



St. Clement of Rome Catholic Church

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Dear Parishioners of St. Clement Church,

Greetings in Christ!

I am humbled and overjoyed to introduce myself as your new pastor. My name is Juan Angel Grajeda Gutierrez. I am from Guadalajara Jalisco Mexico, but I grew up in Cocula Jalisco. I was ordained 7 years ago, after finishing my theological studies at Mount. St. Mary's of the West seminary in Cincinnati Ohio, in July 2017 in my home parish San Miguel Arcángel by Bishop David Konderla. My first assignment as associate pastor was at St John's in Bartlesville and after 2 years I was assigned to St Francis Xavier in Tulsa for 5 years.

It is a great honor and privilege to join this community at St. Clement Church. I have heard so much about the warmth, generosity, and strong faith that define this parish, and I am eager to embark on this journey with you.

As I begin my ministry here, I am reminded of the words of St. Paul to the Philippians: "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" (Philippians 1, 3-5).

I come to you with an open heart, ready to listen, learn, and serve. I look forward to getting to know each of you and understanding your hopes and dreams for our community. Together, we can continue to build a parish that reflects the love and mercy of Jesus Christ, reaching out to those in need and welcoming all who seek a deeper relationship with God.

Over the coming weeks and months, I hope to meet many of you personally, whether after Mass, during parish events, or through home visits. Please do not hesitate to introduce yourselves, share your thoughts, and let me know how I can best serve you and our parish.

I ask for your prayers as I begin this new chapter in my ministry. Let us pray for one another, that we may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit and guided by the wisdom and love of our Lord Jesus Christ. May St. Clement, our patron, intercede for us and inspire us to live lives of holiness, service, and joy.

Thank you for your warm welcome and your support. I am truly blessed to be here with you.

In Christ's love,
Father Juan Angel Grajeda.
Pastor, St. Clement Church