

Liturgy of Christian Burial

✠ **Dr. Rogelio Mendoza**

October 5, 1939 - March 20, 2019

Saturday, March 30, 2019 10:00 a.m.
St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica
Beaumont, Texas



“Never let anything so fill you with sorrow that you forget the joy of the resurrection.”

Mother Teresa

Gathering Rites

Reception at the Cathedral Door

Rogelio was baptized in Christ. His body is now received at the door of the Cathedral, sprinkled with holy water and covered with the white pall as a reminder of his baptism.

We pray that as Rogelio died and rose with Christ, that he may now be clothed in the radiance of Christ's eternal glory.

Procession

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Gathering Hymn

How Great Thou Art

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to
thee; How great thou art! How great thou
art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to
thee; How great thou art! How great thou art!

Opening Prayer



Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Responsorial Psalm

Shepherd me O God - Psalm 23

Refrain

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be-
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2: 6 - 10

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

John 14: 1-6

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

On Eagle's Wings

Refrain



And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the



breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and



hold you in the palm of his hand.

After last refrain



And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Preface Acclamation (Holy, Holy, Holy)

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Breaking of the Bread Litany (Lamb of God)

Reception of Holy Communion

For Catholics: As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity of confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible. (Code of Canon Law, Canon 916). A frequent reception of the sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For Other Christians: We welcome all Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common Baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions that separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they all may be one" (John 17:21).

Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own churches. According to the Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Holy Communion by Christians of these churches. (Canon 844§3).

Canon law provides Eucharistic sharing by other Christians who do not have full communion with the Catholic Church only when the diocesan bishop deems there is an exceptional circumstance and the following conditions are present: the other Christian on their own asks for the sacrament, they manifest a Catholic faith in the sacrament, are properly disposed and cannot approach a minister of their own community (Canon 844§4).

For non-Christians: We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. We have high regard for their traditions, friendship, and join them in promoting unity among all peoples. It is our joy to unite with them in praying for the peace and unity of the human family while respecting our common traditions, which do not include Eucharist sharing.

For all not receiving Communion: All who are not receiving Holy Communion are invited to express their prayerful desire for unity with God and with one another by approaching the altar at communion time with their hands crossed over their hearts. The minister will pray for this unity at the front of the Cathedral with all those in the communion line who have their hands crossed over their hearts.

Communion Hymn

I Am the Bread of Life

Refrain:

And I will raise you up, and I will raise you
up, and I will raise you up on the last day.

Meditation Hymn

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Final Commendation

Invitation to Prayer

Song of Farewell

Gently, legato (♩ = 74–80)

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven lines of music. The first line begins with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic marking. The second line ends with a fermata over the final note. The third line continues the melody. The fourth line begins with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic marking. The fifth line begins with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic marking. The sixth line ends with a fermata over the final note. The seventh line concludes the piece with a double bar line.

May songs of the an - gels wel - come you and
guide you a - long your way. — May the
smiles of the mar - tyrs greet your own as
dark - ness turns in-to day. — Ev - 'ry fear will
be un - done and death will be no
more, — as songs of the an - gels
bring you home be - fore the face of God. —

Prayer of Commendation

Song of Commendation

Songs of the Angels



Dr. Rogelio “Tiny” Mendoza, 79, of Fannett, died Wednesday, March 20, 2019, at Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas, Beaumont. He was born on October 5, 1939, in Manila, Philippines, to Mamerta Dungo and David Marcelino Mendoza.

Dr. Mendoza earned his medical degree from the University of the Philippines in 1965. Shortly after his graduation, with only \$90 and two suitcases, he and his wife, Sionie, set out for America for his internship at Mercy Hospital of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. For his residency years, they relocated to Misericordia Hospital in the Bronx, New York. He

studied oncology and hematology at New York University, where he also taught, as he rose to the head of Pediatrics at Parkchester Hospital. The Mendozas grew to a family of five during their years in the Northeast. David was born in 1966, Rosanna followed in 1968, and Melissa in 1976.

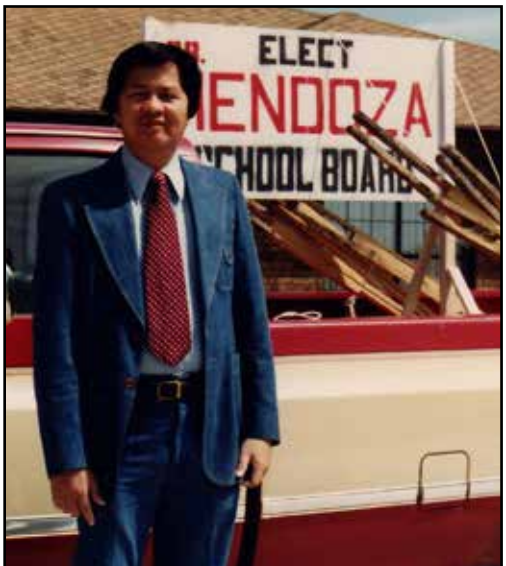
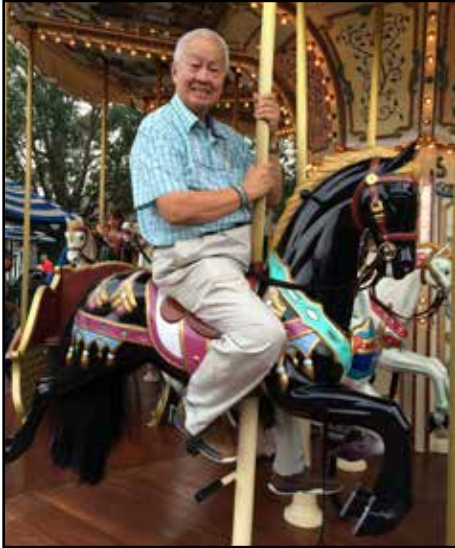
Thanks to the suggestion and encouragement from friend, Dr. Edgardo Espiritu, the Mendozas uprooted their family to the small town of Fannett, Texas in 1979. They founded the Fannett Medical Center and completed their family with Celina, who was born in 1981. During the clinic’s construction, Dr. Mendoza worked in the Emergency Room at St. Mary’s Hospital in Port Arthur, and served as a physician for disabled students at Hughen High School, established by Bob Hope. In the years to follow, he also did rounds at Winnie Hospital, Christus St. Elizabeth, and Baptist Hospitals while leading his family practice.

He joined the Hamshire-Fannett Independent School District school board in 1984 and served as its president for ten years. As a trustee of the school board, he worked for the hiring of minorities as teachers to serve as role models for students, and he also helped establish the Minority Scholarship for college bound students at Lamar University. He was very active in multiple organizations such as the American Cancer Society of Texas, The Knights of Columbus, the Mid-County Mixed Bowling League, and the Philippine Association of Beaumont, Texas, to name a few.

He committed his life to the medical field and the service of others for thirty-seven years of practice in the Golden Triangle area.

Dr. Mendoza is survived by his wife, Asuncion Mendoza; son, David Mendoza and his wife, Edith, of Keller; daughters, Rosanna Bennett and her husband, David, of Houston; Melissa Mendoza of Austin; and Celina Brunette and her husband, Nicholas, of Friendswood; grandchildren, Zachary David Mendoza; Christian Geoffrey Bennett; Matthew Scott Cain; Daniel Peter Bennett; and Ena Grace Brunette; brothers and sisters, Dr. Edgardo Mendoza; Corazon Villanueva; Fernando Mendoza and his wife Tessie; Doroteo Mendoza and his wife, Lucy; Esperanza Prato; Gabriel Mendoza and his wife, Marites; Manuel Mendoza and his wife, Edna; and Leticia Owens and her husband, Jim.

He is preceded in death by his parents, David and Mamerta Mendoza; his grandson, Christopher Gabriel Mendoza Cain; siblings, Rosalina Lazaro and Ernesto Mendoza.



















Doctor leaves New York behind

By GWENDOLYN WINGATE
Staff Correspondent

FANNETT — At a time when most young doctors are locating near a large medical complex in a thickly populated area, Dr. Rogelio Mendoza and his registered nurse wife, Asuncion Mendoza, are investing their future in a country clinic.

to 5 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

The Mendozas held open house for community leaders, doctors and other friends Saturday at the new clinic located on a 1.7-acre site just north of this small country town.

Hamshire-Fannett School Superintendent W.L. Campbell Jr. voiced the feelings of many Fannett area residents about the location of the new doctor and medical facility here, where the nearest doctor is about 10 miles away.

"I've been out here 29 years," said Campbell, "all that time hoping nothing would happen to one of these kiddos that we'd need a doctor in five minutes, and at last we've got him. If something happened to a child, it's a great relief to know he's here. I just can't believe we've got something like this at Fannett. I think it's grand we have him here."

Campbell pointed out Mendoza is one of two doctors in the area who have already agreed to work with Southeast Texas Hospice, which administers to the physical, psychological, social and

spiritual needs of terminally ill patients in the home.

Besides the services of Mendoza, a family practitioner with specialization in pediatrics and hematology, the clinic will offer a well-equipped medical laboratory with trained technicians and X-ray department under the direction of radiologist Dr. Mariano Nasser.

Mendoza's patients will also have access to specialists in obstetrics and gynecology, orthopedics, hematology and oncology (tumors) at the clinic, Mendoza said.

Doctors in these specialties will be at the clinic one or two days each week, he said, so patients' needs may be met at that one location.

The new 3,000-square-foot building also houses a pharmacy operated by Billy Franks of Billy's Pharmacy in Winnie and Ray Garrison of Garrison's Pharmacy in Port Arthur.

A graduate of the University of the Philippines with training at New York University Medical Center in pediatric hematology, Mendoza had a successful private practice in Yonkers and the Bronx in



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Roger Mendoza sworn in as new board president

Dr. Roger Mendoza, a local physician from Fannett, was sworn in as the new president of the H-F school board at last month's meeting.

Mendoza has been a member of the board for three years and held the office of vice president prior to being elected president.

Other officers elected were Dr. Vernon Crowder, vice president; David Day, secretary; and Joe Constantine, assistant secretary. Other members of the board are Barbara Green, Paul Porter, and Hal Wingate.

The election came after the canvassing of the April 5 election results which saw our new member elected and one member returned. Joe Constantine of Fannett won his place over Harold Clubb, a nine year veteran of the school board. David Day of Hamshire was returned to the board over his opponent Ben Johnson, Jr. of Fannett.

After the election results were certified by the board, Dr. Crowder presented a resolution commending Mr. Clubb for his years of service to the school and community. The resolution read in part, "We recognize the excellent and energetic service that Harold D. Clubb has rendered the district during his incumbency."

"I have enjoyed serving the people of our school and community, and I know that the excellence that has been achieved will continue with the board and staff of our school."

The board also passed a motion to place on the ballot of next year's trustee election the following concern to the people: "To cast a vote FOR or AGAINST a single-member district."

A second resolution from the board included a support for an amendment to the law concerning tax abatement. The resolution reads as follows: "That the Texas Association of School Boards support the need for an amendment of this law, whereby the County Commissioners cannot tax abate values in designated reinvestment zones without the consent of all taxing entities having taxable properties within these zones and/or Resolved that the Texas Association of School Boards support the need for an amendment of this law, whereby the City Government cannot tax abate values in designated reinvestment zones without the consent of all taxing entities having taxable properties within these zones."

In other action the board passed the following motions:

- *Approved the administrative TECAT policy with the exception that the administration will canvass the number of teachers that need help if they fail the test and set a dollar limit for tuition to a college to help remove any deficiency they may have.
- *Approved a new athletic philosophy and goals as presented by the board with the exception that an adequate number of these goals be implemented.

for clinic in Fannett

New York City from 1971 until he left last December to come to Port Arthur, where he has been working in St. Mary Hospital emergency room while the clinic was under construction.

He was on the staff of Misericordia Hospital, a teaching hospital for New York Medical College, where he taught pediatric hematology, and from 1976 to 1978 he was a teacher in family practice at St. Joseph's Hospital in Yonkers, N.Y. Mendoza was born in Manila in the Philippines.

Asuncion Mendoza is a former supervisor of nurses at Parkchester General Hospital in New York City.

Why, then, with a successful big city practice, did the Mendozas decide to pull up stakes, sell all their holdings and move to this small Southeast Texas rice-growing community?

The need for a doctor here was the deciding factor, said Mendoza,

although there were other considerations too.

"Our move here was a big step for us," added petite, attractive Asuncion Mendoza, who will be the business supervisor for the clinic. "We sold everything we had in New York and put the money here. We were scared at first — this place was just out in a rice field."

She pointed out they have financed the clinic themselves without assistance from any state or federal funds.

They first became interested in the Fannett area as a location for a new clinic when a physician friend, Dr. Edgardo Espiritu of Port Arthur, told them of the need for a doctor here and pointed out the community is in the center of probable growth from several different directions, Mendoza said.

"We are about 17 miles from Port Arthur, 14 from Beaumont, 19 miles from Winnie and 15 from

Nome," said Mendoza, "and we have the backing from hospitals in Beaumont, Port Arthur, Nederland and Winnie.

Besides the overriding factor of the need for a doctor in the Fannett area and its possibilities for future growth, the Mendozas said their desire to get their children, ages 12, 10 and 3 years, out of the big-city environment was another consideration, along with the warmer climate.

If the move proves to be a success, Mendoza has even more ambitious plans, he explained. Dentists' offices in another building adjacent to the clinic might be added, and other doctors have expressed interest in the location.

With Mendoza's training in oncology and hematology, he is also interested in working out an agreement with M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston to see patients taking chemotherapy from that hospital, cut-

ting down on the frequency of their trips to Houston. They would still make some trips to the Houston hospital, but the clinic here would be able to serve them on an out-patient basis.

Loye Kemp, retired feed salesman, said he feels his reaction to the Mendozas' move here is typical of most other Fannett residents.

"It's a wonderful thing to have a doctor in our community," said Kemp. "We all need to help him get started. We've been needing a doctor here a long time. Most of the doctors are busy, and sometimes you have to wait a long time to see them, and this will ease that situation. When you need a doctor, you need him now."



Dr. Rogelio D. Mendoza

Dr. Rogelio D. Mendoza, a Filipino native, moved to New York in 1965, where he trained for and practiced medicine for 14 years. In 1978, he moved west to Fannett, where he began to build a clinic to aid the people of Southeast Texas. During construction, Dr. Mendoza worked in the Emergency Room of St. Mary's Hospital. He also served as physician for the disabled students at Hughen High School. He also, on his own time, visited the sick in their homes, was a physician for terminally ill children under a Hospice service, and comforted families of the afflicted. Dr. Mendoza received no money for his charity, and willingly served the community in many ways. In 1979, he was one of the few doctors in Southeast Texas to provide indigent care. He continues to provide care to the less fortunate, caring for them and their families as he would any other.

In all of his service, he disregards race and religion. Despite a busy schedule he finds time to visit the elderly, specially when they are not able to visit his office for treatment. Similarly, he provides medical care to mentally retarded adults and children at Oaks Living Center, and those in their own homes.

He is a trustee of Hampshire-Fannett Independent School District, working for the hiring of minorities as teachers to serve as role models for students. He joined the board in 1984 and has served as president since 1985. As an example of his concern for youth, he attends every varsity football game of Hampshire-Fannett. Besides cheering on the team, he cares to injuries on the field.

He helped start the Minority Scholarship for College-Bound Students at Lamar University. Recently, he was chosen to represent Southeast Texas in the American Cancer Society of Texas, and is a board member of the Philippine Association of Beaumont.

Dr. Mendoza, though a busy practitioner with patients of all races throughout the area, gives much of himself to helping others. His efforts certainly make a world of difference.

*Love eternal of
always,
Rogie*

Celebrant	Reverend Rodel Fallor
Homilist	Reverend Jim McClintock
Con Celebrants	Reverend Joseph Kattakkara, C.M.I. Reverend Ernie Carpio, J.C.L.
Placing of the Pall	Melissa Mendoza, Celina Mendoza Brunette Melanie Lanuza
Gift Bearers	Meng Lanuza, Hermie Lanuza
Servers	Provided by St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica
Lectors	David Mendoza, Rosanna Mendoza Bennett
Eucharistic Ministers	Celebrants of the Mass, Paul Broussard Melchor Pascua
Cantor	Abigail Dueppen
Organist	Dr. Sujung Cho
Pallbearers	David Mendoza, Zachary Mendoza Fernando Mendoza, Doroteo Mendoza Gabriel Mendoza, Manuel Mendoza Arnold Mendoza, Eric Mendoza
Honorary Pallbearers	Edgardo Mendoza, Narciso Mendoza Radames Arrieta, Roldan Arrieta, Ramon Arrieta Robert Arrieta, Alvin Arrieta, Lope Pidor



Interment

Magnolia Cemetery
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