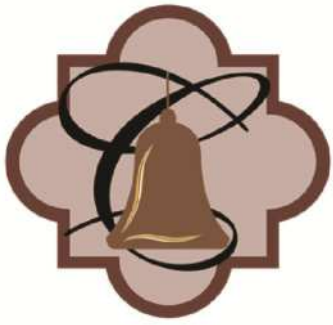




# St. Cyril of Alexandria

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025 / DOMINGO, 28 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2025**

### MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISAS

SATURDAY / SÁBADO

English | 4:00pm

SUNDAY / DOMINGO

English | 9:00am & 11:00am

Español | 1:00pm y 6:00pm

### WEEKDAY / ENTRE SEMANA

MONDAY - FRIDAY / LUNES A VIERNES

English | 12:00pm

TUESDAY & THURSDAY / MARTES Y JUEVES

Español | 6:00pm

### CONFESSION / CONFESIÓN

MONDAY / LUNES

English | 11:00am - 11:45am

TUESDAY / MARTES

English | 11:00am - 11:45am

Bilingual | 5:00pm - 5:45pm

WEDNESDAY / MIÉRCOLES

English | 11:00am - 11:45am

Bilingual | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

THURSDAY / JUEVES

Bilingual | 11:00am - 11:45am

Bilingual | 5:00pm - 5:45pm

FRIDAY / VIERNES

Bilingual | 11:00am - 11:45am

### OFFICE HOURS / HORARIO DE OFICINA

MON, TUES, THURS / LUNES, MARTES, JUEVES

9:00am - 12:00pm, 12:30pm - 5:00pm

WEDNESDAY / MIÉRCOLES

9:00am - 12:00pm, 12:30pm - 7:00pm

FRIDAY / VIERNES

9:00am - 12:00pm, 12:30pm - 2:00pm

### CHAPEL HOURS / HORARIO DE CAPILLA

MON - THURS / LUNES - JUEVES

9:00am - 7:00pm

FRIDAY / VIERNES

9:00am - 2:00pm

### ANointing OF THE SICK /

### UNCIÓN PARA LOS ENFERMOS

ENGLISH AND SPANISH / INGLÉS Y ESPAÑOL

Please call Office / Favor de llamar a la Oficina



## THE HOLY FAMILY

"Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt." - Mt 2:14

"José se levantó, tomó de noche al niño y a su madre, y se retiró a Egipto". - Mt 2,14

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**Rev. Christopher Shackelford, Pastor**  
**Rev. Steve Sellers, Retired Priest**

**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](http://www.facebook.com/stcyrilhouston)

# 2 WORSHIP TOGETHER / JUNTOS ADOREMOS

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK & THE INTENTIONS OF THE FAITHFUL / LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA Y INTENCIONES DE LOS FIELES

**SAT. / SÁB. DEC 27**  
4:00 pm Cristina Bracket

**SUN. / DOM. DEC 28**

*The Holy Family*

SIR (ECLO) 3:2-6, 12-14 / PS (SAL) 128:1-2, 3, 4-5  
(SEE 1) / COL 3:12-21 OR 3:12-17 /  
MT 2:13-15, 19-23

9:00 am † Colette Potier  
11:00 am Rigoberto Romero  
1:00 pm Intentions of the Faithful  
6:00 pm Lizbeth Perez

**MON. / LUNES DEC 29**

1 JN 2:3-11 / PS (SAL) 96:1-2A, 2B-3, 5B-6 /  
LK (LC) 2:22-35

12:00 pm † Souls in Purgatory

**TUE. / MARTES DEC 30**

*St. John of Kanty, Priest*

1 JN 2:12-17 / PS (SAL) 96:7-8A, 8B-9, 10 /  
LK (LC) 2:36-40

12:00 pm Fuentes Family Thanksgiving  
6:00 pm † Eddy y Anibal Jose Batres

**WED. / MIÉR. DEC 31**

*St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve*

1 JN 2:18-21 / PS (SAL) 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 / JN 1:1-18

12:00 pm † Jose Martin Torres  
6:00 pm Fr. Christopher & Family

**THURS. / JUEVES JAN 1**

*Mary, The Holy Mother of God,  
New Year's Day*

NM 6:22-27 / PS (SAL) 67:2-3, 5, 6 AND 8 /  
GAL 4:4-7 / LK (LC) 2:16-21

12:00 pm † Marguerite Irene Menuau

**FRI. / VIERNES JAN 2**

*Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen*

1 JN 2:22-28 / PS (SAL) 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4 /  
JN 1:19-28

12:00 pm † Raymond & Marie Menuau

**SAT. / SÁB. JAN 3**

*The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

1 JN 2:29-3:6 / PS (SAL) 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6 /  
JN 1:29-34

9:00 am † Nancy Bogg

**SUN. / DOM. JAN 4**

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

IS 60:1-6 / PS (SAL) 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 /  
EPH (EF) 3:2-3A, 5-6 / MT 2:1-12



For you, LORD, give light to my lamp;  
my God brightens my darkness. -Psalm 18:29

Tú eres mi lámpara, Señor; Dios mío,  
tú iluminas mis tinieblas. -Salmo 18:29

This week, the Sanctuary Lamp burns in honor of:  
Esta semana, la Lámpara del Santuario arde en honor de:

**Romel & Shiela Morales**

Would you like to sponsor a candle for the Sanctuary Lamp?  
Contact the Parish Office at 713-789-1250

¿Te gustaría patrocinar una vela para la Lámpara del Santuario?  
Comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial al 713-789-1250

## MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - NOVEMBER 2025 INFORME FINANCIERO MENSUAL - NOVIEMBRE 2025

Parish Total Income / Total de Ingresos de la Parroquia:  
**\$ 204,048.62**

Parish Total Expense / Total de Gastos de la Parroquia:  
**\$ 171,663.13**

Income / Ingresos - Expense / Gastos : **\$32,385.49**



Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
the Mother of God  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Solemnidad de la Santísima Virgen  
María, Madre de Dios  
(Día de Precepto)

Wed., December 31 / miér., 31 de diciembre  
6 pm (Bilingual)

Office & Community Building Schedule /  
Horario de Oficina y Edificio Comunitario  
9 am - 5 pm

Thurs., January 1 / jueves, 1 de enero  
12 pm (Bilingual / Bilingüe)

Confessions (Bilingual / Bilingüe) at 11am

Office & Community Building Schedule: Closed /  
Horario de Oficina y Edificio Comunitario: Cerrado

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## **Thank You! Diocesan Services Fund (DSF-2025) - Deadline: December 31**

Final Results will not be known until mid-January, BUT we are confident we made our parish goal due to your generosity. All final contributions to DSF must go directly to the DSF Office by mail, postmarked by Dec. 31, or made online using the link, or QR-Code, below.

**Don't Forget!** 75% of every dollar by which our parish exceeds our goal will be returned directly to St. Cyril

Scan the QR-Code or use this link for your online contribution: <https://dsf.archgh.org/>

Select: "St. Cyril of Alexandria" as the "Parish/Fund to credit with my gift"

Make **Checks** out to: DSF and put "St. Cyril of Alexandria" in the Memo/Note Field: mail to:  
**Diocesan Services Fund**  
 P.O. Box 4681  
 Houston, Texas 77210

Contributions must be dated no later than Dec. 31, and must be **RECEIVED** downtown no later than Jan. 6, 2026  
 For questions regarding your Diocesan Services Fund donation:  
**Call: 713-652-4444**

SCAN HERE TO MAKE A GIFT



| DSF / FSD 2025 | GOAL - META | Received - Recibido | Over Goal - Superamos nuestra meta |
|----------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| 12/19/2025     | \$ 129,100  | \$ 130,191          | \$ 1,091                           |

## **¡Gracias! Fondo de Servicios Diocesanos (FSD-2025) - Plazo: 31 de diciembre**

Los resultados finales no se conocerán hasta mediados de enero; SIN EMBARGO, estamos seguros de que hemos alcanzado nuestra meta parroquial gracias a su generosidad. Las contribuciones finales al DSF deberán enviarse directamente por correo postal, con matasellos a más tardar el 31 de diciembre, o bien realizarse en línea mediante el enlace o el código QR que se indica a continuación.

**¡Recuerde!** El 75% de cada dólar que supere nuestra meta regresará directamente a nuestra parroquia para seguir fortaleciendo nuestra misión.

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

Seleccionar: "St. Cyril of Alexandria" como "Parroquia / Fondo para acreditar mi donación" (Parish/Fund to credit with my gift)

Haga **cheques** a nombre de: DSF y ponga "St. Cyril of Alexandria" en el campo Memo/Nota: enviar por correo a:  
**Diocesan Services Fund**  
 P.O. Box 4681  
 Houston, Texas 77210

Las contribuciones deben tener una fecha no posterior al 31 de diciembre y deben **RECIBIRSE** en el centro de la ciudad a más tardar el 6 de enero de 2026.  
 Si tiene preguntas sobre su donación al Fondo de Servicios Diocesanos:  
**Llamar: 713-652-4444**

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by Ministry Brands



Scan to  
Sign-In or  
Give a One-  
Time  
Donation

Escanee para iniciar  
sesión o hacer una  
donación única



## **TEXT TO GIVE / DONAR POR TEXTO**

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

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 tramite de donación.

Register for Online Giving at: / Regístrese para donar en línea en:

**<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/FD-256>**

For more information or if you need assistance, call toll free: /  
 Para obtener más información o si necesita ayuda, llame gratis:

**1-877-316-0260**

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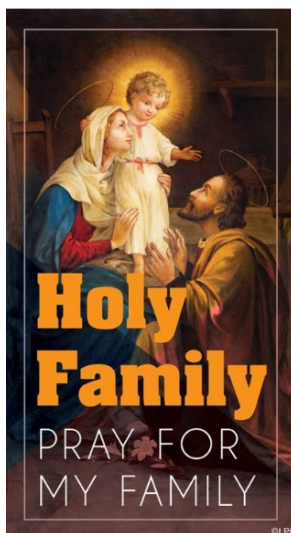
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DSF Coordinator



**Sagrada Familia,**  
Ruega por  
mi familia.

### FAMILY BLESSING

May God bless, protect, unite, mend, and renew our family.

Help us to be instruments of healing and holiness, breaking generational curses, rewriting scripts, overcoming tribulation, joining in gratitude, and growing in joy ... together.  
Amen.

### BENDICIÓN FAMILIAR

Que Dios bendiga, proteja, una, repare y renueve a nuestra familia. Ayúdanos a ser instrumentos de sanación y santidad, rompiendo maldiciones generacionales, reescribiendo guiones, superando tribulaciones, uniéndonos en gratitud y creciendo en alegría...  
Amén.

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*First Friday*  
**ADORATION**

*Primer Viernes*  
**ADORACION**



January 2, 2026  
2 de enero, 2026



7pm - 9pm



*First Saturday*  
**MASS** (Bilingual)

*Primer Sábado*  
**MISA** (Bilingüe)



January 3, 2026  
3 de julio, 2025



9am



# CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRY 5

**MS. BEA GREEN**  
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
KINDER - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

FAITH FORMATION  
INFANT BAPTISMS

SACRAMENTS  
QUINCEAÑERAS

713-554-1553  
BGREEN@STCYRILHOUSTON.ORG



**WINTER BREAK**

There will not  
be class on  
**December 28**

No habrá clases  
el 28 de  
diciembre.



## CONFIRMATION For Teens

Class Schedule:

Saturday, Jan 3 - 10a-2p  
Saturday, Jan 10 - 10a-2p  
Saturday, Jan 17 - 10a-2p  
Saturday, Jan 24 - 10a-2p

Bring a  
sack lunch  
each week.



Retreat Weekend:

Friday, Jan 30 - Sunday, Feb 1

Confirmation Celebration:

Thursday, Feb 12



**BRÁVE**  
THE WILDERNESS

**EXPEDITION**

**JR. HIGH**  
June 3-6

**HIGH SCHOOL**  
June 29 - July 3



CURRENT  
6 & 7 GRADERS



CURRENT  
8-12 GRADERS

**SCAN TO REGISTER**

## JR. HIGH YOUTH RALLY

FEBRUARY 28, 2026

10:00 AM - 9:00 PM

ST. SIMON AND JUDE, THE WOODLANDS



ENGAGING TALKS | SERVICE PROJECTS  
MASS | PRAYERS | GAMES & INFLATABLES

**Registration Open Soon!**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025 / DOMINGO, 28 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2025

## Faithful Disciples are Called to Serve!

### YOU Can Make a Difference!

In First Corinthians 12:7, St. Paul speaks of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. **"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."**

We are all called. Liturgical Ministries offer unique ways to participate and share in the spiritual life of the community. They are not just roles to be filled, but opportunities to grow in faith and to serve God and others.

## A/V Ministry: Church Screens & Livestream

A/V Ministers are the Faithful Disciples who operate the Church Screens & make sure those who cannot attend Mass can watch from home. We will train you and team you up with one of our long-time members. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated. If you are interested, contact:

John Wincelowicz at: 713-554-1559 or [jwincelowicz@stcyrilhouston.org](mailto:jwincelowicz@stcyrilhouston.org)

## Ministry of Hospitality and Ushers

Help us expand our Hospitality Ministry here at St. Cyril of Alexandria Parish. We're looking for more Faithful Disciples who are friendly, attentive, respectful, and welcoming. We want to create a welcoming environment as people arrive and exit our Church, moreover, we want to answer basic questions Mass attendees might have.

If you are interested; Please Contact:

Cirenia Fuentes  
Email: [cfuentes@stcyrilhouston.org](mailto:cfuentes@stcyrilhouston.org)



You can make a difference!  
During Office Hours call:

Cirenia Fuentes at:  
713-789-1250

Give her your areas of interest and your contact information.

OR:

Scan the QR Code for our online form.



## Make Your New Year Resolutions! Choose From the Opportunities on Pages 6 & 7



### Retreats at Holy Name Retreat Center

#### FAITH OF OUR FATHERS: BUILDING A LEGACY

Celebrate the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nicene Creed, the 250<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of St. Paul of the Cross, and the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our country. Join us as we explore our heritage, build a legacy within our hearts, and live out in the world what we believe.

Holy Name Retreat Center in Houston offers retreats for both **men** and **women** led by the Passionists Fathers and their teams.



**RENEW Your Spirit! INVEST in the Gift of a Retreat!**  
**RESERVE a spot at one of these retreats!**

**St. Cyril's Men's Retreat Weekend: March 13 - 15**  
Men's Retreat Team Captain: Scott Fleming: 713-201-0643

**St. Cyril's Women's Retreat Weekend: May 15 - 17**  
Women's Retreat Team Captain: Kathy Davidson: 281-841-1229

Scan the QR Code for more information.  
Give the Gift! Brochures are in the Narthex.

Staff Contact: John Wincelowicz at 713-554-1559



### JOURNEY TO DAMASCUS (JTD)

#### Ecumenical Catholic Men's & Women's Retreats

Journey to Damascus is an ecumenical Catholic sponsored 3-day weekend at Camp Lone Star Pines retreat center, promoting leadership and service among Christian women and men of all faith backgrounds.

**JTD Men's Retreat Weekend: January 15 - 18**

**JTD Women's Retreat Weekend: April 30 - May 3**

For information or to register scan the QR-Code or:  
Visit: <https://www.houstonjtd.com/>

Or contact our wonderful parishioners:  
Princess or Franz Helin at [princess.helin@gmail.com](mailto:princess.helin@gmail.com)

Brochures are in the Narthex.



## Becoming A Man After God's Own Heart!

**Our exceptional Men's program returns for the Spring Semester**  
**Saturday, January 17 from 7:00 to 8:30 am in Room 121**

Brochures are in the Narthex



**Men! Are you the Spiritual Leader of you family?**  
**If you're ready to take up that role join this program!**

Our Spring program shifts to a more spiritual and practical approach as we journey to become men after God's own Heart! The TMiy Lenten Journey is considered the highlight of the entire program.

Scan the QR-Code to Register and Join us in January!  
OR Visit: <https://stcyrilhouston.org/tmiy>



Right: Tom, Joe, Scott  
3 of your 6 Core Team Leaders

Contact: John Wincelowicz  
Phone: 713-554-1559

Email: [jwincelowicz@stcyrilhouston.org](mailto:jwincelowicz@stcyrilhouston.org)





## Monday Nights with Fr. Mario

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

From the Ancient Church through Vatican II, explore the words, ceremonies, gestures, , music and signs of the Roman Catholic Liturgy with videos from Dr. Brant Pitre!

## Thursday Night with Fr. Mario

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

Explore and discuss next Sunday Mass readings with Fr. Mario, featuring video presentation by Dr. Brant Pitre!

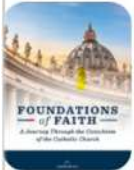
**ZOOM Link for: Monday & Thursday Night Classes**

<https://tinyurl.com/MJArroyo>

## Sunday Mornings & Wednesday Nights

### Foundations of Faith

*A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church*



**WHY join us?** This program has received praise as an accessible, beginner-friendly yet thorough video series that makes the Catechism engaging through its filming, presenters and a blend of personal reflection with academic study. It helps both new converts & lifelong Catholics deepen their understanding and love for the Church's teachings.

Join us to hear Dr. Edward Sri, Jeff Cavins, Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Fr. Mike Schmitz and others. **Filmed** at 40 locations, spanning 4 continents and 10 countries. **See** the universal beauty of the Church.

This Spring we will cover Part 2, 3 and 4 of the Catechism:  
How We Worship! How We Live! How We Pray!

### Sunday Morning Study at 11:15

*How we Worship begins on January 11*

Start at 11:15 am in Room 119 - Led by J.D. King

### Wednesday Nights with Fr. Steve Sellers

*How we Worship begins on January 21*

Starts at 7:00 pm in Room 121



**Program Fees for Spring Semester:**  
\$ 15.00 / person - \$ 20.00 / couple

Scan QR-Code - or - GoTo: <https://stcyrilhouston.org/affreg>  
Or Contact: John Wincelowicz

Email: [jwincelowicz@stcyrilhouston.org](mailto:jwincelowicz@stcyrilhouston.org) or Call: 713-554-1559



### She Shall Be Called Woman

Stairs are No Longer a problem!

**We are moving DOWNSTAIRS to rooms 102 - 106**

Join us on Monday, January 26 for:

### The Ten Virtues of Mary

Together with Mary we will deepen our prayer life, improve our relationships, and enrich our family life.

Our Core Team: Karina, Aracelia, Jennifer, Susan, Taylor  
Hopes you will join us as we grow together in 2026.

**Not Registered for SHE Yet! Scan the QR-Code**

Or Contact: Jenny Stires at: [jstires@stcyrilhouston.org](mailto:jstires@stcyrilhouston.org)



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

**Classes run August to June. Forms available online, in the office & at class.**

**Classes are on Tuesday Nights  
7:00 pm to 8:45 pm in Room 219**

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

**Confirmation:** If you are an Adult Catholic and need the Sacrament of Confirmation, our program runs through June 2026.

To get started you will want our Welcome Letter and Sacramental Information Form.

The Welcome Letter and Sacramental Information Form are online, available in our Office, and can be emailed to you.

**Scan QR Code for Adult Sacraments**



For more information on Adult Sacraments or other Programs

Contact: John Wincelowicz

[jwincelowicz@stcyrilhouston.org](mailto: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



## Not Yet on FORMED? Register for FREE

No parish code needed to create your own personal account. **Go To:**

<https://formed.org/signup>

Enter Parish: "St. Cyril of Alexandria"

**Watch On:**



**Download the App**



# 8 MINISTERIOS EN ESPAÑOL—PARA ADULTOS



Lucelly Torres, Directora Ministerio Hispano  
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## FORMACIÓN PARA EL MINISTERIO CRISTIANO



Esta Formación es la base y entrada para cualquier ministerio, apostolado o servicio dentro y fuera de la Iglesia.

### TERCER SEMESTRE

|                                            |                  |         |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------|---------|
| Enseñanza Moral Cristiana                  | Enero 22, 2026   | 7pm-9pm |
| Historia de la Iglesia I                   | Febrero 26, 2026 | 7pm-9pm |
| Historia de la Iglesia II                  | Abril 16, 2026   | 7pm-9pm |
| Día de Reflexión: Espiritualidad Misionera | Mayo 16, 2026    | 9am-3pm |

#### COSTO:

**\$50 Dólares por persona por semestre**  
dentro de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston  
(NO INCLUYE EL COSTO DE LOS LIBROS)

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### ¡VIVE LA VIDA ENAMORADO!

Descubre los secretos de un matrimonio solidario y transformador.

Vive la próxima experiencia de  
Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial  
el 20, 21 y 22 de febrero.

¿Más Información?

Giovanni & Miriam Chanchavac

Tel. 346-718-3894

Carlos & Citlalli Palomares

Tel. 832-520-6762

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"...como yo los he amado"  
(Juan 15, 12)



### Convocatoria & Discernimiento

Queridas hermanas en Cristo que han vivido el retiro de Kairos, con mucha alegría tenemos el honor de invitarlas a servir en el Retiro de Kairos para Mujeres que se llevará a cabo del 16 al 19 de abril del 2026.

Es una hermosa oportunidad para servir en el retiro y ser instrumento del amor y la misericordia de Dios.

Nuestra Reunión 0 de discernimiento será el 12 de enero del 2026 a las 6:30 pm. en el salón parroquial (127)

Tu presencia es requerida el día del discernimiento para ser parte del equipo.  
Por favor ¡No faltes!

Para más información:

**Alexis Pineda al 832-638-3317**

# MINISTERIOS EN ESPAÑOL—PARA ADULTOS 9



St. Cyril of Alexandria  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

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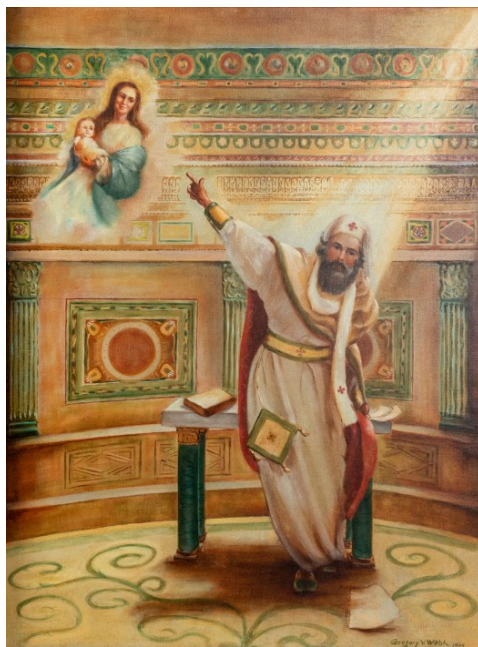
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Nuestra reliquia de San Cirilo estará expuesta durante la misa de la Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios. También estarán disponibles estampas de oración de San Cirilo, a cambio de una donación.

## JANUARY 1: THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD DID YOU KNOW IT HAS TIES TO ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA?

Led by the patron saint of our parish, Cyril of Alexandria, the Council of Ephesus in 431 AD (the third Ecumenical Council) was convened to resolve the Christological controversy over Nestorius's teachings, condemning his view that Jesus was two separate persons (human and divine) and affirming Mary as "Theotokos" (God-bearer) because Christ is one person, God and man. The council affirmed the Nicene Creed, denounced Nestorius (who was later exiled), and banned new creeds, solidifying the orthodox understanding of Christ's one divine-human nature.

When an angel told Mary she would give birth to the Savior, she didn't turn away. She said "yes" to God's plan with total trust. By honoring the mother, the Church protects the identity of the Son. If Jesus is God, then Mary is the mother of God made human. The Church officially celebrates this role every year on January 1st during the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Let us start the new year looking to our Spiritual Mother as a model of how to follow God's will in our own lives, by reflecting on her faith and her role in bringing Christ into the world.

## EL 1 DE ENERO: LA SOLEMNIDAD DE MARÍA, MADRE DE DIOS ¿SABÍAS QUE ESTÁ RELACIONADA CON SAN CIRILO DE ALEJANDRÍA?

Bajo la dirección del santo patrón de nuestra parroquia, Cirilo de Alejandría, el Concilio de Éfeso en el año 431 d.c. (el tercer Concilio Ecueménico) se convocó para resolver la controversia cristológica sobre las enseñanzas de Nestorio, condenando su visión de que Jesús era dos personas separadas (humana y divina) y afirmando a María como "Theotokos" (Madre de Dios) porque Cristo es una sola persona, Dios y hombre. El concilio afirmó el Credo de Nicea, denunció a Nestorio (quien posteriormente fue exiliado) y prohibió nuevos credos, consolidando la comprensión ortodoxa de la única naturaleza divino-humana de Cristo.

Cuando un ángel le anunció a María que daría a luz al Salvador, ella no se negó. Dijo "sí" al plan de Dios con total confianza. Al honrar a la madre, la Iglesia protege la identidad del Hijo. Si Jesús es Dios, entonces María es la madre de Dios hecho hombre. La Iglesia celebra oficialmente este papel cada año el 1 de enero durante la Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios. Comencemos el nuevo año mirando a nuestra Madre Espiritual como modelo de cómo seguir la voluntad de Dios en nuestras propias vidas, reflexionando sobre su fe y su papel en traer a Cristo al mundo.



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