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First, the news everyone is waiting for. **Father Doug** is having heart surgery to replace a leaking valve. The surgery is scheduled for Saturday. Padre Doug is in excellent spirits and appreciates the prayers, the meals, the good wishes of the Community and of us at SMAAA. His cardiologist does not yet know if they will be able to do the surgical repair through a non-invasive method using robotics or will need to open Doug's chest which will, of course, require a much longer convalescence. Father Doug is grateful that his wife, Veronica, has been "lovingly at my side" ever since his hospitalization on July 21.

We have meals planned through the end of this week. **Pat Manners**, as head of SMAAA Pastoral Care, will circulate a sign-up sheet at church on Sunday. We are hoping to have a Meal Train that can deliver meals M, W, F of each week during Father Doug's recovery. We also need a team to visit Sheila at least once a week in Father Doug's absence. Please, please be generous with your time and talents. We are a very small parish but if each of us does our share we, too, can "Feed the 5000." For emergencies

please remember you can reach clergy at: The Rev. Gillian Ball 739 395 4655, The Rev. Tamara Newell 777 523 9440, The Rev. Victor Hugo 55 7332 6076.



Last Sunday we again had our former Rector, the **Reverend Tamara Newell**, as our pastor. We're delighted she'll be with us again this Sunday, July 7. As this is the First Sunday of the Month it is also Birthday Sunday, Library Sunday, Live guitar music with **Edi Velasquez** will be contributed during the **Hospitality Hour**. Thank you Edi.

The following two Sundays, August 11 and 18, the **Reverend Gillian Ball** will be at Saint Michael's filling in for Father Doug. We are so fortunate to have these two retired, beloved and incredibly gifted

priests who willingly continue to share their gifts and spiritual messages with us.

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We had a full house last Sunday and were particularly happy to see **Gabriel and Lety Novaro** in their familiar pew. We've missed you lovely people. We were treated to **Professor Victor** on the organ and were delighted with the return of one of our most faithful choir members, **Ian Thomas**. We now have four returning choir members; it is beginning to sound like old times. Good job Ladies and Gentlemen.



The **Will Writing Workshop** last Thursday was a huge success thanks to the leadership of **Kris Salgado and Adrian Smith**. They provided handouts with everything needed for you to get your will written and notarized this September. If you need copies of the

handouts, please contact me by WhatsApp and mention the Will Writing; I will send everything on. Those of us present appreciated the hard work both **Kris and Adrian** put into this first class event.

Kris led a lively discussion on **“Emotional Wills”** which involved thinking about how one wishes to be remembered, etc. One participant told us about her Mother-in-law leaving a cache of hand-written personal letters to everyone in the family and what those letters meant to each person who received them. Everyone in attendance was very moved and the decision was made to start meeting once a month to provide the personal discipline needed by many of us to work on “Emotional Wills.” If you're interested in

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knowing more and/or joining us, please send a WhatsApp saying this to me at 777-328-0637.



Suzie Jeffress and her VERY FUN team of teachers are conducting what I believe may be SMAAA's **first** ever Vacation Bible School! We are thrilled to have these young people on our campus and hope they, and their families too, will return. The first day the theme was Noah's Ark, covenants and the symbol of the rainbow. Suzie reports the group built an ark with blocks and even "rescued" animals. Congratulations!!!!

A blessed group of photographers are responsible for the photos each week in your Communicator. I want to be sure you know that **Pat Manners, Amanda Hooten and Onagh Ash** supply these gems. Thank you to each of them. Amanda and Pat have also been

supplying our weekly flowers. It is a wonderful gift to the church the two of them have provided but we hope some of you will also want to sign up for providing flowers in Thanksgiving or in the name of a loved one. Please use the sign-up sheet at the back of the church!!!!

Pat and her team have also asked me to remind each of you there is a basket at the back of the church for donations of non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, toiletries at the back of the church. These items are needed by the homeless of Morelos and it is our way to support the weekly efforts being made by San Pablo. Please, make bringing a bag of rice or beans, or a few bars of soap to church, a part of your Sunday ritual.



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We have a prayer list in the Bulletin each Sunday. There is also a prayer list compiled by the Friday Senior Club group that is prayed by this group each morning at 8AM. Do you feel called to pray with us? If so, please send a WhatsApp to **Lorena Molina** at 777-212-8575. You can also send Lorena a WhatsApp if you would like to add someone to our daily prayer list and or to the Bulletin

list.

Starting next week there will be **"Yoga with Ann"** twice a week. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11-12:30. Ann asks that you please bring your own yoga mat. Ann has a couple of new mats for sale if you don't have one. Lupita will be gone for the next two months assisting her brother after a major surgery. You and your encouraging smile will be missed Lupita!!!

Don't forget **Current Events with Charlie Goff** Wednesdays 5-6:30 at Cemanahuac Educational Community, San Juan 4, Colonia Las Palmas. Charlie is a wealth of information on current events and their genesis in the history of Mexico. Whatever your questions about what is happening in today's Mexico, it will be discussed. Hope you'll check it out. No reservations required and it is FREE!!!!

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