

Sunday's Cinco de Mayo celebration at Saint Michael's will be one we long remember. **Jorge Bredee** and **Lupita Vines** (above) remembered their traditional dances and did a fine job expressing the exuberance of the mariachi music.

Beautiful traditional garb was worn by **Casey**, **Lupita, Ninive, Carol, Chris, Judy and Isabel.** 

There was also lots of tasty Mexican dishes brought by Isabel and Casey. It was Birthday Sunday and the delicious birthday cake quickly vanished.





Sonny Rodriguez, Erika Mayen and Yurina Peralta Puga and of course celebrated veterans, Ian Thomas, Isabel Peralta and Tim Bardwell. We hope you will all be back with us each Sunday. We still need more singers! Please, if so moved, come join the choir. Just be there by 10AM, Sun. **Father Doug** did an excellent follow-up sermon on John's Gospel and Christ telling us we are not His servants but instead, His Friends and reminding us of the sacred role Friendship plays in our lives and in our relationship with Christ. And always it is about Love.

This was the first Sunday of Laurie Rodriguez as organist. Thank you Laurie for stepping into this position. We look forward to hearing what you will do from the choir loft. We welcomed new choir participants Felipe Aguilar,



It is always a thrill when former Rector **Tamara Newell** is with us. Thank you Tamara. We pray for the well being of **Mother Naty.** The return of **Ninive, Renee and Nicolo** to the fold was also cause for celebration.

In addition to our grand Cinco de Mayo Fiesta it was library Sunday and a story hour for kiddos. Lots of new faces showed up. They must have been very impressed but I hope they don't think we have mariachi every Sunday! Unfortunately we don't have any photos this month of the Library Story Hour but we'll do better next time. Isabel's sister Monica displayed



her art.

The Mother's Day Concert being offered by **Gabriel Vargas and Andrea Rangel** on behalf of San Pablo's Homeless Outreach is on Friday, May 11. Many of you have already purchased your tickets for what promises to be a beautiful event. We all know these accomplished performers and look forward to hearing them perform romantic Mexican ballads and folk music.

Saint Michael's closer collaboration with San Pablo has led to **Pat Manners** learning about their outreach to the homeless and to offering her considerable talents to coordinating Saint Michael's cooperation with San Pablo. Read on. This is for you. From Pat Manners: "There are two new projects starting at Saint Michael's that will give you the opportunity to give back to our community. The Pastoral Care outreach needs both Spanish speaking and English speaking volunteers willing tp make phone calls to members who are absent from church, to make home visits when appropriate, perhaps assist members of our community getting to and from medical appointments as needed. There will be a card on the table at the back of the church that you can fill out and put in the offering basket

Toiletry Items Needed: Imagine yourself homeless on the street. What would you most need? soap, gel, toothpaste, toothbrush, wipes, bandaids, razor, other? indicating how you might be willing to help.

Another new project is "Angel Outreach"

helping Padre Victor Hugo and San Pablo provide for an increasing homeless population here in Cuernavaca. They now provide for 80-100 homeless people the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Every week they go out and give food, bottled water and juice to those on the streets. According to Padre Victor Hugo, "We know where to find them." The Second Sunday of each month, the homeless are served a hot meal at the old Saint Michael's - the Cathedral church - downtown. It is an opportunity for the homeless to have a good meal and to feel the sense of belonging. Volunteers are needed 1-3PM to help serve. Highlighted in yellow is a list of items we can donate to hand out to the homeless. Please be an angel, check it out and help as you can. Pat

P.S. You don't need to speak Spanish. A welcoming smile is more than enough. Meantime. the basket will be at the back of the church collecting toiletries for distribution. Does this ministry speak to you? If so, please see Pat or reach out to her on WhatsApp or Messages +1-615-572-4498

**Cemanahuac Educational Community** is a long-time player in Cuernavaca. Cemanahuac Founders **Charlie Goff** and his sister **Harriet Goff** are supporters of Saint Michael's and are offering their highly respected immersive language program to members of our community at a greatly reduced rate and at more flexible hours than ever in the past. This is really exciting for those of us who want to improve our Spanish or even to have intensive intellectual instruction. More information please WhatsApp 777-328-2789

For 35 years Charlie taught 90 minutes of Mexican Current Events every Wednesday at 5PM. With the pandemic he stopped these much-beloved events. Many of us NEVER missed. He has been convinced to offer Current Events once again. It will be on Wednesdays at 5. This is a conflict with the Saint Michael's Lecture Series; we will work around it. Starts Wednesday, May 15.

AND, Charlie is also offering cultural excursions (and if you've never been on an excursion with Charlie you don't know what you're missing) to cultural and anthropological sites. These trips have always been offered on Sundays but of course that means they interfere with church services. Charlie has agreed to try offering them on Saturdays! The first trip will be to Teotihuacan on Saturday, May 18. I know you have already been to Teotihuacan. But... you've never been with Charlie. It's just not the same place, not the same experience. We are limited to 22 spots. Tickets are 700pesos for a day's excursion if you have an INAPAM card. If you don't it is 800 pesos. These trips will be offered every Saturday for one month to see if it is something the community wants. Let's convince Charlie that it is!!! It is a wonderful community building possibility!!! Cemanahuac is located in Colonia Las Palmas, San Juan 4. All activities are located there.

# I KNOW!!! I Know!! Not enough pictures! You have to read. YIKES! I promise The Communicator will do better next week. Photographers I need you!!!! Anyone who takes a good photo during the week at the various activities, please send them in!

Next week we hope to have more information on Youth Summer Camp!!! This project is being supervised by Susie Jeffress and should be a fun, popular way for children studying bilingually to spend their summer vacation days. We are very excited.

Meanwhile, we remain thrilled by the response to **"Yoga with Ann (and Lupita too),** " THursdays, 11-12:20, **Friday Senior Club**, 10-12 and **Spanish Conversation,** Mondays 3:30-5:30/





In June we will start a weekly Board Game Group. Do you have unused Board Games to contribute?