcyrilhouston.org or **Call: 713-554-1559**



Enjoy FORMED this Summer!

Each year St. Cyril of Alexandria renews our parish subscription to FORMED so that you can have free access to the best Catholic media at your fingertips - year around!

Diving into the beauty of our Faith has never been easier. Many of the programs we use and recommend to grow our Catholic Faith are on FORMED. Discover thousands of books, audio talks, movies, studies and documentaries. Programs for adults, teens and children.

Scan the QR-Code to create your own personal account, and you can watch on many phones, tables, computers, as well as with Apple TV, Roku, Fire TV and Chromecast.

Create your own personal account - No Parish Code

Just Enter Parish: "St. Cyril of Alexandria"



Have you Registered in our Parish?

Registration is about more than just signing up & receiving a set of contribution envelopes. Our website has several articles on "Why Register".

Scan the QR-Code to learn more or to register online



Preparation for the Sacraments: Adult Baptism (OCIA) and Confirmation

A New Program will begin August 20.
Tuesday Nights in Room 219
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

OCIA: If you are interested in becoming Catholic you are in the right place. If you have never been baptized, or were baptized in another Christian tradition the OCIA Process is here for you!

Confirmation: If you are an Adult Catholic and have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, we are here for you!

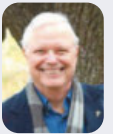


*Scan QR Code
for
Adult Sacraments*

For information on Adult Programs Contact:

John Wincelowicz
at: 713-554-1559

jwincelowicz@stcyrilhouston.org



Doorway to Silence

Tuesdays in Room 119
9:30 am– 11:00 am

Doorway to Silence meets on Tuesday Mornings.

If you desire a personal understanding of scripture and how the Lord speaks to your heart through his Word, join us.

Questions? Please contact:

Maria Garza at: 832-752-9542



St. Cyril's Savvy Seniors

First & Third Tuesdays of the Month

Next Meeting: July 16
11:00 am in Room 121

If you're 55 years or older, join our Savvy Seniors.

Come and gather with other men and women, 55 years and older, who share fun, fellowship, and spirituality -

and play dominoes!

8 MINISTERIOS EN ESPAÑOL—PARA ADULTOS

XIV RETIRO DE MUJERES

FICHA DE INSCRIPCIÓN

Nombre completo: _____
Correo Electrónico: _____
Dirección: _____
Celular- telefono: _____
Contacto de emergencia: _____
Teléfono: _____
Forma de pago: MC _____ VISA _____ CHEQUE _____ EFECTIVO _____
Depósito. Si _____. No _____



Información

Juanita Hernandez 832-283-0493



Inscripción



Pago

Se requiere un depósito de \$50.00 no reembolsables. Cualquier cancelación debe hacerse diez días antes del retiro para recibir su reembolso (menos el depósito)

"EL QUE PROCEDE HONRADAMENTE Y OBRA CON JUSTICIA ESE SERÁ AGRADABLE A LOS OJOS DE DIOS ETERNAMENTE"

SALMO 14: 2-4



CURSO DE FORMACIÓN APOLOGETICA COMO DAR RAZONES DE NUESTRA FE

Para quienes tengan dudas de su fe, y quieran saber más de la enseñanza de Jesucristo y de su Iglesia. A quienes que, por no conocer bien su fe se han ido de la Iglesia sin conocerla. Ven, instrúyete, conoce, aprende, comparte.

Te esperamos no faltes.

Esten siempre dispuestos a dar respuesta a quien les pida cuenta de su esperanza.

1 Pedro 3: 15

Cuando empezaremos: 31 de Julio del 2024

Lugar: Parroquia de San Cirilo de Alejandria.

Dirección: 10503 Westheimer Rd, Houston Tx 77042

Salones 210, 208, 206 segundo piso. Horario: 6:45 a 9:00 pm

Impartido por Hnos. Carlos y Sandra Orrego y equipo.

Para mas informacion puedes llamar:

Sandra Orrego (832) 382-0267

Lorena Ramirez 713-423-9270

Nombre:

Dirección

Correo electronico

Telf. de casa : () Celular ()

La Comunidad Católica de San Cirilo te invita a cuatro
Talleres de Desarrollo Humano

Junio 11, Julio 9, Agosto 13, Septiembre 10, 2024
7:00 pm * Salon #121 * 10503 Westheimer Rd. Houston, Texas 77402

Presentadora : Vilma Pardo, MA. LPC.
Consejera Profesional en práctica privada
por más de 22 años. Conferencista,
Facilitadora de Retiros, Consultora de
negocios, Creadora de programas de
desarrollo humano que promueven el
desarrollo integral de la persona para su
beneficio y el de la comunidad.



Audiencia: Mujeres adultas trabajando en su desarrollo integral: Mente, cuerpo y espíritu.

Inscripciones:
Llamar al 713-480-5920 o 832-638-3317
Contribución \$20 por sesión*

**Si usted necesita una beca o desea hacer una donación
para apoyar la participación de otras mujeres,
comuníquelo al momento de la inscripción.**

Gracias!



Organizado Por
Mujeres de San Cirilo



Lucelly Torres
Directora
Ministerio Hispano
San Cirilo de Alejandría

(281) 584-6524
LTORRES@STCYRILHOUSTON.ORG

10 PARISH LIFE / VIDA PARROQUIAL



**Welcome,
Fr. Christopher!**

**Bienvenido,
Pd. Christopher!**

My Dear St. Cyril Family:

What a Joy and Blessing it is for me to return to this Community as your Pastor. As most of you have heard, I served as Parroquial Vicar to Fr. Mario here at St. Cyril of Alexandria Parish from October 1998 until June 2002 when I was assigned to St. Jerome Parish. Before being assigned to Fr. Mario and this parish in 1998, I had previously collaborated with Fr. Mario and Sister Rosalie in Vocation Ministry between 1992 and 1994. I always enjoyed working with Fr. Mario in building the Kingdom of God, and I feel richly blessed to be assigned as Pastor here as Fr. Mario enjoys his well-earned Retirement.

I understand that most of you were not here during my earlier years serving in this parish, so let me say a few things about myself. I was born on August 22, 1964 to Donald and Catherine Shackelford and I grew up in Ennis, Texas. I am the third child of six children born to Donald and Catherine. My father entered his eternal rest in 1997, but I am blessed to still have my mom living among us. I have four sisters, one brother, eight Nephews and Nieces, and I am awaiting the birth of my fifth great nephew/niece. In my personal time, I enjoy reading, traveling, researching family genealogy and spending time with my family.

I graduated from Ennis High School before entering Holy Trinity Seminary in 1982. As a seminarian, I earned my B. A. in English Literature with a minor in Philosophy from the University of Dallas in 1986. I continued my seminary formation here in Houston at St. Mary's Seminary and received my Master of Divinity from the University of St. Thomas in 1991. I was ordained a priest on June 8, 1991. During these past 33 years of ordained ministry, I have served in a variety of parishes and ministry positions. I began serving as Pastor of St. Andrew Catholic Church in Channelview, Texas on October 1, 2003 where I have served until being named Pastor here at Cyril of Alexandria Parish.

This truly is a time of transition for all of us as Fr. Mario retires from his role as Pastor of this community for the past twenty six years. My previous parish of St. Andrew is in transition as I leave that community after almost twenty-one years as their Pastor. As Fr. Tom begins as Pastor of St. Andrew Parish, he leaves behind the parish of Community of St. Patrick where he served as pastor for the past ten years. Times of transitions often include a sense of grief, anxiety and sometimes even fear. As we all journey through this time of transition, I assure you of my prayers for each of you and your families. Let us all keep Fr. Mario in our prayers, and I ask you to be patient with me as I try to adapt to this parish community which has undergone many changes in these past twenty-five years.

It truly does feel like I have "come home" as I return to this wonderful community. I noticed that my name is still etched in the cement of the entrance to the Church Rectory from 1999. No Welcome Mat was needed for me to feel at home. I am looking forward to meeting everyone in this community as we continue to grow together as the Catholic Community of St. Cyril of Alexandria Parish.

Mi querida familia de San Cirilo:

Que Alegría y Bendición es para mí de regresar a esta Comunidad como su Pastor. Como la mayoría de ustedes habrán oído, fui Vicario Parroquial del P. Mario aquí en la Parroquia de San Cirilo de Alejandría desde octubre de 1998 hasta junio de 2002, cuando me asignaron a la Parroquia San Jerónimo. Antes de ser asignado al P. Mario y esta parroquia en 1998, anteriormente había colaborado con el P. Mario y la hermana Rosalie en la Pastoral Vocacional entre 1992 y 1994. Siempre disfruté trabajar con el P. Mario en la construcción del Reino de Dios, y me siento muy bendecido por ser asignado como Pastor aquí mientras el P. Mario disfruta de su merecido Retiro.

Entiendo que la mayoría de ustedes no estuvieron aquí durante mis primeros años de servicio en esta parroquia, así que permítanme decirles algunas cosas sobre mí. Nací el 22 de agosto de 1964, hijo de Donald y Catherine Shackelford y crecí en Ennis, Texas. Soy el tercer hijo de seis hijos de Donald y Catherine. Mi padre entró en su descanso eterno en 1997, pero tengo la suerte de tener todavía a mi madre viviendo entre nosotros. Tengo cuatro hermanas, un hermano, ocho sobrinos y sobrinas, y estoy esperando el nacimiento de mi quinto sobrino nieto. En mi tiempo personal, disfruto leer, viajar, investigar la genealogía familiar y pasar tiempo con mi familia.

Me gradué de Ennis High School antes de ingresar al Holy Trinity Seminary en 1982. Como seminarista, obtuve mi licenciatura en Literatura Inglesa con especialización en Filosofía de la Universidad de Dallas en 1986. Continué mi formación en el seminario aquí en Houston en St. Mary's Seminary y recibí mi Maestría en Divinidad de la Universidad de St. Thomas en 1991. Fui ordenado sacerdote el 8 de junio de 1991. Durante estos últimos 33 años de ministerio ordenado, he servido en una variedad de parroquias y puestos ministeriales. Comencé a servir como Pastor de la Iglesia Católica San Andrés en Channelview, Texas, el 1 de octubre de 2003, donde he servido hasta que fui nombrado Pastor aquí en la Parroquia San Cirilo de Alejandría.

Este es verdaderamente un momento de transición para todos nosotros como el P. Mario se retira de su rol como Pastor de esta comunidad durante los últimos veintiséis años. Mi parroquia anterior de San Andrés está en transición ya que dejó esa comunidad después de casi veintiún años como su pastor. El P. Tom comienza como párroco de la parroquia de San Andrés, así que deja atrás la parroquia de la Comunidad de San Patricio donde sirvió como párroco durante los últimos diez años. Los momentos de transición a menudo incluyen una sensación de pena, ansiedad y, a veces, incluso miedo. Mientras todos atravesamos este tiempo de transición, les aseguro mis oraciones por cada uno de ustedes y sus familias. Mantengamos todos al P. Mario en nuestras oraciones, y les pido que tengan paciencia conmigo mientras trato de adaptarme a esta comunidad parroquial que ha sufrido muchos cambios en estos últimos veinticinco años.

Realmente siento como si hubiera "vuelto a casa" al regresar a esta maravillosa comunidad. Me di cuenta de que mi nombre todavía está grabado en el cemento de la entrada de la Rectoría de la Iglesia desde 1999. No fue necesario ningún tapete de bienvenida para sentirme como en casa. Espero conocer a todos en esta comunidad mientras continuamos creciendo juntos como la Comunidad Católica de la Parroquia de San Cirilo de Alejandría.

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