

The Communicator November 26, 2024



Finally, we had our beloved rector, the Reverend Douglas Carter, back on the altar! Just in time for Advent and Christmas Father Doug has recuperated sufficient strength to return to us. It is the answer to all of our prayers and we give thanks to God for his recovery and ask for his good health to continue. Father Doug's strength is limited and this past week he



asked the multi-talented Debbie Jeffress to read his prepared sermon. As in everything, Debbie did a wonderful job. In fact it could have been called "Family Jeffress Sunday" with all of the Jeffress generations involved in the readings, choir hospitality hour and sermon. Thank you to this wonderful Parish family.

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Debbie, Isabel Graves, Marisela Lathrop and Pat Manners surprised the congregation with a special Thanksgiving Hospitality Hour. Isabel baked a turkey and made burritos (Thanksgiving Mexican style), green bean casserole and other side dishes completed the feast! Needless to say, everyone stayed. It was a wonderful early celebration of this annual feast of Gratitude.



My personal gratitude for all the great photos I was sent this week. I wish I could have used them all. I was unable to be at church this past Sunday but there were so many photos I almost felt present. John Stelly has done a beautiful job finishing the dedicated gardens. It is a beautiful space for which we give thanks to Judy Frothingham and John.

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The choir is busy preparing for Christmas. This next week Laurie Rodriguez will be our organist and choir director as Victor Manuel prepares for his evening concert at Bellas Arte. Congratulations on this great honor Victor Manuel!!!

This Sunday, December 1, is the Annual Visit of our wonderful Bishop Enrique Treviño. In both the Anglican and Episcopal traditions, this is always a very festive occasion and celebration. Please make every effort to be there on Sunday and, if possible, to arrive on time. There will be a reception and Parish Fall Meeting held in Magnolia Hall immediately following the service. All are invited to attend.

Sunday, December 1, is also the First Sunday in Advent. Thanks to Susan and Joaquin Kirago our poinsettia tree will be in place. It is a beautiful background for Christmas family or individual photos. Please take advantage of the opportunity.

Sunday, December 1, is Library Sunday and Children's Story Time. Lenise Butler will be the reader this week and



we're hoping the whole family will be at church. We have missed our favorite Bell Ringers!

Our next SMAAA Benefit Concert, THE SOPRANOS, is December 14, 7PM. I have been told tickets are available on our website, saintmichaelcuernavaca.com. Our last concert brought 12,000 pesos and we are hoping for at least that much for this fun evening. Parking is VERY limited. UBER and cabs are urged. There are still a few openings for the Patron Dinner - 1500 pesos (includes concert ticket).

THE SOPRANOS
An evening of song and merriment

Kamilla Higgins Victor M. Morales Alondra Vargas

Recital of Mexican Romantic Songs,
Opera Arias, American Songs and Lied.

December 14 **7:00 pm**

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!
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\$250 pesos

Parking very limited
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Library Corner

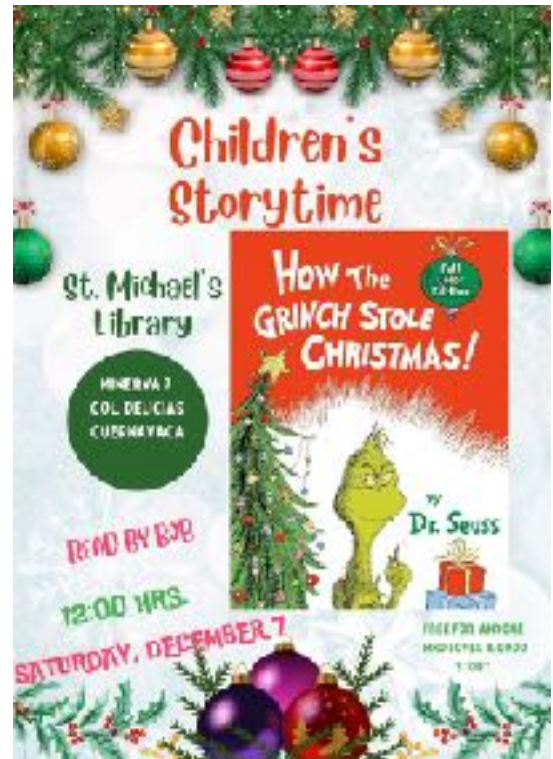
The Annual Holiday Bazaar, sponsored by the Library, is this Saturday! November 30. This much anticipated community event is your chance to see friends, buy

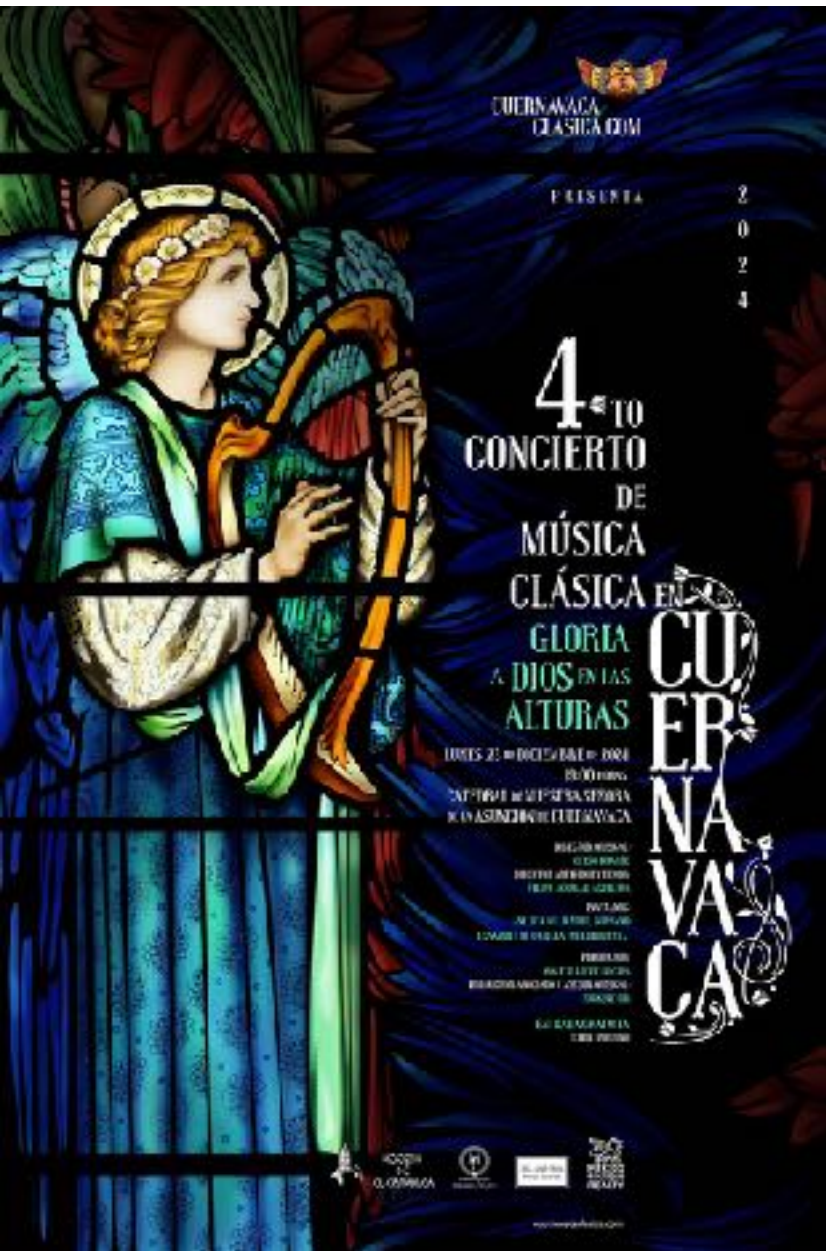
food goodies, crafts and other curated items. It is always a highlight of the Holiday Season!!!

Also coming up at the library is the Saturday Story Hour on December 7, 12 noon. Young or old, who doesn't love How the Grinch Stole Christmas?

And don't forget every Tuesday is Library Tea from 11-1!

Gift Hint: A Library Card is a great gift to someone who has everything. Why not stop by the library during the Holiday Bazaar and buy a membership for a friend?





December is a big month and the annual concert produced by Walter Lopez, Tom Esakin and Nick Silver is a “must” add to your holiday calendar.

December 23, 7PM. Cathedral. Free.

One needs to get there early to assure a seat but it is always a marvelous event and the perfect mood enhancer for the Christmas season.

There are usually tickets available ahead of time that allow for early seating. Please watch for them at the library and in church.

Weekly offerings at SMAAA

Tuesdays, 10-11, Meditation with Ann Moxey.

11-1, Library Tea

Wednesdays, 11-12 Alexander Method with Rosie Land

5-6:30 Current Events with Charlie Goff

Thursdays, Yoga with Ann Moxey

Fridays, 10-12 Senior Club

ESL with Catherine del Rey Kolodin 5-7

Other Big News:

Ann Moxey has long taught yoga at prisons throughout Mexico and even the United States. This past week she invited several of her yoga students to go with her for her weekly yoga class at the Juvenile Prison near Xochicalco. Judy Frothingham, Chris Jones and Cecilia Sanchez donned the red shirts and jeans (required uniform for visitors) and joined the nearly

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100 young people for a long afternoon. At Current Events last Wednesday Chris and Cecilia gave a long, very positive report on what they had seen and the desperate educational (among other) needs of these young people. Ann and the three visitors brainstormed about how we can best help these young people turn their lives around and have a new start when they are released. For example, there are lots of guitars but no guitar strings or teacher. There are willing brains to learn but few books and fewer teachers. Youngsters receive very few family visits and are totally dependent on others for toiletries, etc. This is a potential major outreach program for Saint Michael's and will be discussed at the Annual Meeting in January. Stay tuned.

WE ARE SO EXCITED TO FINALLY BE ABLE TO RECEIVE PLEDGE DONATIONS BY CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD ON OUR WEBSITE.

saintmichaelcuernavaca.org or <https://saintmichaelcuernavaca.org/index.php/donation-form/>

Check it out.

Please don't forget to bring your donations of non-perishable food, toiletries, cleaning and clean warm clothing to services on Sunday. **San Pablo and the Homeless Project of Morelos** are counting on our help.

In addition, **Lorena Molina** and her son have an annual project of providing clean, used clothing to those in need. They package and deliver them. If you have close to donate to that project please give them directly to Lorena.

Mexican Current Events with Charlie Goff is held each Wednesday at Cemanahuac Spanish School, 4 San Juan, Colonia Las Palmas. This is an amazing free gift to the community from Charlie. Those of us who go wouldn't miss this opportunity to discuss Mexican Current Events in the historical context Charlie provides.