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!!! Important update information!!! I don't know how it would be possible to have worse luck with a cell phone than **Father Doug**. Please note his new cell phone number and let's hope this one continues to work. **777-913-0331** The Casita phone number remains the same, **777-832-7054**.



Saturday, February 24, was the Memorial Service of **Patsy McCann Davis**, a long-time member of Saint Michael's, founding member of the choir, lover of the library. It was a beautiful service for a beautiful woman — the many shared remembrances brought both laughter and tears. I hope these photos of a younger Patsy as well as Patsy two years ago at her granddaughter's wedding bring back memories for you of Patsy (and Charlie too). Her like does not walk into our lives everyday. Buen Camino Dear Patsy.

Last week was a tough week for Saint Michael's. We celebrated Patsy's life as we lost **Jim Papp's**. A great comfort for Jim and his husband **Roberto Carbajal**, **Bishop Treviño** made the

long trip to a hospital in Chilpanzingo last Tuesday. Jim had begun a rapid post-surgical downhill. He was moved by ambulance to his home in Xochitepec and then to a clinic in Temixco. There, Father Doug visited him twice, giving him last rites on Saturday immediately before he was again taken by ambulance to his home. Jim was very conscious to the end. He

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asked for prayers, last rites, and to go home. He received all of the above and then passed gently into the Greater Presence of his God minutes after being lovingly placed in his own bed by husband Roberto and their long-time helper and companion Rosa Trujillo.

Many of you may not remember Jim but he was a long-time member of Saint Michael's and of the Saint Michael's choir. He also personally hand-made vestments for every liturgical season out of beautiful hand-died manta. It was a work of love that took several years to complete. They are a treasure and so was Jim. The choir still sings liturgical music composed by Jim. For these last years, after marrying Roberto, he has attended a Spanish-language church in Alpuyecá. The Right Reverend Enrique Treviño was his priest and attended Jim's velorio and cremation leading prayers at Jim's home for the members of his church. Go in Peace Dear Jim accompanied by the prayers of the many who loved you. Roberto asked me to thank the many among you who generously gave to help with Jim's emergency care.



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On a lighter note, this past Sunday we had more children than dogs at church! It was much celebrated. We also inducted our newest acolyte **Santiago (Santi) Adrian Hernández Diaz**. For your Communicator it was a very emotional moment. Santi's family are close friends and Santi has been preparing for this event for awhile... attending church every Sunday. Father Doug has offered to baptize Santi on Easter Sunday.

We also welcomed to Saint Michael's Tim Bardwell's guests, both his host mother and a fellow language school student. Welcome to **Ivonne Payen** and **Katherine Del Rey Kolodin**. **Suzie Jeffress** brought her friend **Kate** and **Kate's daughter Naomi**. Suzie's daughter **Annie** won most photogenic last Sunday. Our hospitality hour was delightfully punctuated by the sounds of children's laughter and even a game of tag!



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Saturday, February 24, 2024 was the Diocesan-wide Convention. The pre-convention Eucharist was hosted by SMAAA. What a wonderful looking group **and** they do good work, indeed **great** work, too.



Pat Manners will be heading up the SMAAA Pastoral Care Ministry. Would you like to be involved? Would you like more information? **Father Doug** will work with those who volunteer. At this point we are thinking primarily of home visits to shut-ins and phone calls. We hope it will expand to more.

Charlie Detweiler reported on Sunday that the Caminando Unidos roof will be complete in approximately two weeks. The children are safely under it already but more coats of protection are being added.



Thursday's **Yoga with Ann (11-12:30)** continues to grow. Just today Amanda told me that this class has helped her immensely and resulted in a significant change for the better in her

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posture. I can report the same. There were 16 participants in last week's class! That's not even counting AMIGO. Can you find him?

Lorena's Friday's Senior Club (10-12) continues to be the fun place to be. I was fortunate enough to nab a peanut butter sandwich last Friday!

Tomorrow, 4PM, Room off the Library, will be the next in our "Know Your Neighbor" lecture series. Of course most of us already know Terry Elizondo.

But, I'll bet most of you don't know what brought Terry to Cuernavaca many, many years ago and likewise, I'll bet very few of you know ANYTHING about Nuestra Cabana, a Girl Scout international destination for decades. All knowledge is good so come listen to one of our **favorite** neighbors talk about her history in Cuernavaca with Nuestra Cabana. Maybe even bring a friend. Refreshments and social time will follow the lecture. Next month's lecture will feature Pulitzer Prize winning journalist John Mitchell.



Friday, February 29, starting at 7:30PM will be dance night at Mexico Lindo. This fun evening always brings a crowd. There are free salsa and cambia dance lessons. Please send **Charlie Detweiler** a WhatsApp if you are able to attend. +52-777-151-7114.

Last, but definitely not least, SMAAA continues to grow as a vibrant loving community. We are so blessed and so grateful. Thank you photographers!!!

