

## REMEMBERING HOMERO

*From Sue Johnston:*

My heart is aching for Homero; he was such a kind, helpful and spiritual soul who performed so many tasks at All Saints' that I'm sure many of us were never aware of. He performed these tasks quietly and without complaint or fanfare and he was always willing to help whenever he was free to do so. I know we shall find out in the future just how much he kept the All Saints' substantial property looking neat and clean from trimming trees and bushes to properly cleaning the church and outbuildings. I shall never forget this past Christmas when I arrived at church with poinsettias in my car and he helped me unload them. He said, "Oh, aren't we going to go pick them up together like we always do?" He seemed very disappointed and I felt badly that I had made the delivery myself. Oftentimes when I was doing flowers or working in the gardens, he would be there to help and many times I would see him praying quietly in the church. He is a person whom I admired greatly; not only for his work ethic, but his willingness to always help no matter the day or hour, his dedication to everyone and everything happening at All Saints' and his good nature, big heart and warm smile. I shall miss him!

*From Rosann Gallien:*

I never saw much of Homero but I've known him since my niece was in 4th grade at All Saints, and she's almost 28 now. He was always so nice to everyone. What a loss for our church family.

*Email sent by Renika Battles, Director of the All Saints' Preschool on Sunday, February 7.*

Dear Family & Friends,

We hope this message finds you well, with a smile on your face, a peaceful mind and a thankful heart.

Over the weekend we lost our Mr. Zapata. Some of you may not know him and those of you who do, would remember a great man who was so much more than our janitor or maintenance guy. He was a loving and devoted child of God, husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. He was with our school and church for over 30 years and could literally fix anything. When he was not working so hard, he enjoyed time with his children and grandchildren, soccer and music. He was so proud of his daughters.

The how and why of his passing is not of importance. Please be mindful of this. The fact that he has transitioned from our world to the arms of the angels is. And in this, we are reminded of how short life is and that our time on earth is numbered. We really do not know when our number will be pulled and for this we must live each day giving the best of ourselves to ourselves and one another.

Today we respectfully ask that you join us in a moment of silence at 12:00pm to remember our friend Mr. Zapata.

If you'd like to add to funds that will honor his name with a placard on our school please let us know via email.