



## St. Mark's Coffee Hour

**Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13:2)**

Hospitality is a core Christian spiritual practice. At St. Mark's we strive to practice hospitality in everything we do—from big things—like remodeling our building to making our worship space and restrooms more accessible; to small things—like wearing nametags which help everyone remember and respectfully use people's names and correct pronouns.

On Sunday Mornings our hospitality begins when our coffee team arrives early to start brewing coffee and our altar guild arrives early to prepare the altar for worship. Hospitality continues as our greeters welcome folks at the door with a smile and our ushers provide orders of worship. Hospitality reaches it's high point in our celebration of Holy Communion—where God welcomes ALL who hunger to share in the Heavenly Feast. The feast continues after each service, flowing into a lively time of food and fellowship at Coffee Hour.

St. Mark's Coffee Hour is somewhat legendary—it offers visitors a first taste (both literally and figuratively) of the warmth, openness, and connection that makes the St. Mark's community special. We are able to extend such generous hospitality and enjoy such robust fellowship week after week because EVERYONE contributes SOMETHING to make it happen!

We want to say a Huge THANK YOU to everyone who contributes to hospitality, and especially coffee hour, at St. Mark's, and if you're not already active in supporting coffee hour at St. Mark's, we want to INVITE YOU TO JOIN US in this important work!

There are lots of ways you can help:

**1) You can join a coffee team** and help set up and/or clean up one time per month  
**2) You can bring a snack to share...** every week or once a month: We encourage everyone to put a recurring reminder on your calendar to bring something to share at least once a month, based on your last name:

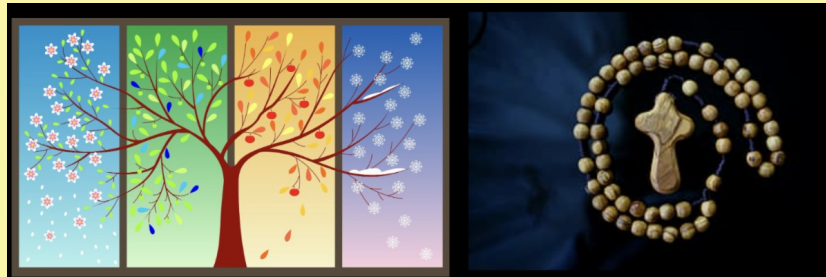
- 1st - Sundays A-E
- 2nd - Sundays F-L
- 3rd - Sundays M-R
- 4th - Sundays S-Z
- 5th - Sundays Pancake Breakfast

You can make things easier for our Coffee Teams by bringing your snacks plated, covered, and ready to serve! Pre-packaged treats are welcome too!

**3) Make a special financial contribution to “Sponsor” a Coffee Hour** in honor of a loved one, a special occasion, a ministry or a holiday that’s important to you. Simply notify the church office that you would like to sponsor a coffee hour, and provide your preferred date, a brief dedication or description of the person/occasion you wish to honor, and a photo (if desired) along with your donation.

[View St. Mark's Hospitality Video.](#)

[Click here to fill out the volunteer form.](#)



## **Spring Rosary for Resurrection & Remembrance Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11, 6:00 PM, In Stoney Chapel**

As we move through seasons in the natural world, so too we move through seasons of grief. In each season prayer, remembrance, and community are essential sources of support for our journey. Mother's Day can be especially poignant as we remember the mothers we've longed for and the mothers we've lost as well as the children we've longed for and the children we've lost.

We invite you to join us for our **Spring Rosary for Remembrance on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11th, at 6pm**. Join us for a quiet time of prayer, silence, poetry, and song in honor of all the departed. These gatherings are open to all, and we warmly welcome you, along with any other friends or family members who might be interested, to join us to remember all those who have died--both those in our personal lives and those in the wider world-- and all those who mourn.

[You can also participate via Zoom.](#)



## **Feasibility Survey Results Are In!**

**83%** of parishioner households invited to participate in the St. Mark's building renewal Feasibility Survey chose to respond - an *exceptional* response rate, by any measure!

**94%** of responding households were in favor of moving ahead with a Capital Campaign to support the building renewal.

The survey, conducted by Vandersall Collective in March, “tested” the responses against a fundraising goal of \$5.2 million, a number based on the estimated construction costs of St. Mark's building renewal projects under consideration. (These projects are outlined in detail in the Case Statement provided with the survey forms. Please ask the

church office if you need a copy.)

Based on its review of both the quantitative data and narrative responses, Vandersall Collective's final Feasibility Study Report recommended setting the Capital Campaign goal at a smaller number - \$2.8 million. In the coming weeks, St. Mark's Building Renewal Committee and Vestry will meet with our architects and engineers to consider revisions to the projects based on the revised fundraising goal.

The 42-page Feasibility Study Report and a Presentation summarizing the Report are attached here. The 68-page appendix to the report, which includes respondent data and comments, is available in the church office for anyone to review. Additionally, an Adult Education Forum on the Feasibility Study results will be Sunday May 18th.

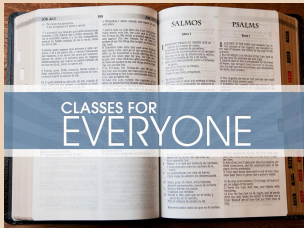
[St. Mark's Feasibility Presentation](#)

[St. Mark's Feasibility Report](#)

## Bishop Michael Hunn of the Diocese of the Rio Grande will visit St. Mark's on Sunday, June 1.



Join us on June 1, for worship with Bishop Michael Hunn of the Diocese of the Rio Grande. If you would like to be confirmed, reaffirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, please speak with a member of the clergy and complete [the form as soon as possible](#)



## Not Just For Newcomers Formation Class Sunday, May 11, 11:15 AM

Whether you are new to St. Mark's or the Episcopal Church or a long-time Episcopalian, you will enjoy this discussion oriented class. We will be exploring our Episcopal Beliefs and

Practices from a variety of perspectives, building community, and connecting more deeply to our liturgical practices and traditions. Each class will stand on its own and some out of class reading will be encouraged but not required. All are welcome to attend whenever they are available.

## Eldering Saturday, May 10, 9:30 AM

Eldering, that is living into the later decades of life, presents us with a vast array of challenges and changes—as well as the potential for some unexpected gifts. If you are doing the work of “eldering”, or if you are simply eager to listen with curiosity and compassion to support others who are doing this important work, please join us.

Contact Mother Sylvia: [sylvia@stmarksabq.org](mailto:sylvia@stmarksabq.org)



Feel free to bring a snack to share---or just bring yourself!



## Special Eldering Course Coming Soon!

I am excited to announce that I met yesterday with Mo. Jan from St. Mary's Episcopal Church in ABQ, who recently finished training as a facilitator for a 6 week Spirituality and Aging Course that sounds intriguing!

When I told her about our fantastic group, we agreed that St. Mark's and St. Mary's should join forces to "pilot" the course here in the Diocese of the Rio Grande. **I am hoping that you will consider participating and helping us do a "trial run" of the curriculum! This special 6 week course will take the place of our regular Eldering Group meetings in June and July.** (Details Below)

### **The Path Ahead: Spirituality in Later Life**

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 431 Richmond Pl. NE (Parish Hall and/or Library)  
Saturdays, 9:30am-11am**

**Session Dates: 6/14, 6/21, 6/28, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26. \*\*No Class 7/5\*\***

The Path Ahead: Spirituality & Purpose in Later Life<sup>SM</sup> is a six-part curriculum on the spirituality of aging designed for small groups. Participants grapple with ageism, identify changing spiritual needs, equip themselves with new prayer practices, and engage in discernment about God's continuing call. The Path Ahead builds community, encourages discernment of purpose, and empowers older people to view the aging experience in a new way. The course will be hosted by Mother Sylvia at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, and taught/facilitated by Mother Jan from St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

### **Learn more about the course**

by viewing [this document](#) or [this short video](#).

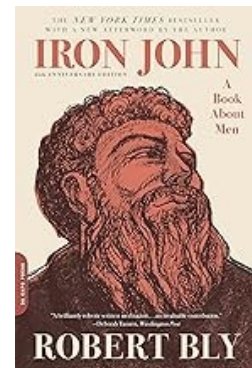
Please make every effort to attend each of the 6 sessions. If you know in advance that you will not be able to attend a particular session, please indicate which session you plan to miss on the registration form below.

**Space is limited. Registration Required. [Click here to register.](#)**

For more info email [Mother Sylvia](#), or [Mother Jan](#)

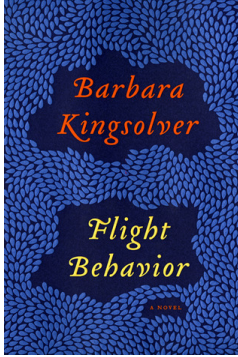
## **Men's Book Group** **Thursday, May 15, from 9:30 AM**

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*.



**St. Mark's Book Group**  
**Saturday, May 24 at 10:00 AM**





St. Mark's Book Group will next meet on Saturday, May 24, at 10:00 in the library. We'll discuss "**Flight Behavior**" by **Barbara Kingsolver**. Everyone is welcome to attend, but it is extremely beneficial to have read the book in advance. [Click here for an overview of the book.](#)

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



## Our Weekend to Serve

**On May 10th and 11th**, we will serve Church Unbound recipients. Saturday involves making sandwiches and packing bags at 11 AM. Sunday, we meet in the Albuquerque Motel parking lot on Central Avenue across from the new library.

**Hygiene item** collection runs until the end of May. We plan to bag them during coffee hour next month and distribute them in June. Drop off items in the tub by the bulletin board in the narthex.

**We appreciate** the generous donation of Girl Scout Cookies and thank you. Additionally, five bakers in the congregation regularly provide their treats.

**Stringing Rosaries** - Religious articles such as rosaries, holy pictures, and medals recently appeared on our lunch table and were very popular. I discussed with Mother Sylvia about offering Episcopal Rosaries with instructions. She suggested we set up a table during coffee hour for people to make rosaries.

***By steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.*** -Romans 15:4

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Important Dates:

- Saturday, May 10, at 9:30 am - Eldering Class
- Sunday, May 11, at 6:00 pm - Rosary for Resurrection & Remembrance
- Sunday, May 11, at 11:15 am - Not Just For Newcomers Class
- Thursday, May 15, at 9:30 am - Men's Book Group
- Saturday, May 24, at 10:00 am - St. Mark's Book Group

## Sacred Arts Exhibits - Library & Parish Hall

**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



**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.





**Enjoy the music of Entourage Jazz  
with the  
LGBTQ+ Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande**

**Thursday, May 29, 2025**

ABQ BioPark – 2601 Central Ave NW, Albuquerque

Gates open at 6:00 Concert starts at 7:00

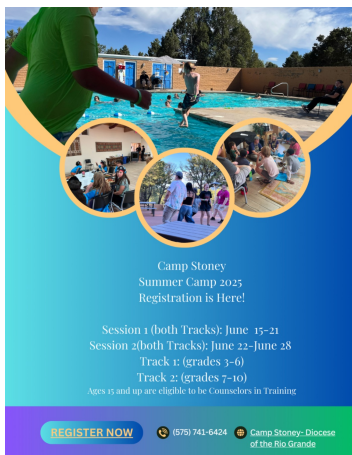
This event is for all ages. Families are welcome.

Contact us at [LGBTQdrg@gmail.com](mailto:LGBTQdrg@gmail.com) for the link to purchase tickets

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DIOCESE *of the* RIO GRANDE

For more information contact

Rev. Mike Angell and Rev. David Martin at [LGBTQdrg@gmail.com](mailto:LGBTQdrg@gmail.com)



## Summer at Camp Stoney

**Registration for summer camp is now open.**

Camp Stoney is also looking for Counselors, Counselors in Training, and Volunteers. Links for Camp Stoney registration and job applications can be found at on the diocesan website: <https://dioceserg.org/camp-stoney-and-snow-slam>

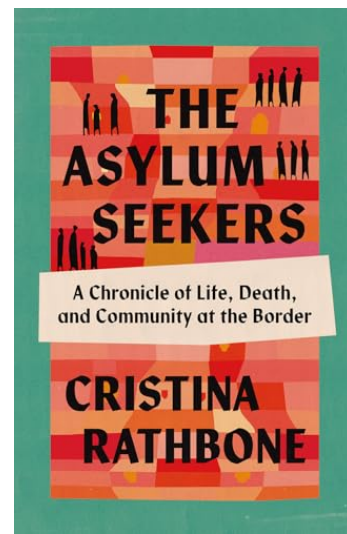
Family Camp is back with two sessions book-ending the two weeks of Classic Camp for Youths. This is meant to be an inter-generational camp and invites all families to attend. In addition to creating a peaceful place for families to get away from the things of the world, it is also a great

way to introduce children too young to attend overnight camps away from home to Bishop's Ridge and the Counselors. Scholarships are available. For more information contact Le Anna Brun, Missioner for Christian Formation, at (575) 741-6424 or [lbrun@dioceserg.org](mailto:lbrun@dioceserg.org).

# Three Great Opportunities for Members of St. Mark's to Connect & Learn in Support of our Immigrant Neighbors

## #1: Zoom Book Study with RGBM (Rio Grande Borderland Ministries)

Join us to discuss the recently released book by Rev. Cristina Rathbone [The Asylum Seekers: A Chronicle of Life, Death, and Community at the Border](#)



**May 4** - we will watch the video found in the study guide, PBS News Hour 10 min video on history of immigration to the U.S. We will be looking at Chapter 1-10

**May 18** - Chapter 11-22

**June 1** - Chapter 23-33

**June 8** - Chapter 34-41

[Zoom Link](#)

## #2 May 9- RGBM community meeting at 1pm(MT)

We will have a special guest, Rev. Leeann Culbreath, a priest in the Diocese of Georgia, volunteering with South Georgia Immigration Support Network and Co-Facilitator with Episcopal Migration Ministry.

[Priest details inhumane conditions at private prison in Georgia where whistleblower reported medical abuse – Episcopal News Service](#)

[Zoom Link](#)

## #3: Immigration Accompaniment Summit

**May 21-22 - Albuquerque, NM**

We are invited to join our ELCA Lutheran to attend their pre-Synod Assembly Immigration Summit. We will gather on **Wednesday, May 21** and the morning of **Thursday, May 22** at St. Paul Lutheran in Albuquerque, to deepen our understanding of the immigration challenges as well as strategize how to faithfully accompany our immigrant friends. Our keynote will be the Rev. Cristina Rathbone, author of “The Asylum Seekers: A Chronicle of Life, Death and Community at the Border.”

[More information Here!](#)

## #4: Save the Dates: Prayer Vigils & Migration with Dignity Pilgrimage:

Please hold the date for prayer vigils at the detention centers in Albuquerque, NM at Torrance Detention center, 209 County Rd. A049, Estancia, NM on **June 1 at 6pm** and In El Paso, Tx on **June 2 after 5pm** at either Otero Detention Center or Fort Bliss. Rev. Leeann and members of Migration Caucus will be leading the Migration with Dignity Pilgrimage, which will travel from Albuquerque to San Antonio, **June 1-June 5**. We are calling congregations from Albuquerque, El Paso, or the Big Bend to please show up. Vulnerable people in detention centers should never happen. More info coming soon.

## WORSHIP CORNER

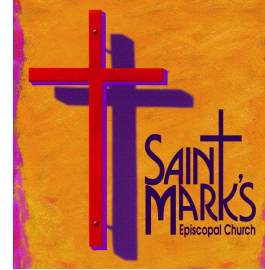
**For your thought:**

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes*



me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 23



[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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