



# Celebrating Shared Life in the Gospel

*Compañeros en el Camino del Señor*  
*Companions in the Way of the Lord*

Luke 24:13-53



## Christ Church in Dallas

Christ Church is led by the Rev. Fabian Villalobos and resides in the Bishop's Arts District where the demographics are rapidly changing. The church has a racially diverse congregation and offers services in English and Spanish. Because of their diversity they also have a website that provides information in both languages. With strong clergy at the helm, the parish has thrived in creating lay leaders who serve the church well in many capacities. They offer Christian education and formation programs, a music ministry that includes organ and guitar, missional outreach and more. Recently Villalobos' wife Dee Ann, along with Deacon Debra

Vela and Deacon Misael Pacheco held classes for 21 confirmands with lessons presented in both languages. Christ Church outreach includes Agape House, Austin Street Center, Bishop Arts Steam Academy, The Well, and a great partnership offering a monthly drive through food distribution with Oak Cliff Churches for Emergency Aid where Dee Ann serves as the Executive Director.

## Holy Family in McKinney

The Church of the Holy Family began in 1948 when a Roman Catholic priest was sent from Mexico City to establish a church to serve the migrant families that had moved from Mexico to work on farms in the McKinney area. The priest wanted to marry so he left the Catholic Church to become an Episcopal priest and brought the community of about 50 families into the Anglican Communion. Today, under the 34-year leadership of the Rev. Harold Lowe, Holy Family continues serving McKinney's Latino community. The church, also led by parishioner Andra Nichols, has launched an effort to document its rich history. Lowe and the Rev. Noe Mendez last year coordinated the relocation of Iglesia de la Santa Natividad from Plano to McKinney where they share facilities and provide three Spanish and bilingual services on Sundays, a healing service, and adult formation classes during the week.

## San Bernabe in Garland

San Bernabe also known as St. Barnabas is currently in transition for a new vicar. This wonderful mission church has a beautiful new Parish Hall that is great for church gatherings or for rental to bring in funds. They offer services in Spanish and English every Sunday. The church is diverse, and folks from many Spanish language countries including Mexico, El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala. The church is still recovering from Covid which took a big toll on the congregation. However, a parishioner pointed out that in addition to worship and learning about Jesus, San Bernabe is a place where everyone gets fed. "If you come around here we will put the pounds on you."



### **San Francisco de Asis in Dallas**

This church, led by the Rev. Lino Lara and his wife, the Rev. Juana Lara, is noticing its Average Sunday Attendance growing to pre-Covid numbers at around 300. Their favorite mission work is the weekly food pantry where they have been serving the community for more than 12 years. A lot of people in the neighborhood notice the commitment to mission and that brings newcomers to the church, Lara said. He also attributes their growth with church leadership being easily available to parishioners and credits the Episcopal Church structure for being attractive to Hispanics coming from the more rigid Catholic tradition. The church offers Bible school classes for youth, married adults and singles with content focusing on teaching them about Jesus.

### **San Marcos in Mount Pleasant**

This mission church in the Piney Woods of East Texas is led faithfully by the Rev. Alfredo Williams and his wife, the Rev. Susana Williams. The church leads weekly worship, and a Sunday school class for youth, of which, there are many. They cater to the needs of the growing Hispanic community and open their doors to newcomers to the Episcopal tradition. Youth programming is a strong focus for the church, and many children are involved in serving as acolytes, reading in service readings, and more. They also offer a robust Vacation Bible School to youth during the summer, and often drive the students to and from the church so they can attend. All the members of this delightful congregation are friendly, warm and inviting.



### **St. Mary's in Irving**

St. Mary's is led by the Rev. Tony Munoz. This mission church offers two services, one in English and one in Spanish. They offer Sunday school classes for youth and have a weekly healing service. A couple of times a year the church reaches out to its neighbors and offers a community garage sale. This helps to raise money for the church and introduces them to the neighborhood. St. Mary's also has a yearly crafts sale as another way to engage their neighbors. The church is growing and recently had three baptisms. Their mission work includes a monthly food pantry where they provide about 5,000 pounds of food.



### **Santa Natividad in McKinney**

This mission church led by the Rev. Noe Mendez was established in 1996. In May of 2023 the church moved from East Plano to McKinney and now share the church building, parish hall and office space with Holy Family. Santa Natividad provides two services one in Spanish and one is bilingual. They also offer a Wednesday healing Mass, Sunday school class for all ages, and on Fridays a Bible study. They recently began a small food pantry and also send funds to the elderly in Oaxaca, Mexico.