

## The Communicator September 12, 2023



Sunday we received the sad news that **Veronica's** daughter, **Maria Fernanda**, had taken a turn for the worse and was again intubated. **Baby Liam** was still being kept in intensive care. But today, just two days later, Baby Liam is home with his grandmother Veronica! We will continue to pray for this family that all will come out of this well and thriving. Not surprisingly, our **Friday Morning Senior Group** is already offering to help with Baby Liam care. **Veronica** says, "There are no words to express my gratitude to the congregation of Saint Michael's for their continued prayer and love."



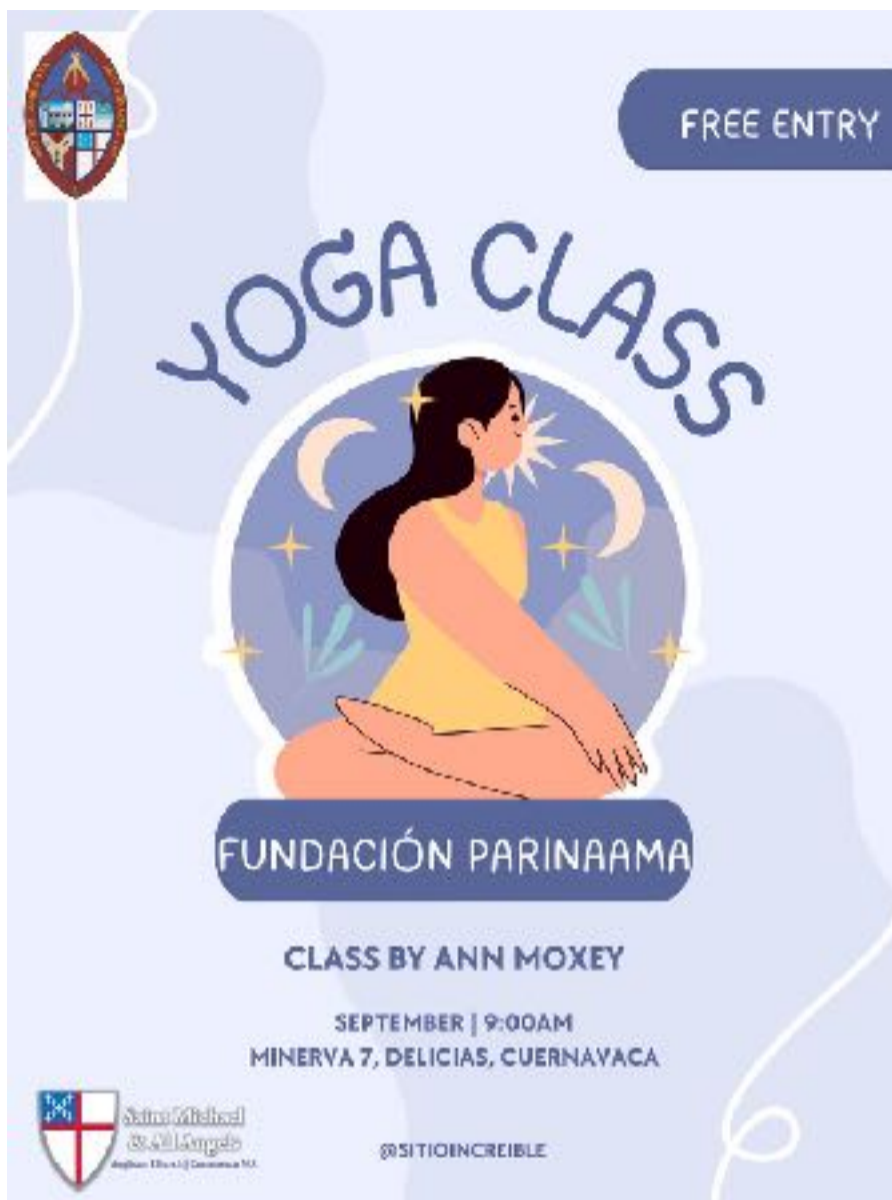
I was lucky to catch this sweet portrait of **Kirsten and Ken Lathrop** last Sunday. Lots of love there!!! **Wendy Blake** also captured a moment during communion. Sometimes, it takes a village. Our Friday Morning group, **Amanda, Pat and Lorena** have a special relationship with **Eduardo Socorro** and were able to entice him to the altar. In the background check out **Little Bella** patiently waiting for her weekly blessing of Saint Francis.



Our favorite Seminarian **Michael Drell** has returned from pilgrimage to the Vatican and Assisi with Compañero **Chris**, Chris' mom and Tia. Mike reports on an extraordinary experience they had while in Saint Peter's itself. **Pope Francis** passed by in a wheelchair within touching distance. He smiled and waved at them and Michael says the only other times he has felt such a powerful emotion was in the presence of the **Dalai Lama** and **Archbishop Tutu**. They all wept in gratitude for the experience.



This past Sunday we again had a large crowd (ok slight exaggeration) of worshippers. **Father Doug** says if we count our four-legged friends we are again up to 50. Thanks to **Debbie** and her faithful support crew we definitely had 50 or more at the Hospitality Hour.



Coming up we have two inaugural events this week and one returning event after a few weeks' hiatus. **Thursday Yoga** with Ann Moxey will begin this Thursday, September 14, 11-12:30 and **Quilting Club** with Anita Gottschalk will also begin Thursday, 11:30-1:30. You don't need **any** experience in either yoga or quilting to join either of these groups. I will be out of town; I'm hoping members of the church will be sure visitors are made welcome at these two events. *Broad Hint to our Hospitality "Committee."* **Thank you Maria Jose for these great posters.**



Friday, **Senior Club** resumes in a new incarnation but with the same wonderful people. **Amanda, Pat, Lorena and Debbie** will make your day. Come find out what it's all about and why we have so much fun. Friday, September 15, 10-12.

AND, Mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 27, 4PM. SMAAA 2023 Lecture Series, **"People Making a Difference in the World."** September's speaker is **Erik Friend**, founder of ALEM, Past President of Comunidad, and I could go on and on. Erik is a gifted human being and an inspiration to all who know him.

Niche prices will be raised 50% on October 1. At 10,000 pesos they are the best afterlife deal in town. Four loved ones can fit in each niche for a cozy ever after.



**Mike Drell** wrote as part of our “**From Far Away**” section but the story was so good I had to put it in the body of “The Communicator”. We also heard from **Peter Hollingsworth, Lily and Grandma** who recently moved to Vera Cruz. Peter wishes us all well and extended an open invitation to visit. Get ready Peter and Lily.

I also heard from **Rhonda Tranks** and hope to have more news of Rhonda for the next “Communicator.”

*That's all Folks.....*