

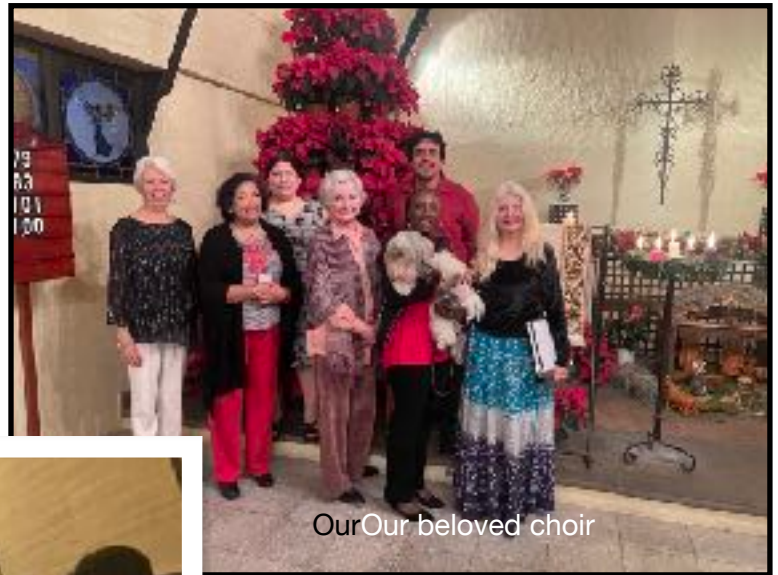
What a beautiful Christmas it was at Saint Michael's! Thank you to all those who worked so hard to make it so. Thank you first to **Erika and Roxana Mayen**. These faithful sisters (Altar Guild and Acolyte) made it to all three services. Thank you too to our long term acolyte Jorge Bredee. What would we do without the three of you? We also owe a great thanks to our bountiful Minister of Hospitality, **Debbie Jeffress** and her

volunteers. Thank you especially to **Adrienne Socorro** and **Casey and Cesar Hernandez**.

Christmas Eve Services featured the children's "Procession to the Cradle." We had all ages from 3-27. Our two oldest **Leah Bridger** (daughter of choir member **Patricia Bridger**) and **Christianne Tetley** (daughter of long time member **Adrienne Tetley**) had participated as children! We loved having them return as beautiful young women.



The choir did a beautiful job leading us in our favorite Christmas Carols and singing a few lovely anthems. We were also blessed to have **Brian Bockman** sing “O Holy Night” before we closed by



OurOur beloved choir



“Silent Night” by Candlelight.

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“Silent Night.”

Father Doug and Veronica are finally off on their much anticipated honeymoon. In Father Doug’s absence the **Reverend Gillian Ball** will be at Saint Michael’s Sunday, December 31 and has promised a Celtic End of Year Service. The

Reverend Tamara Newell will be in the pulpit on January 7 for an Epiphany Service. We know both services will be well attended as both of these priests are well-known and adored by our community.

Thursday “Yoga with Ann” remains a huge hit. If you haven’t tried it yet I think you’d love it. We are all growing much more flexible, breathing deeper, and standing straighter. Ann will be gone for the month of January but our new lovely member **Lupita Vives** will be substituting for her. We are so delighted to have Lupita, also a psychoanalyst, in our midst.



Weekly **Spanish Grammar Classes** return on Monday, January 8, 3:30 PM. Organized by **Charlie Detweiler** we are hoping for a good turnout with the new year. I know most of us could benefit from grammar tune-ups.

Walter Lopez and **Thomas Esakin’s** Annual Free Christmas Concert at the Cathedral was a standing-room-only event! Great artists performed beautiful music in a spectacular setting. Thank you Walter and Thomas (Nick Silver too).

Dorothy Wick, one of Cuernavaca’s favorites, died Christmas night. Dorothy was the long-time head librarian at Columbia University’s Taniment Library and retired here to Cuernavaca where she made numerous friends and involved herself in a wide range of activities. While not a church-goer, Dorothy attended any and all SMAAA extra events (lectures, celebrations, etc.). She was also a great supporter of Don



Bosco and will be missed by many. We are in touch with Dorothy's niece and will be having a Memorial Event for her either at the church or at Cemanahuac Educational Community, a language school where she helped with the cataloging of the library. There is a "Charlie's Digs" embedded above if you're interested in learning more about Dorothy's life. We will keep you informed.

Friday's Senior Club, led by **Lorena Molina**, continues to grow. It is a favorite outreach of Saint Michael's and a fun time is had by all. Our own **Pat**

Manners always sends me great photos each week. It's always difficult choosing which photo to use.

I hope this end of year Communicator finds all of you well and ready for this new year! Let us pray there may be Peace in the World. The Prince of Peace came to us with a never-changing message. "Love our brothers as ourselves." I hope we can do better in 2024.

