

The Rev. Oscar Roza
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The Rev. Oscar A. Roza was born in Bogotá, Colombia. His father and mother grounded both he, and his two younger brothers in Christian beliefs and practices through their example and teaching.

After moving to Wisconsin in 2004, he became a member of Grace Episcopal Church in Madison. During his first years in the Episcopal Church he served as musician for the Latino ministry at Grace and camp councilor for the diocesan summer camp. While learning English, he attended St. Augustine College in Chicago, IL before graduating with high honors from Edgewood College in Madison, WI. He attended seminary and received his Master of Divinity degree from Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, VA.

He furthered his education through the Clinical Pastoral Educations program at Aurora Medical Center in Milwaukee, WI. He is trained as a ToP (Technologies of Participation Facilitator) and has completed the Coaching for Ministry program in Austin, TX. He has served as a member of the Council of Advice for the Director of Latino Ministries in the Episcopal Church. He has also been certified as a trainer for the Ecumenic Academy of Leadership ELCA/ECUSA and has served on different community boards in Wisconsin.

After being ordained priest in 2012 he served as priest in charge at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Watertown, WI, St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Whitewater WI, and St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Beaver Dam WI. He served as college chaplain for the Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry in Whitewater, WI. He has also been the missioner for the Comunidad de Todos los Santos in Watertown, WI and the Latino Missioner at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Sun Prairie, WI. As a hospital chaplain he completed CPE units at Aurora Medical Center, Zion Medical Center and West Allis Medical Center in Milwaukee, WI.

He is married to the Rev. Elizabeth Tester and together they have two children, Ezekiel (Zeke) and Miriam (Mimi), and have a cat named Bathsheba (Sheebs) and a dog named Amos (Aimes).

He is passionate about social justice, multicultural ministry, and community development. He enjoys playing and listening to music, hiking and family time.