

Trinity's Former Seminarians - Where Are They Now?

By The Reverend Janet

It's hard to believe that it's been 3 years since I left the loving environment of Trinity, Marble Falls. After graduating from the seminary, I moved to Houston to take the position of Assistant Rector at St. Cuthbert Episcopal Church. It was a busy time at St. Cuthbert for they were in the process of designing and building a new church in a different location. I was on the building committee which was exciting for me and watched the new facility take shape.

I was also the chaplain for the preschool at St. Cuthbert and I so enjoyed meeting weekly with the children in chapel and being a part of their daily lives. I also served as chaplain for Daughters of the King and Community of Hope. I am also on the board of Mission of Yahweh, a homeless shelter for women and children in the NW part of Houston.

I was called to be Rector of St. Mark's, Richmond, TX in August of 2009. I began my work here on October 15, 2009. St. Mark's is a restart parish. It had been a parish in Rosenberg, TX for over 50 years and had dwindled to only a few families. They were donated a new building and land closer to Sugar Land and in the middle of new development and moved into the new facility in June of 2008. God has taken care of this wonderful church and already we have doubled in size in less than a year.

Just after coming to St. Mark's I was diagnosed with stomach cancer. It took a great deal of my energy to survive chemotherapy treatments, a full gastrectomy and radiation. I was able to continue work in the church though not with my usual energy level and continued to preach most Sundays. I am now on the road to recovery and gaining new energy every week.

My daughters are doing well. Colleen was married in December 2009 in Arlington, TX and is working as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the city of South Lake and working on her PhD. Caitlin graduated from TCU in May and is applying to graduate schools for Physical Therapy. She is engaged and will be married in May 2011.

I married Bob Jarynowski in September 2009 and we moved to Sugar Land, TX in October to be near St. Mark's.

My life has been full and blessed and I thank you for all your prayers and best wishes during my time away from you. I always look forward to seeing many of you at diocesan events.

God bless you all,

Janet +



The Reverend Janet Gilmore with husband Bob Jarynowski and daughters Caitlin and Colleen.