

## The Communicator June 4, 2024

The wonderful **Reverend Gillian Ball** graced the altar at **SMAAA** this past Sunday. What a joy her sermon brought to us as she clarified the importance of distinguishing between “following the letter of the law” and following Christ’s 2nd Commandment “To Love thy neighbor.” The spontaneous applause of an appreciative congregation was well-deserved. Gillian’s presence also brought a full house with some of her Tepoztlan faithful as well as other fans who do not often attend Saint Mike’s but are always welcomed with open arms. We were particularly happy to see the return of **Lorna Blackmore** and **Paul and Anita Gottschalk’s** (celebrating their 44th Anniversary!!!).

Gillian will return again this next Sunday, June 9th. We hope we can greet her with an even larger congregation.

We also welcomed newcomer **Daniel Sambras** and his wee daughter **Emma**. We look forward to your return in the near future.

It was **Children’s Story Hour and Open House at the library**. Happily, some of them drifted over to the SMAAA Hospitality Hour. In the future, we have to remember to take this first Sunday of the month into account in planning for food. Since it is always Birthday Sunday too it was serendipity that we had not one but two cakes this past Sunday.



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We welcomed home a number of our traveling souls including **Judy Frothingham** and **Onagh Ash** (one of our most faithful photographers). In addition we had lots of black thumbs in the congregation among those who'd already voted in Mexico's national elections. Special kudos to the **Lathrop's** who arrived on time after having already traveled to Tepoztlan to cast their votes. Well done! It was very exciting to see the enthusiasm in Mexico for voting.

Sunday was a giant fiesta over the entire country.

The **Deo Gracias** choral group joined by several other choruses (even one from the US), under the direction of Maestra Andrea Carr, will be performing the Mexican Premier of Norwegian composer **Ola Gjello's Sunrise Mass** on Friday, June 14th and Saturday, June 15th. Don't wait to get your tickets. This is sure to be a sold out concert.

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**SATURDAY**  
**JUN 22 6:30 PM**

PRE-CONCERT TALK AND WINE BAR AT 6:00 PM!  
Minerva Fiesq, Eric, Dalila, Gabriela Mor.

In deference to the dates of the Deo Gracias concert we have changed the dates of our upcoming concert at SMAAA. We look forward to hearing **Victor Manuel Morales** who graciously allowed us to change his date to accommodate the schedule of the Deo Gracias Concert. Please join us **June 22, 6:30 PM, SMAAA**. Tickets can be purchased using the QR code on the poster. (Yes, I tried it successfully.)

**Laurie Rodriguez**, Interim Music Director at Saint Mike's is a superb violinist. Her husband **Sonny** is a double bass player with the Mexico City Philharmonic. Laurie has some different music planned for summer services while the choir takes a break. We hope you'll come and enjoy.

**Wednesday, June 19th, 4PM** (Immediately following the always popular Lunch Bunch) is the June lecture of SMAAA featuring **Dr. Robert Dailey** speaking on hearing problems and solutions. Titled, "Hearing Loss: No Fun. What's to be done?" this lecture has been long awaited by many of you suffering from some loss of hearing. Dr. Bob is one of you and has undertaken a study in both current research and optimal hearing assistance. **John Mitchell** will be the moderator on June 19, 4 PM, at Saint Mike's. Refreshments will be served after the lecture.



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**Pat Manners**, Ministry of Pastoral Care, asks that you be reminded of the baskets to the left of the entry for dry goods and essential toiletries for the homeless served by the San Pablo congregation. **Rice, beans, canned goods, soap, gel, wipes, etc.** All are desperately needed. Congratulations to us!!! The money for the needed additional tables and chairs has been reached!!! If you would like to assist once a month at the sit down meal held at the old downtown Saint Michael's



please see Pat



**Charlie Goff is out of town this week, Current events will not be held. It will resume on June 12.**

**Thursday Yoga with Ann (and Lupita too)** continues to be creating a wonderful community within a community. In July we will begin class twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. After last week's class all enjoyed a wonderful potluck! It was a grand celebration at the end of our first 9 months of classes. All are welcome.

From the accompanying photos you can see we have

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a very fun time. We may not always do perfect yoga but we always get the love and laughter right.



There has been a most enthusiastic response to our **will writing seminar**. We now have a date! **July 11, 3-6**. We are limiting the seminar to 20 participants... Half of those spaces are already full. We are offering this free seminar because of the sadness and resulting complications of some of our community members dying intestate. **Kris Salgado** will be helping coordinate this seminar.



Mark your calendars for the **SMAAA annual 4th of July (1-4 PM) Celebration!** This is always a large community event. More details to follow in the next Communicator.

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**SUMMER CAMP** is just around the corner. Do you children 4-10 who would enjoy and benefit from a marvelous all English Summer Camp? **Suzanne (Suzi) Jeffress** and her team have put together what we hope will become an annual tradition at Saint Mike's.

Our **Board Games Guru, Amalia**, has had to take a rain check until January. Would you like to coordinate a Board Games Group? There is lots of interest but we need someone to host.

**Monday's Spanish Grammar and Conversation** is looking for more participants. 3:30-5:30 at Saint Michael's on the porch of the library.

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story, in English  
with Spanish  
explanations

**Saturday, June 8, 12:00**

Francisco is a lonely boy. Amigo is a prairie dog. They both live in the desert, and both want someone to play with. Francisco thinks that he's "taming" Amigo, his pet -- but Amigo knows better.



The book being read at Saturday's Story Hour is "Amigo" by Byrd Taylor. My Amigo is named after the prairie dog in this wonderful, wonderful story. Jackie Robinson will be the reader and she's great too! Amigo and I wish we could attend!! It is, of course, Amigo's favorite book. Amigo with his very own prairie dog "Amigo."