The Bishop's Annual visit was beautiful with a full church, just the right amount of pomp, Christmas color with our beautiful poinsettia tree, and a lovely reception (thanks



to **Mungo** there was even wine). Thank you Bishop Trevino and your lovely wife **Maru** for your kindness. And, thank you **Roxann**

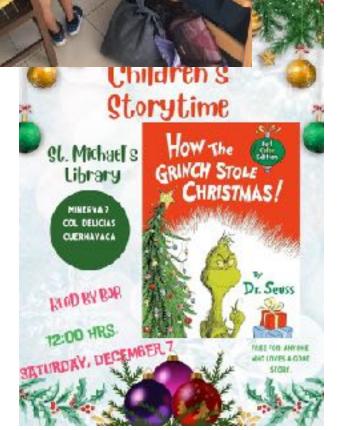


you **Roxanna** for your work translating Bishop Trevino's sermon.





Library Story Hour was also held Sunday. Ten children!!! **Are we ready for a Sunday School?** Thank you Lenise for this great report and Raul for the photos. From Lenise, "The children seemed to really like the activities and really got into the book... there were 10 kids...the play dough got a little messy but the kids had fun either way and we cleaned up 100% afterwards Hopefully we can do





a kids' activity like this again soon! Maybe a Christmas story with hot chocolate and cookies would be fun right before Christmas." Bob Dailey is the reader for Saturday, December 7's story. Can we get our act together and help make this another spectacular and

memorable kids' event? Rumor has it that Bob will bear a remarkable resemblance to the grinch. What fun. Spread the word to any youngsters you think might enjoy it.

The following is a Concert description from Maestra Andrea Carr **The Deo Gracias Choi**r and I are thrilled to invite you to our upcoming December 2024 concerts titled "Cent Mille Chansons" – One Hundred Thousand Songs.

Since we rebuilt the choir after the pandemic, the chorus has grown in size and enthusiasm. After the extraordinary premiere performances of Ola Gjeilo's "Sunrise Mass" this past June, our expectation and artistic goals continue to grow at a steady pace.

Now we participate with the String Orchestra Amanecer under the direction of Sandi Schwarz. We chose a light musical program perfect for all ages whilst supporting the renewed String Orchestra as it prepares new instrumental repertoire aligned with plans for the development and continued professionalization of our young musicians in Morelos.

Our collaboration culminates in a selection of pieces from the Opera – Ballet "Les Indes Galantes" by Jean Philippe Rameau with it's attractive melodies and rhythms that introduce us to the French Baroque style that maestra Sandi delights in and inspires us to experience. And what to say about the Christmas carols to wind down the evening? "See Amid the Winter's Snow" by Dan Forrest transmits the wonder and growing majestic Alleluya regarding the news of the birth of Christ, whilst the fun Mexican version of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" (Los Doce Días de la Navidad) in John Rutter's arrangement is sure to bring a smile to the entire family.

Don't miss our concerts that take place on Friday 6 December at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday 7 December at 4 p.m. at the Parish San José El Calvario, Ave. Morelos No. 2, Centro Cuernavaca, Morelos.

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Tickets available at Las Mañanitas, Consultorio

Lotus and on line at WhatsApp numbers on the poster. \$350 pesos General public, \$300 pesos. Pre Concert Sale Price (Limited number of tickets). I successfully bought tickets using the WhatsApp number 777-420-4677.

December 14, 7PM, "The Sopranos", is a concert to benefit Saint Michael's. Onagh Ash has graciously offered her home and will be providing a sit-down pre-concert dinner (5PM) to patrons (1500p). The concert will begin at 7. Please see poster. Judy says the music ranges from Sinatra to classical arias. Parking is very limited so please try to



THE SOPRANOS An evening of song and merriment

Ramila Higgins Victor M. Morales Alondra Vargas Recital of Mexican Romantic Songs, Opera Arias, American Songs and Lied.



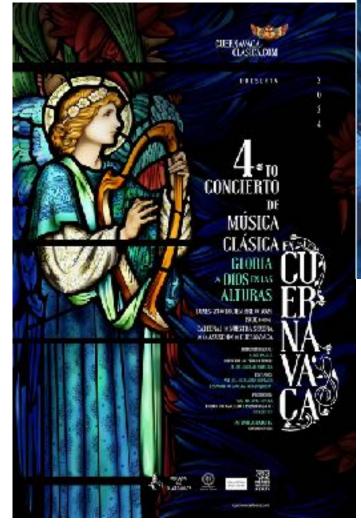
carpool or better yet UBER or taxi. Tickets are available on the Saint Michael's website. <u>https://</u> <u>buy.stripe.com/</u> <u>eVabJm0KccqzdNKdQV</u>

On December 15, the exciting **Canto Coro** will be performing at **Tabachines**. Canto Coro is a girl's chorus founded by **Arturo**

Suaste. Many of you already know and support this inspiring group. The proceeds from the concert will help pay the costs of these girls to represent Mexico in a Canadian music concert to be held next summer in Ontario. Please support this wonderful mission. 250P donation.These girls are wonderful ambassadors for Mexico.

Last but not least concert reminder is for the December 23rd Cathedral concert. This much-anticipated event is always a high point in the season. It is free (a gracious gift to the community by Walter Lopez, Tom Esakin and Nick Silver) but early tickets (allowing you to enter the Cathedral first)

will soon be available at SMAAA as well as the library. Last week's Communicator covered members of "Thursday Yoga with Ann's" Group visit to the Juvenile Detention Center near Xochicalco. It was an impressive visit and has inspired visitors to put together some Christmas boxes for the girls housed there. Ann Moxey has requested an array of greatly needed items for the girls – especially for dental and sanitary hygiene. The last opportunity to get these items to Ann will be before or after this





items, cleaning products and hygiene items are much needed along with warm clothing. There are baskets in the back of the church.

Have you bought your **Divine Dog Calendars**? These are great gifts for everyone on your extended Christmas list! See Judy or the library.

We congratulate **Victor Manuel Morales**, interim organist at SMAAA for his very successful concert last Sunday night at Bellas Artes

Weekly Schedule of Events:

Advent and Christmas Schedule All Sunday's 10:45. Lessons and Carols 10:45, Sunday, December 22 Christmas Eve Service 5PM, December 24 Sunday, December 29, Baptism of Judy Frothingham's new grandchild, Charlie Michael Wallick

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Tuesdays 10-11 AM Meditation. Cancelled for this week. Library Tea 11-1

Wednesdays 11-12, Alexander Method with Rosie Land Mexican Current Events 5-6:30 on vacation until January. Thursdays 11-12:30 "Yoga with Ann" Friday ESL on vacation until January

Dog calendars



Schedule of holiday services