



Eggs to Fill for Easter Egg Hunt

Please consider filling some plastic eggs with goodies for the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 20th.

There is no need to purchase eggs. We have plenty! Pick up a dozen in the Narthex and fill them with candy or other prizes. All food

items must be individually wrapped by the manufacturer. Do not put loose jellybeans or other treats in the eggs. Stickers and trinkets are also fun for our youth to find in the eggs. Return the filled eggs to the collection box in the Narthex any time before Easter Day.

If you have any questions, please contact **Deacon David**.

WANTED: Easter Egg Hunt Coordinator

We are looking for an individual (or a few individuals) who can take on the responsibility of managing the Easter Egg Hunt at St. Mark's on Easter morning, Sunday, April 20th. The eggs will be filled and ready to hide on Easter morning.



The responsibilities of managing the Egg Hunt are very simple.

• Get the filled eggs to the Fish Garden (the grass north of the church) after the Easter morning service, and oversee the hiding of the eggs by the teenagers.

(These first 2 steps usually take place between approximately 11:00 and 11:20)

- Start the Egg Hunt at approximately 11:20.
- Oversee the hunt. Make sure everyone is having a good time and finding a few eggs.
- Collect empty plastic eggs to be re-used next year.
- Clean up any debris left in the Fish Garden.

This position is simple, quickly completed, and extremely rewarding. All the tasks take place on Easter morning. If you'd like to help or if you have any questions, please contact <u>Deacon David</u>.

Easter Lily Orders & Dedications

St. Mark's traditionally places lilies around the altar for our Easter services. If you would like to donate, the suggested donation for each lily is \$20. We will gratefully accept **any amount** in honor or in remembrance of your loved one(s).

Click here to send your order information to the office.

Orders and dedications are due Wednesday, April 16 at noon for inclusion in the Orders of Worship. For questions, contact parish administrator <u>Jennifer Lind</u>.



Lenten Wednesdays 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Join us during Lent for film, fellowship, discussion, songs, scripture stories, reflection, and prayers for all ages.

5:30 pm Living Stories 6:00 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm A Lenten Lens

Life Changing People, Stories, Conversations and Popcorn.



Join or Die April 9th

In this feature documentary, follow the half-century story of America's civic unraveling through the journey of legendary social scientist Robert Putnam, whose groundbreaking "Bowling Alone" research into America's decades-long decline in community connections could hold the answers to our democracy's present crisis. <u>See trailer...</u>

Passion Play Rehearsal

Sunday April 6th 11:15AM-12:30PM



On Sunday, April 6th, there will be **NO REGULAR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** for children and youth. Instead all St. Mark's children, youth, and their teachers are invited to meet in the Church immediately following Coffee Hour (at 11:15 am) to assist with the preparation of our Palm Sunday Passion Play. (Parents and other adults who wish to participate and/or assist are also most welcome to join us!) The Script for this year's Passion Play <u>can be found here</u>. This year we will be enacting the Passion from the Gospel of Luke (Luke 22:14-23:56). Families are encouraged to read and discuss the script and/or gospel text together in advance of Sunday's rehearsal, so that young people come to Sunday's rehearsal with a general awareness of the story.

We are grateful for your assistance in bringing this sacred story to life as we embark together on our Holy Week Journey at St. Mark's. The Passion Play will be performed in place of the Sermon during our Palm Sunday Service on Sunday, April 13th. Please plan to arrive at church no later than 9AM, so you are relaxed and ready to go!



Church Work Day

Saturday, April 19 at 9:00 AM

Join us to help tidy up and get ready for Easter Sunday. For more info. contact <u>Mother Sylvia</u>

Praying the Stations of the Cross

Many people find the Stations of the Cross a useful focus for their prayer and devotional practice during the season of Lent. At St. Mark's, we have original artwork from two local artists that hang in the church each Lent.



In the Nave, you can pray with a set of woodblock prints by

Charlie Aldrich. In Stoney Chapel, you can pray with a set of foot-painted tempera paint crosses by Marcel Varoz. You will find booklets to guide your meditation at the back of the church.

You can also access audio and visual materials (images, audio recordings, videos, and slide shows) to help you pray St. Mark's Stations of the Cross.



Preparing for Holy Baptism Great Vigil of Easter

In the course of our life-long spiritual journey, there are various doorways of invitation into deeper commitment. Baptism is the doorway into full participation in the universal life and family of the Church. In the Sacrament of Baptism we are incorporated as full members of the Body of Christ. People may be initiated into Christ's Body through the Sacrament of Baptism at any age or stage in life. Baptism may be celebrated at any

time, but is traditionally reserved for one of four baptismal feast days: Easter (March/April), Pentecost (May/June), All Saints (November), and Baptism of our Lord (January).

The Great Vigil of Easter is the primary occasion when, from the earliest days of the Church, new members were welcomed into the fellowship of the Church through Baptism, and it remains the primary occasion for baptism, especially for older children and adults.

In **2025 the Great Vigil of Easter begins on Saturday, April 19 at 8 pm**, and the liturgy is followed by a Feast and Dance Party (in other words, plan to take a long nap that day in preparation for a BIG CELEBRATION!).

During our Ash Wednesday service, we hear these words: "Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided. a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism." (Book of Common Prayer, p. 264-265).

It has become our custom at St. Mark's to formally mark the entrance of those who wish to be baptized at the Great Vigil of Easter into this season of preparation with special prayers during the Sunday liturgies during Lent, beginning the first Sunday of Lent (In 2025 that's Sunday, March 9.)

If you (or your child) wishes to prepare for Holy Baptism at the Easter Vigil, please contact <u>Mother Sylvia</u> and/or <u>Father Christopher</u> in the coming week.



Not Just For Newcomers Class Next Class April 6th

Welcome to Sunday: A Deep Dive into our Worship and Life Together

Sundays 11:15 - 12:15 in Stoney Chapel

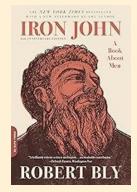
Books you might want to explore during this class: <u>The Way of Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices</u> by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe <u>Welcome to Sunday: An Introduction to Worship in the Episcopal</u> <u>Church</u> by Christopher Webber

Welcome to the Episcopal Church by Christopher Webber

UPCOMING EVENTS

Important Dates:

- Saturday, April 5, at 9:00 am Iconography Class
- Sunday, April 13, at 9:30 am Palm Sunday
- Tuesday, April 15, at 7:00 pm Tenebrae Service
- Thursday, April 17, at 11:00 am & 7:00 pm Maundy Service
- Friday, April 18, at 12:00 pm Stations of the Cross & Hymns
- Friday, April 18, at 7:00 pm Proper Good Friday Service
- Saturday, April 19, at 9:00 am Church Workday
- Saturday, April 19, at 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Service & Baptisms
- Saturday, April 19, at 10:00 pm Potluck Feast & Dance Party
- Sunday, April 20, at 9:30 am Easter Service
- Sunday, April 20 at 11:00 am Resurrection Party & Egg Hunt.



St. Mark's Men's Book Group April 10th at 9:30 AM

You are invited and welcome to join with nine other men in St. Mark's library on Thursday, April 10 from 9:30 to 10:25 a.m. to reflect on and discuss this book.

We are reading two chapters/month – between 60 to 70 pages – and this month will cover Chapters 5 & 6.

If interested but would like more information contact <u>Michael</u> <u>Jupin</u>

Click here to read more about "Iron John."





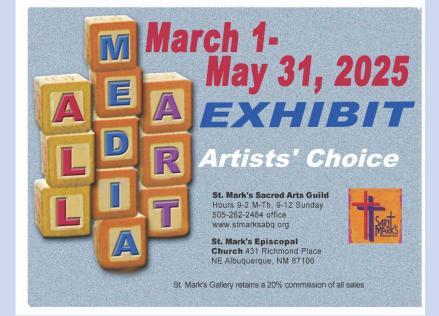
This Sunday, April 6, during Coffee Hour, you are invited to help stuff Brown Bag Bunnies with candies for *Church Unbound*. This week I created these bunnies out of lunch bags, cutting and drawing a face on each one. Last year, Mother Chloe stuffed plastic eggs, and the city was not happy with plastic eggs blowing down Central Avenue. Church Unbound participants had an interesting response as well; they had no idea that the eggs were for Easter. So, I made 120 bunny bags, have lots of candy, and will need lots of help!

The scheduled time to serve Church Unbound is next weekend,

April 12 and 13. On Saturday, we will be packing sandwiches and lunches, followed by our first Steering Committee meeting. On Sunday, we will deliver and serve the lunches and attend the service.

I haven't forgotten about mitten making. I'll schedule a class for a Saturday or a midweek afternoon in April. A sign-up sheet will be available on the table. Thank you to the Youth group for bringing up the packed lunches to the narthex. Can we count on you again for Sunday the 13th? For more info, contact <u>Barbara</u>.

Sacred Arts Exhibits - Library & Parish Hall







You are invited to sign up to read to our Primary children

Follow the link below and select a Friday afternoon that works for you. You can bring a book to donate to the classroom or just read the story to the children. We look forward to your participation!

Primary 1 Room - <u>https://signup.com/go/QLMzkyO</u> Primary 2 Room - <u>https://signup.com/go/TPBYWoG</u>

Thank you all for your generous support and donations to the school fundraiser during Mardi Gras! We raised over \$7,000 dollars and are moving forward with purchasing our sunshade for our children. Many thanks!

ICONOGRAPHY CLASS Open to all skill levels!

MOTHER OF GOD OF KORSUN



Instructor: Lin Marksbury

Cost: \$300 - all materials included

Dates: Saturdays, 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon April 5 & 26, May 3 & 31, June 7 & 28

Space is limited. Email Lin at today reserve your spot! marksburyL@yahoo.com

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ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN'S COMMUNITY FORUM "STANDING UP FOR THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY"

Saturday April 5th, 3:00-4:30

5301 Ponderosa Ave. NE

Learn about this administration's recent executive orders and actions, their impact on the LGBTQ Community, and ways we can advocate for, and support them.

Questions? Please call St. Andrew at (505) 881-9626 Tuesday – Thursday





Camp Stoney Information Sessions on Zoom

Are you interested in participating in Camp Stoney this summer, as a family, camper, volunteer or staff member? Join us on Zoom for an information/Q & A session:

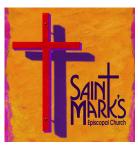
> March 27 @ 7 PM March 29 @ 10 AM April 12 @ 10 AM April 24 @ 7 PM

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85888426324

WORSHIP CORNER

For your thought:

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.



Isaiah 43:16-21

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 <u>Facebook & YouTube</u> 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 <u>**PayPal®**</u>. **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 <u>Diocese of the Rio</u> <u>Grande Parish Donation site</u> 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.
- <u>Call</u> or <u>email</u> 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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