

The Communicator February 10, 2023

What a wonderful turn out we have been having these past weeks! Our regulars (some returning for the first time post pandemic), lots of guests, many returning seasonal visitors; it has seemed like a full house each Sunday morning. Thank you Debbie for increasing the quantity of your Sunday food ministry and thank you to all the regulars who have made our guests and visitors feel so welcome. We also extend a cordial welcome to our canine members, especially to returning Radar.



Last Saturday night Gilda Darlas opened her new Sanctuary of the Pilgrim - Santuario del Peregrino - transforming a part of the grounds of Caminando Unidos into an almost unrecognizable semi-paradise. There was a wonderful turnout (including some members of Saint Mike's) and all of our favorite people from Caminando Unidos were also in

attendance. Much is happening at the Sanctuary and Gilda cordially invites you to visit. I will try to provide a schedule of upcoming events in the next Communicator.

Sunday, February 12, in honor of love's special day, St. Valentine's, Father Doug has made the romantic offer to renew marriage vows for any couples so inclined. One only needs to bring the vows to church on Sunday and to sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.

Shrove Tuesday's pancake supper returns! Starting at 4PM there will be a celebration of Fat Tuesday (the last day before Lent begins) with traditional sausages and pancakes.

Lent formally begins with Ash Wednesday services, 10:45 AM on February 22.

Our Annual Meeting will be held after church on February 19. Adrienne Socorro is coordinating the potluck that immediately follows the service. Please contact her and let her know what you can bring.

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Please. PLEASE, **PLEASE** attend even without a dish. This is an important meeting, held only once a year.

We are incredibly grateful to several annual visitors who have recently made very generous gifts to Saint Michael's. The gifts were made in the names of three musicians who have an association with Saint Michael's. **Keith Griggs** is a master organist who performed a beautiful organ recital for us several years ago. At that time he played the music written by honored composer **Bruce Saylor**. Also remembered was **Eric Alderfer**, a great church organist who sadly died of AIDS 30 years ago this month.

We still look forward to our members making their annual pledge before the annual meeting. If you have not yet made a pledge, please speak to or contact Alistair or Mungo. We now have the capacity to take credit cards as well as to receive direct deposit monthly offerings from your bank.

For the second time the Diocese of Morelos is bringing a group of visiting US Episcopalians to La Mancha for a Folk Art Tour. We are delighted to be in increasing communion with the Diocese and are currently planning a trip to Abrigo del Dios, the Diocesan sponsored orphanage. We can take the first ten people who sign up. Tentatively this trip is planned for "Dia de Los Ninos," April 30.

SMAAA Event and Service Schedule for February.

10:45, Sunday, February 12, Sunday Service and Saint Valentine's Renewal of Marriage Vows, followed by Hospitality Hour.

10 AM, Wednesday, February 15, Vestry Meeting.

10:45, Sunday, February 19, Sunday Service followed by Annual Meeting and Potluck.

4PM, Tuesday, February 21, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - Coordinated by Debbie Jeffress.

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10:45 AM, Wednesday, February 22, Imposition of Ashes.

6-7 PM, Wednesday, February 22, Re-start of Thomas Esakin Buddhist Meditation and Dhamma Talks.

10:45 AM, Sunday, February 26, Sunday Service followed by Hospitality Hour.