



Sunday
October 18
2026

**"ABIDE IN LOVE AND BEAR MUCH FRUIT"
ST. MARK'S 2027 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

Ask an usher for a 2027 pledge packet.

Each year we hold our Annual Giving Campaign to fund the life and ministry of St. Mark's. The vitality and financial health of the Parish depend upon a robust response to the campaign. *To read "The Stewardship of Our Faith," this week's Stewardship theological reflection by Rev. Dr. Cynthia Geppert of the St. Mark's Spiritual Care Team, scan the "Theology Bite" article QR Code (reverse side).*



Art by parishioner Marceliano Vároz.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 IS ST. MARK'S OKTOBERFEST & HYMN

SING: 5:00-7:00 pm, Parish Hall. Bratwurst, sausages, and beer provided. **Bring sides, salads, or desserts to share.**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 IS "ALL SAINTS DAY" PLEDGE & PIE

INGATHERING SUNDAY: Please sign up to bring a pie or salad, and to help set up and clean up. Signup clipboards are on the Narthex table.

TODAY'S CLASSES & EVENTS...

POPCORN! Stop at the Scout Pack 990 Annual Popcorn Fundraiser table at the St. Mark's east parking lot entrance on your way to coffee hour!

YOUTH CLASSES: 10:45 AM

Family Godly Play, ages 0-5 accompanied by an adult, upstairs SMMS Classroom 1

Kids Godly Play, grades K-2, downstairs Sunday School room

Tweens Art & the Bible, grades 3-5, downstairs Sunday School room

Holy Troublemakers 1, middle school (grades 6-8), downstairs Youth room

Holy Troublemakers 2, high school (grades 9-12), Cecil's Courtyard or church office, TBD

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS "GOD AND POLITICS": 10:45-11:45 AM, Parish Hall.

Discuss how we might respond to US politics in ways that reflect our experience of the love of God. Today's topic is "*Human Sexuality*," with Rev. JK Melton. Contact christopher@stmarksabq.org.

PARENTING GROUP: 11:45 AM, Kids meet after Sunday School in the downstairs Youth room for pizza and a movie. Parents meet in the downstairs Youth Choir Room for discussion facilitated by Mother Billie and Jesse Murray.

ST. MARK'S YOUTH EVENT: 1:00-3:00 PM, Stone Age Climbing Gym Midtown (Cutler Ave). Reach new heights and make new friends! Text Christina, 505-480-7411.

CELTIC SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER PRACTICES: 4:00 PM, Courtyard, Class #2. An exploration of Celtic history, spirituality, and prayer practices with Rev. Billie Abraham. Contact bilabraham@aol.com.

NEW MEMBER POTLUCK: 6:00 PM at the home of Aaron and Laurel Cabral. Bring a salad or dessert to share and a donation for Roadrunner Food Bank. RSVP lmleisher@icloud.com for location.

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UPCOMING...

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

RETIREMENT CONVERSATION GROUP: 9:00 AM, Parish Hall. Are you retired and trying to find a new rhythm and purpose? Would you like to talk about the “second half of life” in a supportive community? Join us on third Mondays. Contact Paul Vinikas, pvinikas@yahoo.com.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

MID-WEEK WORSHIP: 10:30 AM Contemplative Prayer, 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II*, 12:00 PM Bible Study. Across the street at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 500 Richmond Pl NE.

*Find the Zoom link at www.stmarksabq.org/schedule-links.

UNM/CNM CAMPUS MINISTRY “OPEN TABLE CONNECTION”: 5:00-7:00 PM, Luther House (1805 Las Lomas Rd). Join Pastor Rhonda Newby and St. Mark’s Clergy Thursday nights through December 3 for dinner and fellowship. This week’s discussion: “*Rejecting Sameness, Embracing Wholeness.*”

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23-24

WOMEN OF THE DIOCESE OF THE RIO GRANDE FALL GATHERING, “PRAYER SAMPLER”: Hope in the Desert Episcopal Church. Contact cdavis@cynthiadavisauthor.com.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

FUNERAL FOR ST. MARK’S PARISHIONER PAT MCCLURE: 10:00 AM, St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

LEND YOUR VOICE TO THE DIOCESAN CHOIR: 5:00 PM rehearsal, 6:00 PM Diocese of the Rio Grande Convention Eucharist service, The Cathedral of St. John, 318 Silver Avenue SW.

REMINDERS...

NEXT SUNDAY’S COFFEE HOUR: **LAST NAMES Q-Z. Please bring a snack to share if you are in this group, and drop off your contributions in the St. Mark’s kitchen before the service.**

ST. MARK’S SACRED ARTS GUILD: Now accepting entries for its next all media show, “Winter,” in Parish Hall, opening Saturday, November 21. Contact Lisa Newell, lnewell2015@gmail.com, for details.

CHURCH UNBOUND: Seeking donations of small tents, old tarps, umbrellas, jackets, fleece fabric, hand warmers, thermal blankets, plastic ponchos, and gloves. Leave donations in the Narthex.



HEARING ASSISTANCE: Hearing assistance devices are now available for use in the First Church auditorium and Fireside Room. Please ask an usher for help if you need one. To activate the loop system, please turn on your T-coil.

OFRENDIA... All Saints Day is an important day in the life of St. Mark’s, a time set aside to remember and honor the faithful departed with an altar and the reading of their names during the Prayers of the People. Scan the QR code below to read this week’s *Messenger* and find out when to bring your photos and how to submit names for the Litany of Saints or contact Jennifer at stmarks@stmarksabq.org.



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