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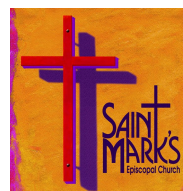
## The Messenger of St. Mark's | Eastertide | May 2, 2024

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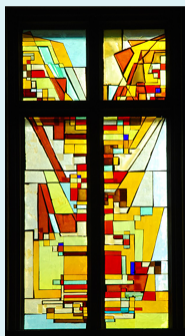
*"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."*

--John 15:12-13

[Study this Sunday's Readings.](#)



## WORSHIP CORNER



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.

[View Sunday's Order of Worship](#)

[Click Here for All Offerings](#)

### Useful links:

- [Fill out a form](#) to volunteer, donate altar flowers, fill out a new member/visitor form, and more!
- Access and/or edit your [Member Directory](#) information.
- To read or view [previous sermons, click here.](#)

### Important Upcoming Dates:

- Sat., May 4, 10 a.m., Funeral for Stephen K. Bowman
- Sat., May 4, 3-5 p.m., New Library Art Exhibit Opening Reception with artist Brett Braud
- Thu, May 9, 8:30-3, SMMS Plant Sale
- Fri., May 10, 9-2:30, SMMS Plant Sale
- Sun., May 12, 9-1, SMMS Plant Sale
- Sun., May 19, 9:30 a.m., Feast of Pentecost (**wear the liturgical color of red on this day**)
- Sun., May 19, 11:15 a.m., Pentecost "Fiery Feast and Forum"
- Sun., May 19, 3 p.m., Annual Members' Recital of the Albuquerque Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (In Person/Nave)

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## Fr. Christopher's Sabbatical Update

### A Note from Sabbatical Land

April 28, 2024

Beloved of God:

Now that my time of sabbatical has been underway for a few weeks, I wanted to send a note to the beautiful community that has shaped my life and work over the past 14 years.

Each day I've been savoring the notes that you, the members of this community, offered me as gifts for my journey. I want you to know how fun and heartfelt the reading of these notes has been for me. They have encouraged my heart when I've been struggling to relax (I'm sure that is not surprising to many). They have reminded me of what is truly important. And there have been so many lovely poems included and quotes from others on this journey of faith that have inspired and grounded me. What a blessing these many notes, gifts and words of encouragement have been. Thank You.



I spent the first few days of sabbatical at the Monastery of Christ in the Desert, tucked back into the brown cliffs along the Chama River. It was a lovely time of quiet, walking, reading, singing with the monks and sleep. I'm not used to silence and being by myself so the time at the monastery was both challenging and rewarding and an invitation to move deeper into quiet and rest. I'm only beginning to realize how much I needed this time.

I've spent a lot of time in the garden and in my bee yard as well. There are so many bees this year and they have kept me busy as they divide and swarm and multiply. My garden is smaller this year as I continue to let much of the soil remain fallow for a 2nd year (to hopefully eliminate a soil-borne disease). My wildflower meadow is coming along with daffodils, tulips, columbine, purple iris, echinacea, larkspur, bachelor buttons, gaillardia, hollyhock, tall pink lilies (a gift from a parishioner several years ago), Shasta daisies and more about to showoff for spring.

I spent almost a week in Medford, Oregon with my family as my mother has been in the hospital. It was a very nice visit with my sister and a rare moment when I was there to be of support and to share her daily journey of caring for my mother. I spent a lot of hours at the hospital with my mother too, talking and paying attention to her care. My mother has moved to a rehab center for a while and we hope to figure out the next steps for her care in the coming weeks.

Part of this past week I spent time fishing in southern Colorado at a beautiful spot on the Conejos River. The water was high and muddy and fast but there were still some nice fish to be found on the edges and in the deeper water. It was a great few days of fishing and so wonderful to be outside, to see spring emerging and feel the cool air off the snowcapped peaks.

Some will want to know what I've begun reading so here are a few titles:

- Daily Prayer with the Corrymeela Community - Pdraig O' Tuama
- In the Shelter: Finding a home in the World - Pdraig O' Tuama
- The Future we Choose: Surviving the Climate Crisis – Christiana Figueres and Tom Rivett-Carnac.
- Foster and Small Things Like These – both by Claire Keegan
- Zero at the Bone: 50 Entries Against Despair – Christian Wiman
- Days without End – Sebastian Barry
- Fly Fishing: The sacred art Casting a Fly as a Spiritual Practice – Rabbi Eric Eisenkramer and Rev. Michael Attas, MD
- Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home an Encyclical Letter – Pope Francis

Thank you also for the many gifts of books at my sabbatical send-off and those mailed to my home and for the many book suggestions (I wish I was a faster reader).

I've also been listening to some great podcasts as I drive or garden from On Being with Krista Tippett, This American Life and others (thank you for the podcast suggestions on the environment from several of you).

Thank you for the generous gift of this time away and for your prayers for me and my family.

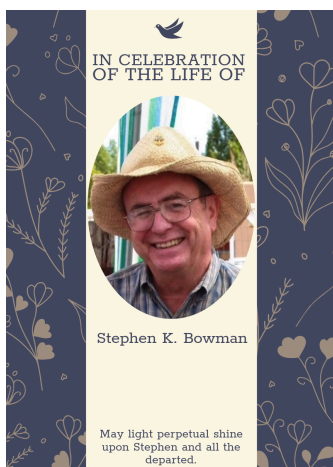
Grace and Peace to you,

Fr. Christopher+

*"... In a sense there are two scriptures, there is the written scripture... But there is also the imprint of God on His creation..."*

-- Virgen Guroian, "Restoring the senses: Gardening and Orthodox Easter.

## This Saturday: Funeral of Stephen K. Bowman



**Stephen (Steve) K. Bowman**

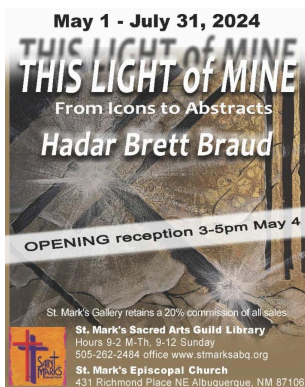
b. June 5, 1949 — d. April 16, 2024

**A funeral for beloved parishioner, Steve Bowman (husband of Lorraine Leftwich), will be held in the Nave of St. Mark's on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 10 o'clock in the morning. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.**

[Virtual options available here.](#)

[See Steve's obituary here.](#)

## This Saturday: New Library Art Exhibit



Parishioner, Brett Braud, will be displaying his artwork in the new library art show, "This Light of Mine: from Icons to Abstracts." **There will be an Opening & Reception event in the library on Saturday, May 4, from 3-5 p.m.** St. Mark's receives a 20% commission on all items sold. All are welcome! This exhibit will stay up until July 31.

**Annual Members' Recital of the Albuquerque Chapter of the American Guild of Organists**



St. Mark's will host the annual Members' Recital of the Albuquerque Chapter of the American Guild of Organists on Sunday, May 19th at 3:00 p.m. A happy hour reception will follow. The Members' Recital will be free, last about an hour, and feature a number of Albuquerque's organists playing a wide variety of short pieces. Three of the organists will be St. Mark's own Jeremy Wirths, John Garlisch, and Greg Hassold. Please attend if you are able, and feel free to bring children; the organists are not as stuffy as you might think. If you would be willing to bring a treat or drink for the happy hour reception please contact Noralynn Hassold [via email here](#) or Jeremy Wirths [via email here](#). The AGO Chapter chose to hold this year's recital at St. Mark's as an expression of their support of St. Mark's seeking to undertake some sort of organ improvements. The recital is usually at the Cathedral and they put on a really good reception, so the pressure is on.

## Camp Stoney Updated Pricing & Registration Info for Youth Summer Camps



Summer Camp Pricing has been updated, and the prices are now lower! [Click here to view the updated prices and register your youth now!](#)

Diocesan Youth Giving! - Help a child go to camp: [Donate Here!](#)

[Click here to view a printable version of the calendar.](#)

## ABQ FaithWorks is Looking for Volunteers



In March, ABQ FaithWorks Collaborative welcomed their new Executive Director, Hannah Albee. She looks forward to visiting all the collaborating congregations and getting to know us. You can learn more about Hannah

on their website at [www.abqfaithworks.org](http://www.abqfaithworks.org)

ABQ FaithWorks Collaborative is looking for volunteers to be family liaisons for their newcomer program, which helps asylum seekers navigate their journey in Albuquerque. There are other volunteer opportunities as well. Please contact them at 505-457-1728 to learn more.

## St. Mark's Montessori School Updates

### SMMS Plant Sale on Mother's Day



Thursday, May 9, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Friday, May 10, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
Sunday, May 12 (before and after Sunday Worship)

Once again, St. Mark's is partnering with [East Central Ministries](#) (ECM) to sell vegetable, herb and flowering plants for your spring garden.

- lots of heirloom and hybrid tomatoes, all colors and sizes

- peppers- heritage chile, hot, and bell
- strawberry plants and a mix of herbs
- wave petunia hanging baskets

Between 1 and 5 p.m. Thursday, May 9 and Friday, May 10, we will be selling petunia pots, herbs, tomatoes and peppers in the narthex. We'll take a break on Saturday and then come back Sunday morning, May 12, Mother's Day. Come by before or after worship on Sunday.

The proceeds this year will be shared between ECM, whose greenhouse staff grows these healthy plants from seed, right on the Mother Road, and St. Mark's Montessori School, our parish's primary outreach organization.

- ECM works in the International District at Central and Virginia, helping folks with health care, education and housing.
- [SMMS](#): Our non-profit school provides a program of education that meets the needs of young children and their families. We strive to do this by giving children the opportunity to explore and learn through "hands on" experiences and creativity.

In years past, we have raised around \$1,000 for each organization.

**Cash or checks only.**

## 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 through [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.).

## DIOCESE & BEYOND

### Bishop Hunn Video Update



[Bi-vocational Bilingual Multicultural Ministry in El Paso Texas: Meet the Rev. Alex Reyes - YouTube](#)

Apr 27, 2024

### Montage Music Society Concert



Saturday May 11 at 3 p.m. at Quail Run Clubhouse  
CHANSONS MADÉCASSES  
Focusing on pieces written for oppressed peoples.

Jacqueline Zander-Wall, mezzo; Jesse Tatum, flute;  
Sally Guenther, cello; Debra Ayers, piano  
Works by Ravel, Julian Anderson, JF Brown, Robb Foundation Composer  
Commission

There are only online tickets and only about 20 tickets left.  
[Click here to get your tickets.](#)

## Church Women United Friendship Day



Church Women United, an ecumenical Christian women's group, will be celebrating May Friendship Day on Friday, May 3rd at Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church, 1004 24th St. SE. The morning will begin at 9:30 a.m. with brunch. The program will begin at 10:00 and focus on Health and Wellness. State Representative Natalie Figueroa will speak on health issues in New Mexico. Hygiene items will be collected for Haven House, a domestic violence shelter in Rio Rancho. For those wishing to carpool, be at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church parking lot at 5301 Ponderosa Ave NE by 8:30 a.m. Come join us and bring a friend! Questions? Contact Marilyn Stoops [via email here](#) or call at 505-265-8358.



All are welcome to 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. Come as you are!

Email submissions should be sent ([via email](#)) to the Communications Specialist by 9:00 a.m. each Wednesday for inclusion on Thursday's e-news.

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