

THE COMMUNICATOR APRIL 30, 2024

April 28 was **Choir Appreciation Sunday!** It was also a fond farewell (at least for now and in this role) for talented musicians **Gabriel Vargas**, Organist and **Andrea Rangel**, Choir Director and Soprano Soloist. We will be seeing them again VERY soon as they perform their Mother's Day Concert on May 11 at Saint Mike's. (Please, see more below.) Missing from this photo are long-time dedicated choir members **Susan Kirago** and



Ian Thomas. As the only surviving member of the founding choir of 1998 still alive and attending Saint Michael's, I can truly say this has been quite a run. For many years, under the guidance of **Maestra Andrea Carr**, we were fortunate to have music that far exceeded what one would expect for our little congregation.

And, starting Sunday, May 5 we will have a new iteration of the SMAAA choir. We are looking forward to **Laurie Rodriguez'** tenure as organist and Director as well as Laurie's husband **Sonny's** contributions both vocally and instrumentally. We have a number of past choristers reappearing, hoping for the return of all present choristers as well as several new choir members. **If you would like to sing with the choir, please show up this Sunday morning, May 5, 9:30 for rehearsal for the 10:45 service.**

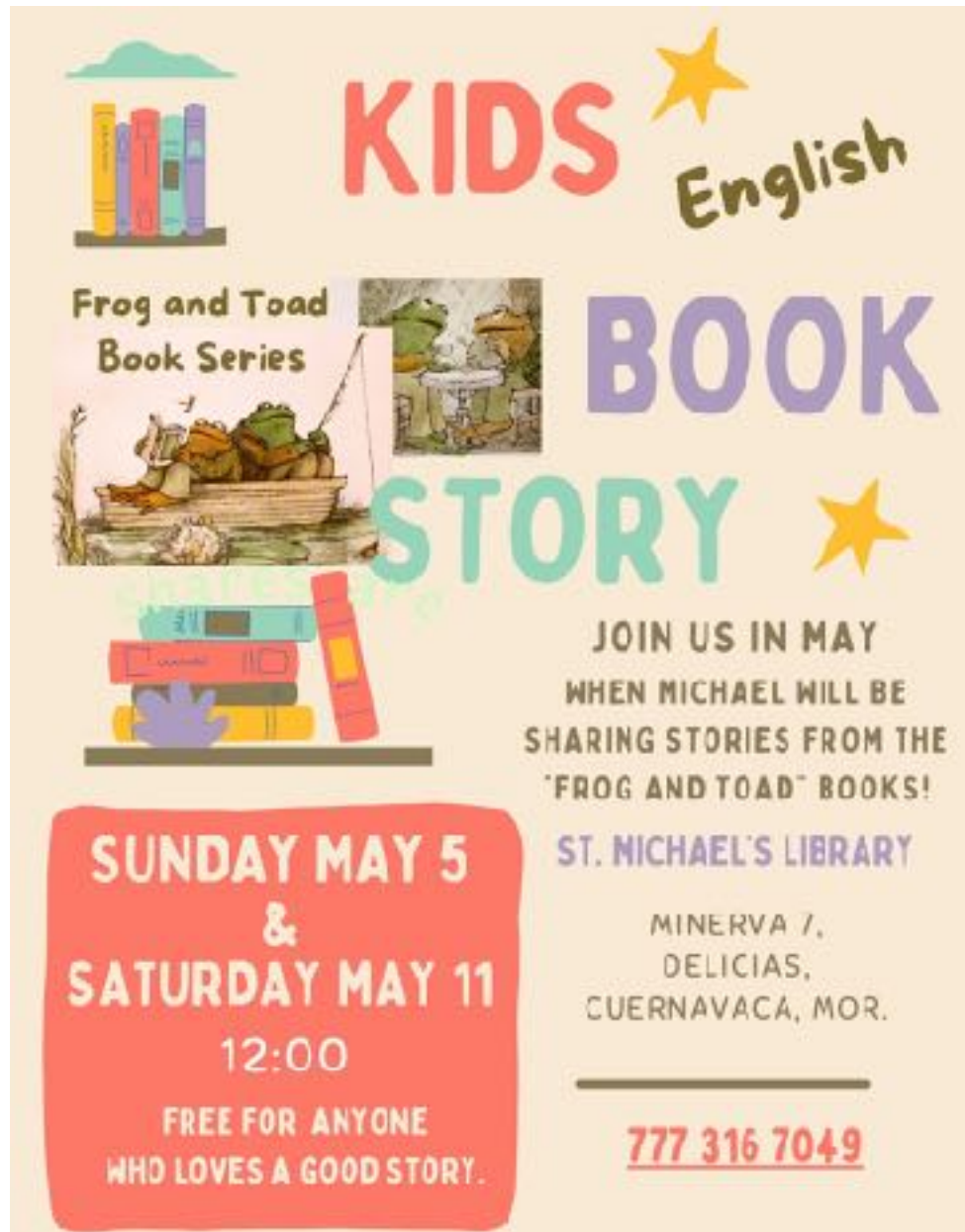
The choir was feted on Sunday by **Father Doug and Veronica** with a tasty Italian lunch served in The Casita. It was much appreciated by all. Thank you to Father Doug and his lovely bride!

Your chance to wear Mexican garb or the colors of the flag is this next Sunday, May 5, Cinco de Mayo. Guayaberas, Huipiles, whatever, let us celebrate this country we all love on this special “holiday” that Mexicans themselves seem to have now adopted. Isabel Graves and Casey Diaz (Mom of darling acolyte Santi) are planning special “*Botanas*” for our hospitality hour. It is also birthday Sunday so, of course, there will be cake!!!!

And that is not all that is happening at Saint Mike’s on May 5. It is also **Library Sunday** with the library opening at noon and a special Story Hour for children.

AND... **Isabel Graves** has yet another talented sister, **Monica**, who will be exhibiting her art on Sunday. All in all, not a Sunday to miss.

Last Library Sunday we had many new families and lots of children appear and stay for the SMAAA Hospitality Hour. Please, reach out and make sure all feel welcome! We are hungry for a Sunday School and a Children’s Choir!!!!



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Using this information one can also make direct donations to **FUNBA** and/or by inquiry join **Los Amigos del Bosque**, an auxiliary support group of FUNBA committed to the protection of the Forest.

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Our sister church, San Pablo, does outreach for the homeless of Cuernavaca. On the third Sunday of each month they provide a communal hot meal. **Pat Manners** has a background working with the homeless in Nashville and has come up with a plan for how we can help support San Pablo's ministry. "**Shoebox Ministry**" is how Pat describes her hope for what we can do. On the **Second Sunday** of each month (Your Communicator will remind you) we will bring toiletries to the church for repacking into baggies or boxes to be handed out to the Homeless by San Pablo at their monthly luncheon. **Suggestions for donations are soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, disposable razors, sanitary wipes.**

The May 11 concert being performed by **Gabriel and Andrea** will benefit this San Pablo outreach. We are hoping for a full house! What better way to celebrate Mother's Day than with the beautiful romantic Mexican music composed by Juan Gabriel, Augustin Lara and others. Tickets are available at Saint Michael's or you may use the number on the poster.

Father Doug will be gone for three upcoming Sundays. Mother Gillian will cover June 2 and June 9. **Mother Gillian Ball** is planning two Celtic Services and those of you who know Gillian also know that her sermons are exceptional. Please join us. May 26, **Father Victor Hugo** of San



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Juan Gabriel, Augustin Lara, Armando Manzanero y más...

Sábado 11 de mayo
6:00pm

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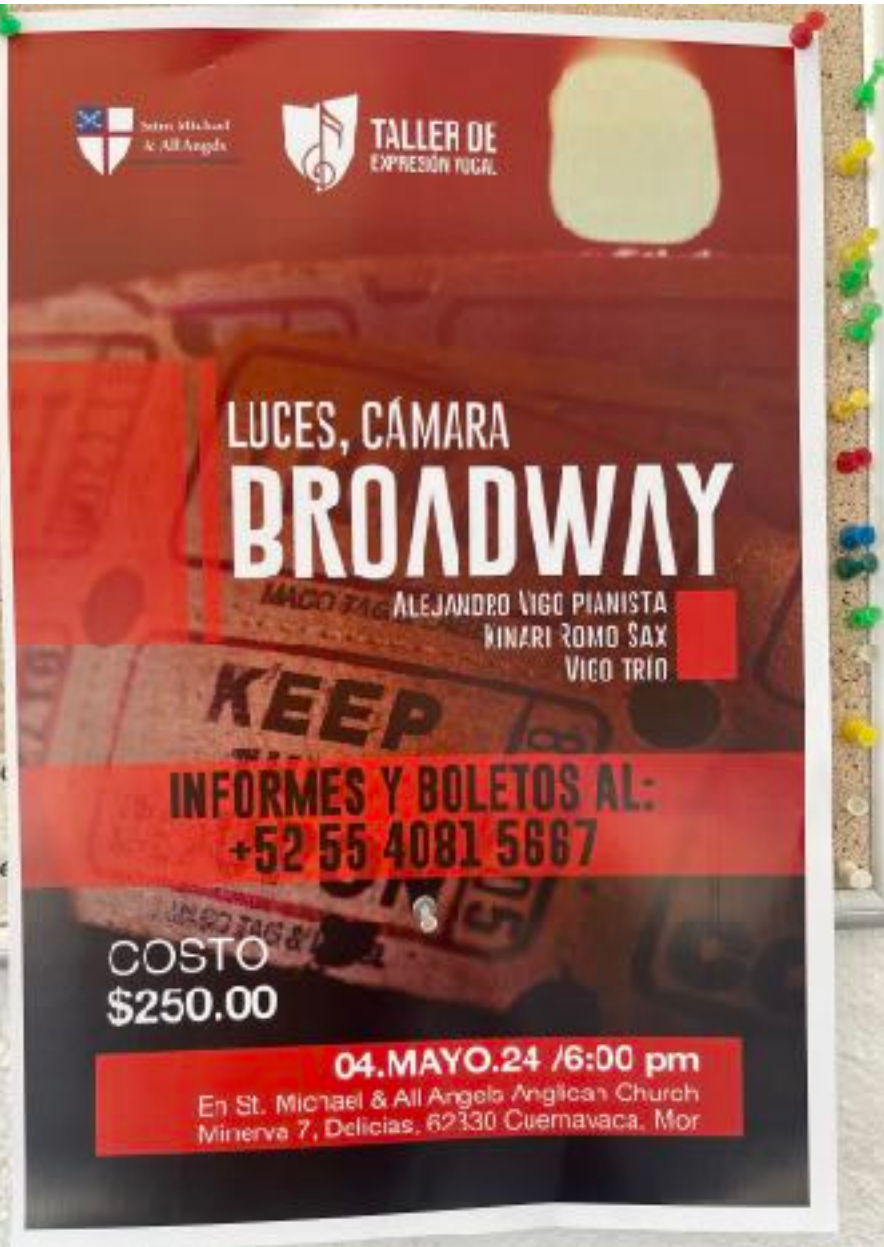
Andrea Rogel, soprano.
Gabriel Vargas, pianista.

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Pablo will be our priest. What a wonderful opportunity for us to get to know him better!



And.... even more music... coming up on May 4!!!!

Joyce, who some of you heard sing last Sunday at coffee hour, will be performing along with her students at 6PM at Saint Mike's. It looks like a great program of fun music!!!

Joyce de Haas took a bad fall last month, has had hip surgery and is now in rehab in Atlanta. **Pat Manners** will be coordinating phone calls with Joyce. Please WhatsApp, Message or call Pat if you would like to sign-up for this type of Pastoral Care Ministry. +1-615-572-4498.

If you receive The Communicator and are no longer able to attend church either because of illness or geography, please know that you are still in our hearts and we'd like to hear from you. Please.... Drop us a line. This week we heard from fellow Choir Founder, **Harriet Edmond**, through her niece Margaret. Many of you will remember Harriet and apparently Harriet remembers us too!!! This is the letter from Margaret on Harriet's behalf! Doesn't Harriet look great?

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This is a selfie with Aunt Harriet that I took when I showed her a note sent to let her know that a St Francis monument* had been dedicated to her. She also got the news through a visit with a former Nuestra Cabana staff member named Christine. As you can see she was exceedingly pleased with the recognition.

Many thanks, Margaret (Harriet's niece)

*I have asked for more information about this monument. Hope to be able to share it soon.

English classes with **Catherine Kolodin** started last week with a great turnout. Unfortunately Catherine now has to be gone for a month. She will resume classes when she returns in June.

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Yoga with Ann continues to be one of our most popular outreach programs. If you haven't tried it yet, I strongly urge you to make your way there on **Thursdays 11-!2:30**. It's a wonderful group of people.

And **Friday's Senior Club**, 10-12, is also going very well. Thank you **Lorena, Pat and Amanda**.

Kudos to **Ivonne, Wendy's** Administrative Assistant who is doing a great job making our Website more reflective of what we do and who we are!

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