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Last week we had no photos. This week our photographers worked overtime! So many of the photos are so good that I have to share them. It is said that "a picture is worth a thousand words." So, with so many good pictures I can be very brief in today's Communicator. Thank you **Pat and Onagh (Amanda too)**!

We had an enviable "Pews-Full" Sunday for the homecoming of the **Rev. Tamara Newell.** In addition to the many who came to be with Tamara we had 4 new people on Sunday! A warm welcome to **Jesus Vazquez** and his son **Diego, Frida Velasco-Alin** and **Karen Ceballos** It was the first Sunday of the month and **Isabel Graves** made a delicious birthday cake to celebrate. Isabel has been helping Debbie each week with the hospitality hour and it just keeps getting better every Sunday. **Debbie's**



oft-voiced personal philosophy of "Feed them and they will come" is clearly working. Each Sunday **Remegio** puts out more chairs and tables and each week a heavily laden table of food disappears.



But we should start from the beginning of the week and not with the dessert and goodies at the end.



"Yoga with Ann" had 16!!!! participants this past Thursday, 10-12. The room was wonderfully full (though Ann says we can fit more in). Ann provides a wonderful opportunity for us to learn to breathe



better, stand better, sit better, be better. And she inspires us. Approximately one half of the yoga participants do not regularly attend Saint Michael's. We are so glad to welcome them to this and all the other activities held on our campus. Several visitors have expressed surprise at how welcoming we are. We are. Whether to yoga, to the library, to Spanish classes, to Senior Club - All are part of the outreach of the Saint



Michael's campus.

Although Saturday was actually Three Kings Day or Epiphany we celebrated on Sunday. The Wise Men arrived at the Manger, we sang "We Three Kings" and we feted our birthday people (and dog). The Rev. Tamara preached, joined us in the exchange of the Peace and celebrated the Eucharist. It was a grand Sunday!!! We even had a Rosca!

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A couple of weeks ago I was the bearer of the sad news of the passing of Dorothy Wick, a much loved member of the Cuernavaca Community and a frequent participant at SMAAA events. This Sunday at 4PM there will be a Memorial Service for Dorothy in the garden of her home. Her two nieces invite you to join them. Please RSVP with either me carolhop1@aol.com or Jane Martin cupcakemom75@yahoo.com.mx and we will send the address and further information.

Our 2024 Lecture series - "Your Neighbor's Got Talent" starts in February with Terry Elizondo speaking on her long history with Nuestra Cabana, the International Girl Guides Site in Cuernavaca. One of only four in the world, Nuestra Cabana has an illustrious history in this city. Wednesday, February 28, 4PM, Parish Hall. More information to follow.

At the rear of the church are some beautiful pledge cards. Please, please, please take one, fill it in and either place it in the offering plate or return it to either Senior Warden Judy Frothingham or Treasurer Wendy Blake. We need your help to finalize the 2024 budget before February's Annual Meeting. Judy reports that we have only received 5 pledge cards. We can do better!!!!

Dates to keep in mind.

Mondays, 3:30-5:30 Spanish Grammar and Conversation

Thursdays, 11-12:30 Yoga with Ann Fridays, 10-12 Senior Club

January Vestry Meeting - TBD

Annual Meeting - Sunday, February 25, Immediately following service. 2024 Lecture Series - Terry Elizondo, Wednesday, February 28, 4PM.