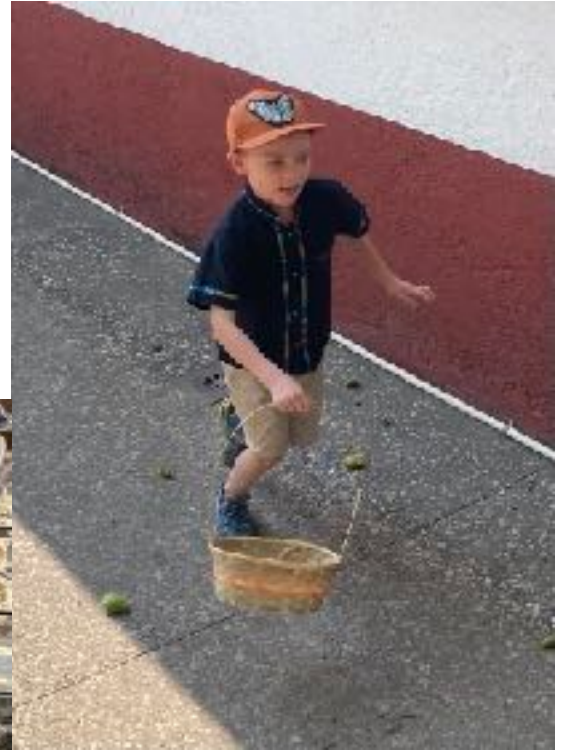


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Chronologically, I should, of course, start with Good Friday services and Holy week activities but it's Easter! now And what an Easter it was!!! **Suzie Jeffress and Debbie Jeffress** did their 10 Annual Easter Story and Easter Egg Hunt. Fifteen or more children raced around for the prized eggs. **Onagh** helped hide eggs; as her reward, some of the children shared their goodies.



SMAAA had the largest Sunday attendance we have had in years. Dear Saint Michael himself must have been laughing with delight as his pews filled and people even stood outside. For a change, we had **many** more children than dogs and we had a record number of dogs!



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The beautiful flowers on the altar given in the names of loved ones who have passed were a highlight of the morning but nothing could have surpassed the beautiful and touching Baptism of **Santiago Adrian Hernandez Diaz**. **Tamara Newell** did a stupendous bilingual service with the Baptismal Font surrounded by children and Santiago's Godparents, **Sonia Moctezuma** and her brother **Charly Moctezuma**. Santi's parents, **Cesar and Casey** proudly presented Santi for Baptism. Yours truly has attended too many Baptisms to count; I



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have never witnessed one quite as joyful, as inclusive, as this. For those of you with the capability of accessing a video please enjoy the introduction of our newest Christian. Welcome Santiago!!!!

We were delighted to welcome back **Mother Naty Rangel** from her long and difficult illness. We also welcomed many new and old faces to the Easter Service. Our apologies for not naming them, welcoming them personally, but it was an embarrassment of riches! There were too many to introduce.

After the Easter Service a beautiful Paschal meal was served prepared by **Santi's parents, Casey & Cesar, Godparents, Sonia and Charly Moctezuma and sponsors, Onagh Ash and Carol Hopkins**. We were fortunate that **Mario Fernandez de Lara** was able to hang another shade sail so that most everyone managed to find escape from the sun. Thank you Mario!!! A special thanks must also be offered to **Remegio and Guadalupe** for the excellent job they did accommodating such a large crowd!

There is no Easter without Good Friday and we had a surprisingly large turnout for that hauntingly powerful service as well. **The Reverends Tamara Newell, Gillian Ball and Douglas Carter** served. Thank you Tamara and Gillian for helping Father Douglas as he endures this long, difficult illness.

Thursday's Yoga class, despite Semana Santa, had 16 participants!!! And that was with 6 of our regulars out on travel or vacation?



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Lots of other wonderful things have happened this week! Two of them will result in the ability of Saint Michael's to improve its outreach program. After the Sunday Brunch, a guest of Tim Bardwell, mentioned that she'd been sitting at a table with primarily Spanish-speaking participants and that they'd expressed a great interest in English classes! **Catherine del Rey Kolodin** is a certified ESL teacher and is willing to offer these classes for free!!! Such a generous gift. Now, we just need to determine the time, space and get those good folks in for English classes. In the meantime, the Spanish class continues to bring in members of Saint Michael's as well as the larger community. We remain grateful to **Charlie Detweiler** for continuing to coordinate this valuable addition to our outreach.

As if that weren't enough, yesterday **John Mitchell** (Journalist, Pulitzer Prize winner and speaker from last month's very popular lecture) offered to start moderating the Lecture Series. We didn't hesitate to accept.

This month's lecture is Wednesday, April 17, 4PM, and features your neighbor and friend, **Jane Martin**, speaking on Mexican Music of the 60's. The fun CD she gave me is entitled "De Chile, De Dulce y De Manteca." I don't know if that will be the title of the lecture but it promises to be very lively. We may be dancing in the aisles.

Our May Lecture will feature **Robert Dailey, MD**, talking about hearing loss, the latest in mechanical appliances to aid hearing loss and research developments that may may change the future of those suffering such. This was the number one requested lecture so we're hoping for a very big turnout. Because of these oft-stated concerns we now have an excellent sound system so - no excuses - everyone will be able to hear Dr. Bob!



And, speaking of hearing loss, many of you remember our visiting friend and member of Saint Michael's, **Suzi Brown and Hearing Aid Dog, Jeff**. Lots of news on that front. Suzi is scheduled for cochlear implants at Mayo Clinic and Jeff, though beyond service dog retirement age, has been given a reprieve from retirement and a nearly clean bill of health.... though increasingly toothless he can apparently still hear well! We look forward to their return in late Spring. Suzie and Jeff attended Easter services at the Cathedral in JAX, FL.

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Our June Lecturer (Date TBD) is **Walter Lopez** speaking about the legacy of the Great Mexican **Movie Star Maria Felix**. Stay tuned. This is going to be a very hot ticket.

We were glad to see and hear **Mungo Lockhart** in the choir on Easter! Good job Mungo! And....We are sad... very sad... to say "Goodbye for now" to choir member **Tim Bardwell**. **Ian Thomas** will really miss his fellow choir member. Some back soon



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Saint Michael and All Angel's Easter flowers were given in the names of beloved who had passed into the Greater Presence of their Lord. We thank all who contributed to make Easter Sunday special. All pesos over that needed for flowers went into the church general fund. Tamara Newell even made sure we used the Easter frontal embroidered by our beloved **Jim Papp** (d. 2024). Both Tamara and Father Doug also wore stoles embroidered by Jim. The Easter Holy Eucharist was celebrated in the names of:

Afton Slade (1919-1993)
Herman Slade (1916-2003)
Hugh Diem (1922-2007)
Rachel Diem (1925-2020)
Dan Diem (1956-2003)
Virginia Bulpitt Beaven Briggs (1919-2012)
David Kent Beavon (1917-1992)
David Kent Beavon, Jr. (1943-2013)
John Hafer Whittaker (1945-2019)
Henrietta Hughes Bulpitt (1892-1993)
Patsy McCann Davis - (1926-2023)
"Chula" Nicholson 2012
James Papp 2024
Ed Acker 2020
Sandy Acker - 2022
Jess Holloway 2020
Suzie Navarette 2013
Maureen McCann Lamb (1922-2012)
William Emerson Lamb (1916-2009)
Peter John Wilson Lamb (1958-2019)
David Brooks Hopkins (1947-2013)
Stanley Eli Mills (1922-2011)
Samuel David Winner (1941-2010)
Henry Hoyt "Hank" Frothingham - (1943-2023)
Charles William "Bill" Ash - (1937-2019)
Gonzalo Garita Azurmendi (1933-2024)
Salvador Millan Lopez (1945-2024)
Claire Carter (1925-2020)
Bob Carter (1925-1991)
Wilma and Eric Marchant
John Marchant 2023