

The Communicator April 24, 2026

This past Sunday was our last before heading into Holy Week.

This coming Sunday is Palm Sunday. We enter our sweet church of SMAAA, waving palms, singing “All Glory, Laud and Honor” as we celebrate Jesus’ triumphant arrival in Jerusalem. But... less than an hour later we leave this almost schizoid service in darkness, singing “Were You There When They Crucified My Lord” with the anticipation of the events to come in the next very few days.

Your Communicator is reading an excellent, highly recommended book by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. The Last Week: A Day by Day Account of Jesus’ Final Week in Jerusalem tells an hour by hour story, as accurately as history can possibly know, of what happened in those hours and in the context of the political and economic pressures in Palestine, under Roman rule, at the time. It is a compelling read!

Our Holy Week at Saint Michael’s begins with Palm Sunday and proceeds to Maundy Thursday, the Christian re-enactment of Jesus’ Last Supper with his Disciples. Jesus went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish Passover with a traditional Seder. It would be his final meal. Our Holy Eucharist is a reminder of that Passover meal he shared with his Friends. Within only hours Jesus would be arrested, tried, convicted, crucified the next day — Good Friday.

We hope many of you will join us for this supper (5PM Thursday) being generously provided by the Hospitality Committee. **Please RSVP if you are coming.** We are limited to the first 30 reservations. **There are only 6 places left as this Communicator is published.**

We will have a 12 noon Good Friday service. This powerful, dark, service, is a poignant reminder of Christ’s suffering and what the Cross really means to Christians.

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On Sunday, April 5, 10:45, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus as the Christ!!! in a joyous riot of familiar music, Alleluias!!!! And, of course, Easter Eggs!!!! Thank you Susie J and Kids Club for making this an annual tradition



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This past Sunday was lovely. Kids Club was amazing! So many children and parents! Lenise did her usual miracle of creating wonderfully engaging activities out of practically nothing. Susie Jeffress could have won an Oscar for her rendition of the story of Saint Patrick's life! Kiddos were spellbound. Our pews were full, Father Doug gave an inspired sermon, the music was glorious and the Hospitality Committee filled every belly.

If you will, just a little bragging on our wonderful choir. Our gifted Music Director, Jose Luis had to be away on Sunday. His place was filled by our equally gifted soloist, Juan Luis Enriquez. Somehow Jose Luis managed to play the organ, conduct the choir **and** sing... sometimes all at once! The choir was in awe. But then the choir is in awe of him each Sunday as he gifts SMAAA with solos that so often bring tears to the eyes of all.

This was our last Sunday, at least for a bit, of singing together "El Pescador de Hombres." It has been a wonderful experience for both choir and congregation to learn and sing this beautiful and beloved Spanish contemporary hymn. Father Doug has agreed that it will continue to be our Gradual - at least for the first Sunday of every month.

SMAAA hopes to introduce more bilingual content into the service with, when possible, a reading of the Gospel in both languages. When either Tamara or Mother Naty are there this should be possible. We love the inclusion of so many Mexican Nationals in our congregation and want them to feel as welcome as possible.

Kids Club last Sunday was, as stated above, TOTAL joy for everyone! We all love wearing the Green and the kids came with that and more. The leprechaun's treasure was hidden behind the organ in the choir loft and all

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the kiddos came quietly (though diligently) seeking the gold during rehearsal. Fun for all!!

Coming up immediately after Easter (April 8, 4:30PM) is our April “Know Your Neighbor. Moderator John Mitchell has something very special planned. You won’t want to miss it.

Know Your Neighbor – 4:30 on April 8 at St. Michael’s Church.

Our next Know Your Neighbor gathering will feature the story of a young family who arrived in Cuernavaca after running out of options.



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Caught in today's immigration crackdown, their journey reflects the difficult choices many families face. She was born in the United States. He was born in Mexico and crossed the border more than two decades ago in search of a better life. Their two children—now 10 and 6—were born in California. But after years of navigating a maze of visa applications, immigration lawyers, and repeated denials, the family was forced to leave behind their life in the United States and begin again here in Mexico.

Their experience reflects a much larger reality. Nearly 5 million children in the United States live with an undocumented parent, highlighting how many families struggle to remain together while navigating the country's immigration system (Source: Migration Policy Institute).

To Know Your Neighbor is to love your neighbor. Join us as we welcome this family to Cuernavaca and hear their story. The event's moderator will be John L. Mitchell. Saint Michael's Hospitality Committee provides refreshments after the lecture.

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Library Corner: In this community we are all blessed by the presence of the Saint Michael's Library. Not only do they do their Tuesday Tea but they also do an annual Garage and Book Sale. Hope you can make it this Saturday! Remember one person's trash is another's treasure. The library is also open every Sunday! **Don't forget to renew your LIBRARY CARD!!!!**



Chisme has it (thank you William Graves) that there will be a Cribbage Competition on the Library Terrace during the Garage Sale. Suggest that if that's your game you bring your board and be prepared. 15-2, 15-4, and a double run of 3 for 12? Go for it!

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On again, off again. Apparently Spring Break Camp is now on again. Looks pretty amazing. Please help this teacher publicize her course if you know children who might be able to attend. Lenise Butler vouches for the teacher!!!

FUN!!!

Schedule for Holy Week

Palm Sunday Service, March 29, 10:45

Maundy Thursday Seder Dinner, April 2, 5PM

Good Friday Service, April 3, 12 noon

**Easter Sunday. April 5, 10AM Easter Egg Hunt
10:45, Choral Eucharist**