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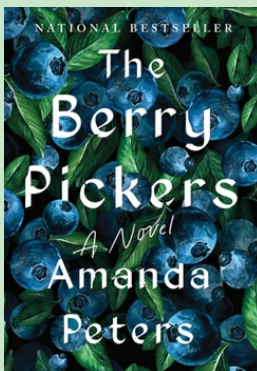
Contribution statements are being sent out this week. To save on paper and postage, we're trying to disseminate the statements by email as much as possible.

So, watch your email Inbox for the statement. If you don't initially find the email, check your Junk or Spam folders. The email will be from [statements@stmarksabq.org](mailto:statements@stmarksabq.org). To prevent the email from going into your Junk or Spam folder, one trick is to add this email to your contacts.

If you want help setting up an automatic payment for your Pledge, please contact Laura Blum ([finance@stmarksabq.org](mailto:finance@stmarksabq.org), 505-262-2484).

It's never too late to Pledge! If you are new to St. Mark's, or a regular giver who wants to formalize your giving with a Pledge, please pick up a pledge form from the office.

**Thank you, St. Mark's, for your continued generosity!**



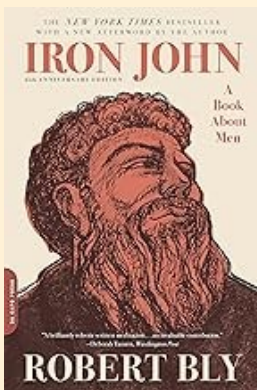
## St. Mark's Book Group

Saturday, April 26 at 10:00 AM

We will be meeting in the library and we'll discuss "The Berry Pickers" by Amanda Peters. Everyone is welcome to attend, but it's extremely beneficial to have read the book in advance.

[Click here for an overview.](#)

Please contact [Ryan Trumbauer](#) with any questions.



## Men's Book Group

Thursday, May 15, from 9:30 to 10:25 AM

We will meet on **Thursday, May 15 from 9:30 to 10:25 a.m. in the library at St. Mark's.** Reading and discussing Chapters 7 & 8 of *Iron John* we will finish this book with this meeting and select our next read. Be thinking about that. Sam Keen died recently. You can read some of his bio on at [Amazon.com: Sam Keen: books, biography, latest update](#) We might want to consider reading his most popular book *Fire in the Belly: On Being a Man*.



## A Sad Easter Sunday at Church Unbound

Our numbers fell due to the Albuquerque Police Department's Operation Route 66. As staff were leaving Albuquerque Motel, 5 police cars arrived. They are actively displacing the homeless. Last week when St. Mark's was there, we heard that

the National Guard was nearby disposing of homeless people's belongings. After our service, Mother Chloe searched but found ICE talking to people. The National Guard is expected to deploy soon in our distribution area. [Read more..](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Important Dates:

- Saturday, April 26 at 9:00 am - Spring Icon Class
- Saturday, April 26 at 10:00 am - St. Mark's Book Group
- Saturday, April 26 at 11:00 am - Maggie Brophy Wedding
- Saturday, April 26 at 1:00 pm - Memorial Reception for Kal Teran
- Thursday, May 15 at 9:30 am - Men's Book Group

## Sacred Arts Exhibits - Library & Parish Hall

The poster for the Sacred Arts Exhibit features a central graphic of colorful alphabet blocks arranged in a grid. The blocks spell out "MARCH 1- MAY 31, 2025" in a stylized font. To the right of the blocks, the text "EXHIBIT Artists' Choice" is written in a bold, blue font. Below the main text, there is contact information for St. Mark's Sacred Arts Guild and St. Mark's Episcopal Church. A small logo for St. Mark's is also present.

**March 1-  
May 31, 2025**  
**EXHIBIT**  
**Artists' Choice**

**St. Mark's Sacred Arts Guild**  
Hours 9-2 M-Th, 9-12 Sunday  
505-262-2484 office  
[www.stmarksabq.org](http://www.stmarksabq.org)

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church** 431 Richmond Place  
NE Albuquerque, NM 87106

St. Mark's Gallery retains a 20% commission of all sales

## DIOCESE & BEYOND

[Click here](#) for Bishop Michael Hunn and the Diocese's most recent videos.



## Anglican, Episcopal leaders pay tribute to Pope Francis as world mourns his death

[Episcopal News Service] Pope Francis, who led the Roman Catholic Church and its 1.3 billion **members** worldwide since 2013, **died the morning of April 21** at his residence in the Vatican's Casa Santa Marta. He was 88.

A day earlier, from a balcony at St. Peter's Basilica, seated in a wheelchair, Francis blessed a crowd of tens of thousands gathered in the square to **celebrate Easter**. He **spent** Holy Thursday with inmates at a Rome prison, one he'd previously visited to perform the washing of the feet. [Read more..](#)



## May Friendship Day Friday, May 2 at 9:30 AM

Church Women United, an ecumenical Christian women's fellowship, will be celebrating May Friendship Day on Friday, May 2nd at St. John's United Methodist Church, 2626 Arizona Ave NE. The morning will begin at 9:30 with coffee fellowship, followed by the program whose theme is "God's Daughters Living Powerful Lives".

Ruth Tribou, of CWU in NM, will speak on "The Qualities That Make Us Loving Friends". The Fellowship of the Least Coin offering will be taken. St. John's has asked that we use the "West" parking lot off Arizona Ave. Please join the celebration and bring a friend! Questions? Contact [Shirley Nilsson](#) .



# Book study

The Asylum, Seekers  
A Chronicle of Life, Death, and  
Community at the Border  
Rev. Cristina Rathbone

Sundays at 4pm(MT)  
Starting on May 4



For Zoom link contact [Ana Reza, areza@dioceserg.org](mailto:areza@dioceserg.org)

# Immigration Accompaniment Summit May 21-22, 2025 \* Albuquerque, NM

All people of faith are invited to attend an Immigration Accompaniment Summit, hosted by the Rocky Mountain Synod (ELCA). We will gather to deepen our understanding of immigration challenges and to strategize how to faithfully accompany our immigrant siblings.

**Keynote speaker - Rev. Cristina Rathbone  
Episcopal Priest and Author of Asylum  
Seekers: A Chronicle of Life, Death and  
Community at the Border**



Whether you are new to the topic or have a robust connection to immigration, together we will seek to expand our knowledge, advocacy and allyship, as individuals and congregations, using the five principles of the accompaniment - mutuality, inclusivity, vulnerability, empowerment and sustainability. We will learn from each other, share our knowledge, plan how to engage and network across the synod for the flourishing and dignity of our immigrant siblings.



8:30 a.m. May 21 - noon May 22, 2025

\* \$40/person

Register at [Immigration Summit](#)

Hotel reservations at [Embassy Suites](#)

**Our time together will include spiritual grounding, plenary sessions, community building and workshops. Some of the workshops include:**

#### **Current Landscape of Immigration & AMMPARO**

- Presenter: Mary Campbell, Director of ELCA AMMPARO
- This workshop will include an overview of basics of immigration in the U.S., updates and issues affecting immigrants under the new administration, the ELCA designation as a sanctuary denomination, the role of sanctuary congregations at this time, and how AMMPARO engages and supports congregations in immigrant accompaniment.

#### **Trauma and Immigration**

- Presenters: Dr. Georgina Sanchez-Garcia and Carolyn Swenson
- This workshop will include information on immigration-related trauma in children and adults, the meaning and practice of “trauma-informed” accompaniment, recognizing compassion fatigue and vicarious trauma, and the importance of self-care when accompanying immigrants.

#### **Advocacy-Speaking Out for Immigrant Justice**

- Presenters: Pastor Brigitte Weier and Kurt Rager
- This workshop will cover skills and tools for effective advocacy, organizing in congregations and collaborating with community groups, testifying and speaking out in support of immigrant justice, and including immigrants at all levels of advocacy.

#### **Engaging Congregations in Immigrant Accompaniment**

- Presenter: Pastor Hannah DiPasquale
- This large-group session will include resources and ideas for engaging congregations at all levels of current awareness and involvement and connecting with community groups that are immigrant allies.

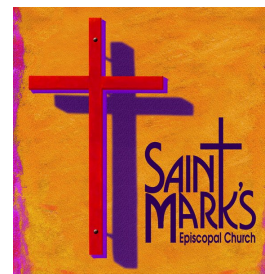
The \$40 registration fee includes participation in all activities + lunch and dinner on May 21. \*If the cost of registration is a barrier, please contact [dlinden-johnson@rmselca.org](mailto:dlinden-johnson@rmselca.org). If you are interested in staying in a host home, please contact [pastrorhannah@peacelutheranlc.com](mailto:pastrorhannah@peacelutheranlc.com).

## **WORSHIP CORNER**

#### **For your thought:**

*Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts; praise him for his excellent greatness. Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; praise him with lyre and harp. Praise him with timbrel and dance; praise him with strings and pipe. Praise him with resounding cymbals; praise him with loud-clanging cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah!*

Psalm 150



[Click here to study this Sunday's Readings.](#)



Worship on Sunday is both in person and virtually, every week at 9:30 a.m. We live stream Sunday liturgies on our [Facebook](#) & [YouTube](#) channels.

Also, we offer a Midweek Eucharist every Thursday at 11 a.m. that is both in person and on our live-streaming platforms.

[Orders of Worship](#)

## GIVE TO ST. MARK'S



**Give by mail** (St. Mark's has a secure mailbox and is checked regularly). Send to: 431 Richmond Place NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106.



**Give electronically by [PayPal®](#).** Please consider checking the box that reads, "I'd like to add to my donation to help offset the cost of processing."



**Give electronically through the [Diocese of the Rio Grande Parish Donation site](#) and check the box next to "Albuquerque-St. Mark's".** Just fill out the rest of the information and **click the Next button at the bottom of the page.** Please make sure fill out "special instructions or comment" to let us know how to apply your gift (e.g., pledge, congregational relief fund, etc.)

## USEFUL LINKS

- St. Mark's [Home Page](#).
- To join an event of service, visit the [Offerings Page](#).
- [Call](#) or [email](#) the church office.
- [Fill out a form](#) to volunteer, donate altar flowers, fill out a new member/visitor form, and more!
- Access the [Member Directory](#).
- To read or view [previous sermons](#).
- Schedule a meeting with Mother Sylvia [by clicking here](#).

**[All are welcome! Come as you are!](#)**

Join us for worship during our Thursday 11 a.m. midweek Holy Eucharists and our Sunday Holy Eucharists at 9:30 a.m. You may join us in person or on Facebook & YouTube.

Email submissions must be sent ([via email](#)) by 9:00 am Wednesday for inclusion on end-of-the-week's e-news.

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