

THE COMMUNICATOR. OCTOBER 4, 2024, SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, SPAIN

Good Saturday morning all from rainy Santiago. Despite the rain it is beautiful here in a magical town filled with pilgrims who have been walking for days, weeks or months to get here. They are all ages, all nationalities, all religions (even atheists) who have been called to make this famous and millenials old pilgrimage. As many of you know I have walked it twice myself and found it to be life transforming each time. Some of you have walked it yourself and some have even walked it at my persuasion. I don't think anyone who has ever been in this thin space will disagree that it is magical. I am staying comfortably in the Anglican Pilgrims Hostel, a recently created space. It is quite lovely and a nice addition to the town. Last night the manager of the hotel, a friendly New Zealand couple (aren't they all), a Canadian woman here starting an English language AA and I attended what turned out to be an extraordinary chamber music concert in the chapel of the old Hospital (now an elegant Parador Hotel). One of the most unique parts of the Camino is the Camino "families" that are formed. Each day as pilgrims finish here at the Cathedral you see dozens of these families sharing last moments together - reluctant to separate from one another after having shared so many days in an intense intimacy they will never be able to adequately explain to families and friends "at home."



While I have been quite remiss in my responsibilities to SMAAA I have also had a grand time with icon friends exploring museums, sacred sites and churches of Greece and Spain.



Back home you all have been very busy. The Home Concert at Judy Frothingham's home was a great sold out success. Thank you Judy and Adrienne Socorro for your hospitality and help in raising money for the SMAAA outreach program.

The Rev. Gillian Ball again stepped in for Father Doug on Saint Michael's Sunday. Mother Naty brought tamales and helped celebrate. We are all so grateful for the assistance of these faithful priests who manage to serve us each Sunday. This week, October 6, our former rector, Rev. Tamara Newell, will celebrate. I'll send an announcement via Cuernads and Facebook and hope to have a good turnout. Thanks This Sunday is also



birthday and library Sunday (Library open 11-2). Hopefully our wonderful musician, Edi Velasquez, will also be playing. At Sunday Story Hour, the classical Curious George will be read by Eugene Hoekendorf. We love having the families with children who come to this monthly event. Hopefully we always make them feel welcome at our hospitality hour. Remember, they could be future Sunday Schoolers! Youth choir members!

Hoping this short Communicator is received by all and that next week I will do better with the news of our community. In the meantime, scheduled events:

Tuesday: Yoga and meditation with Ann Moxey 10-11
Library Tea 11-1

Wednesday: Mexican Current Events with Charlie Goff at Cemanahuac, 4 San Juan, Colonia Las Palmas, 5-6:30, Free no reservations required.

Thursday: Yoga with Ann 11-12:30, donations appreciated.

Friday: Senior Club 10-12

Sunday: Services at 10:45, next two Sundays with the Reverend Tamara Newell.