

The Communicator April 21 2023

It's been a busy week at Saint Michael's. Traditionally services immediately following Easter are very poorly attended. That sure hasn't been the case for us! Happily, we see new faces almost every week (and better yet they return), the pews are nearly full, coffee hour is well attended and all is well with our world.

Last week we welcomed **Lenise Butler**, her husband, **Raul Peregrina Solis** and their two adorable little boys! I wish they'd been a week earlier for the Easter Egg hunt but next year..... It is always delightful to have children in church. Last week they even outnumbered our church dogs: Bella, Magnus, Radar and Amigo!



We also welcomed the first presentation of The Departure Lounge to the campus. Graciously supported by Library staff, **Kathy Ritter** and **Colleen Gonzalez** and our own **Debbie Jeffress** we made 30 people welcome as they learned how to prepare the necessary documents and themselves for our eventual and inevitable demise. **Adrian Smith** and

Jenny Cooper have put in hundreds of hours preparing for this seminar and did a fabulous job. A reprise performance will certainly be needed. They are doing a follow-up presentation on May 4, "Dying to Talk about It" which will be more about how we envision our own deaths, how we want to prepare ourselves for that inevitable experience. We also need and want to thank Steve and Angel Farmer for videotaping this extremely valuable



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presentation so that it could be made available to those unable to attend. There is a comprehensive handout that was made available. It is so essential that I can't believe it has not been done before. If you would like to receive a pdf. copy please reply directly to me and I will get it to you.



Tomorrow, Saturday, April 22, 10-12 is our first **Mission Fair**. Please come and help welcome the representatives of the many NGOs who will present their organizations. A great deal of work and hope has gone into this. Let's have a good showing!!!

Every day I add new names to the Parish Directory. I am sending a pdf of an up to date directory with this week's Communicator. If you know anyone who you think would like to be included, please let them know about this service. The invaluable list of Medical Professionals also continues to grow.

The first Vestry Meeting for our two new Vestry "Persons", **Renee Parmegiani** and **Mario Fernandez del Lara** was marred by our Senior Warden's illness and the need to postpone last Wednesday's meeting. It has been rescheduled for next Wednesday, April 26. Is it really almost the end of April already?

Sunday, May 7, is the intake for United Thank Offering, a major outreach of the Anglican Episcopal Church. Please, please, be generous and bring your offering in a separate envelope or.... alternatively you can also put your donation into the plate on that day. 100% of all funds go to the most valuable of programs supported by the world-wide church. **Marisela Lathrop** has, for many years, been the coordinator of this outreach. Thank you Marisela.

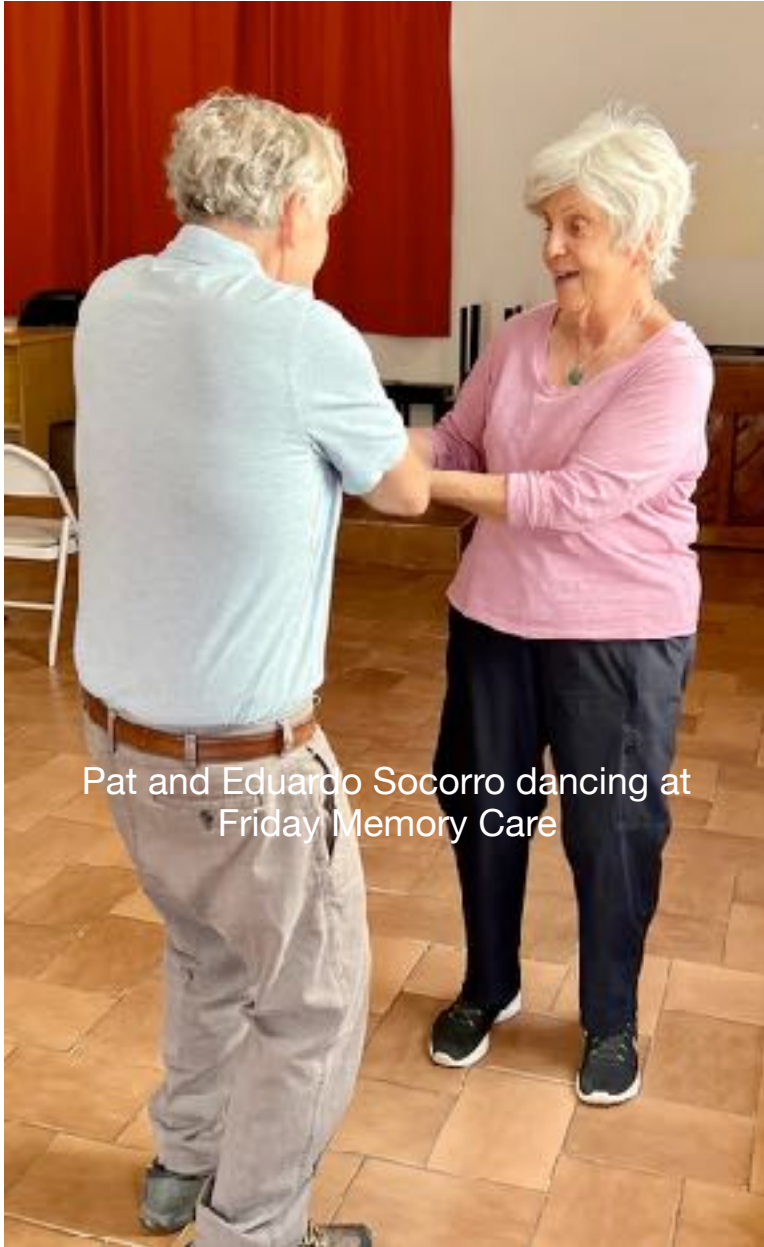
We ask your continued prayers for our beloved Bishop Treviño in his recovery from brain surgery.

I received wonderful news this week from Dr. Jose Flores who was on our SMAAA Pandemic Advisory Committee. When I asked Dr. Flores if we needed to bring more Paxlovid down from the US for the expat community he said, "No. Covid is essentially gone in Morelos." That's certainly something to celebrate and here's your opportunity!

Our Cinco de Mayo Field Trip to Tres Cumbres now has 25 participants signed up. We have room for up to 40. If you would like to go, please let me know ASAP. For those who have not read previous notices, we will leave by bus from

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Saint Michael's at 3:30 and return at 7:30. Tres Cumbres is a Spanish Taverna with wonderful food, FABULOUS music. AND.... It is very, very safe. Come, join your friends, lift a glass and your voice and maybe even dance a step or two.



Pat and Eduardo Socorro dancing at Friday Memory Care

Last, but certainly **NOT** least is this mail I received from **Pat Manners** in reply to last week's Communicator. *Good morning all. May I just tell you how much we miss you and St. Michael's. The reverend yesterday was ok, but it wasn't a Rev. Doug message and no one even spoke to us - no one. Very cold, so unlike the welcome at St. Michael's. Looking forward to seeing all of you in a couple of weeks. Blessings 🙏. Pat Manners*



The Friday Memory Care Group will certainly be glad to have volunteers Pat and her daughter **Amanda Hooten** back with us. Can't be soon enough!

Thank you Pat for this uplifting message. And to all of you, pat yourselves on the back. The front of each Sunday bulletin says:

St. Michael and All Angels Anglican/Episcopal Church
aspires to be a beacon of inclusive Christian spiritual growth, love and service in the State of Morelos, Mexico. You are all doing just that so very well.