

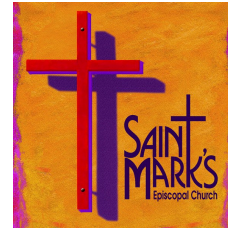
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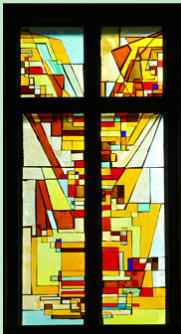
People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.--Mark 10: 13-16



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

Lectionary Note: From 6/2 until Advent (12/1), we will be reading from Track 1 for our Old Testament readings - Psalms, Epistle and Gospel readings will be from Track 2.

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.

[Orders of Worship](#)

This Sunday's Coffee Hour brought to you by:

The 2nd-Sunday-of-the-Month Team (all parishioners with the last names beginning with the letters A-E are asked to please bring ready-to-serve snacks to share this Sunday for Coffee Hour).



[All Offerings](#)

Useful links:

- [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](#)

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Sat., Oct. 5, 9:00 am, Monthly Parenting Group Exploring Baptism & Children's Playdate, (In Person, Library)
- Sun., Oct. 6, 11:15 am, Not Just for Newcomers Class begins (Chapel)
- Sun., Oct. 6 5:00, pm, Pet Blessings (Fish Garden)
- Wed., Oct. 9, 6:20 pm, Evening Prayer (In person, Nave)
- Thurs. Oct. 10, 12:15 pm, Sufi Prayer w/Mary Catherine (In person, Chapel)
- Sat., Oct. 12, 11 am, Sandwich-Making for Church Unbound (In person, Kitchen)

STEWARDSHIP 2025

Fall Stewardship is a time of reflection about how each of us will support, spiritually and financially, the community of St. Mark's, in the coming year. Our theme this year is "**A Sanctuary of Growth and Belonging.**" Celebration Sunday (also known as Pledge and Pancakes Sunday) is October 27th when we bring our completed pledge cards to worship. Please participate in this time of discernment by reflecting on how St. Mark's provides you sanctuary and how you might help provide sanctuary to others here at St. Mark's.

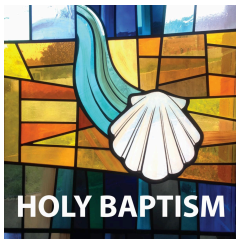


SAINT MARK'S MISSION, MINISTRY & OUTREACH

Baptism for Infants and Children at St. Marks

Is your family interested in exploring the possibility of Holy Baptism for your child?

Please join other St. Mark's families **Saturday, October 5th at 9am** for a short Godly Play Lesson on Holy Baptism for the whole family, followed by discussion for parents and a



supervised playdate for kids on the playground.

Saturday, November 2nd at 9am for a discussion with other parents on **Taking the Plunge: Baptism and Parenting by Anne E. Kitch** while kids play on the playground.

If your child is already baptized we strongly encourage you to attend to support other families on their journey, and to explore how the promises of Baptism are continuing to unfold over time in the life of your family.

Baptisms are normally celebrated on the 4 Baptismal Feast Days of the Church, with baptisms at the Great Vigil of Easter being the primary, most ancient and traditional occasion for baptism.

Upcoming dates for Baptisms at St. Mark's include:

Sunday, November 3, 2024: The Feast of All Saints

Sunday, January 12, 2025: The Feast of the Baptism of our Lord

****Saturday, April 19, 2025: The Great Vigil of Easter****

Not Just for Newcomers Class

Welcome to Sunday: A Deep Dive into our Worship and Life Together
Sundays 11:15-12:15 Stoney Chapel Begins October 6th
Facilitator Fr. Christopher McLaren



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.

Please let Fr. Christopher know that you plan to attend, [via email](#).

Books you might want to explore during this class:

The Way of Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe

Welcome to Sunday: An Introduction to Worship in the Episcopal Church by Christopher Webber

Welcome to the Episcopal Church by Christopher Webber

Place Your Order for Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests

The Postal Service is offering four free at-home COVID tests for residential households in the U.S. St. Mark's has seen a bump in Covid-19 among our members in the last month, so please remember your COVID-19 protocols and get your vaccination if you haven't already. These easy measure keep all of us safer!

For more information and to order your tests, visit the [USPS website](#).



Exploring Prayer through Sufi Practices

Embracing the Names of God
w/Mary Catherine Casey
Thursdays at 12:15pm in St. Mark's Library
10/10, 12/5, 12/12

St. Mark's member Mary Catherine Casey writes:
"Growing up as a Roman Catholic I loved not only Jesus, but also the saints whose lives seemed to highlight different aspects of God's gracious love and forgiveness. It provided me a way to see in action how my little light might reflect the Christ Light."



In my late forties I was introduced to Sufism through the teachings and practices of Hazrat Inayat Khan. My spiritual journey deepens as I learned new ways of engaging our embracing God through prayer, meditation and spiritual practices.

I invite you to join me as we explore the names of God as "a way" to the Heart of God. This class will meet 4 times. October 3rd and 10th and December 5th and 12th. We will meet on Thursday's from 12:15-1:15."

New Monthly Parenting Group



Parenting brings unique challenges at every stage. If you are doing the work of "parenting" a child of any age, or if you are simply eager to listen with curiosity and compassion to support others who are doing this important work, please join us for our new **monthly Parenting Group, Saturday mornings at 9am at St. Mark's.**

There will be a supervised playdate available for younger kids on the St. Mark's playground (weather permitting) or in the downstairs youth choir room (if the weather is crummy.) while parents meet for discussion in the library.

Upcoming Parenting Group Dates: 10/5, 11/2, 12/7, 1/11, 2/1, 3/8, 4/5, 5/3

Our first two gatherings will focus on Baptism, and provide an opportunity for parents who may be curious about exploring the possibility of baptism for their child to come and learn more (details below).

Even if your own kids are already baptized, this is an important opportunity for you to draw alongside other parents and provide encouragement, support, and community as they discern the right next steps in their own family's spiritual journey.

If you are the parent of teen or young adult kids, your participation is especially valuable--as newer parents often crave the support of "mentor parents" who have walked this road ahead of them.

Please join us. And please help spread the word to any other parents/families you think might be interested.

Pet Blessings

Please join St. Mark's clergy in a service of the Blessing of the Pets on Sunday, October 6 at 5:00 pm. After this lively service, you are invited to enjoy popsicles and fellowship.



The Storehouse



The Storehouse is one of New Mexico's largest food pantries, helping 55,000 people a year with free food. But they can't do it without your help! St. Mark's has a wooden collection box for your donations located at the end of the hall leading to Parish Hall. Please bring something non-perishable each week. Peanut butter, tuna, canned vegetables, pasta and canned soup are needed constantly! And don't forget our furry friends. The Storehouse accepts donations of dog and cat food.

If you would like to participate in this ministry but worry you'll forget your weekly donation, please send a check to The Storehouse, PO Box 94810, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87199.

Coming Soon: Saturday Spiritual Care Conversations

In the Library at St. Mark's (or other location, TBD)

Note: Kids are always welcome—if you expect to have kids with you, text Mother Sylvia so we can plan to meet on the playground or other kid-friendly space.

Contact Mother Sylvia: [email](#) or text (510) 932-1315

All are welcome to drop in for a space of honest, supportive conversation.

Come share the questions and the wisdom, the struggles and the gifts that you find yourself navigating as you engage in the holy, hard, ongoing work of....

SATURDAY SPIRITUAL CARE CONVERSIONS AT ST. MARK'S SATURDAYS AT 9AM

PARENTING



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Upcoming Dates: 10/5, 11/2, 12/7, 1/11, 2/1, 3/8, 4/5, 5/3

ELDERING



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.

Upcoming Dates: 11/16, 12/21, 1/18, 2/8, 3/15, 4/12, 5/10

LIVING



At every age and stage of life, the challenges of everyday living confront us with opportunities for intentional discernment and spiritual growth. Join us for topical discussions on some of the central spiritual challenges that confront us at various stages of life. Topics for each month will be announced in St. Mark's weekly Messenger.

Upcoming Dates: 11/23, No Dec., 1/25, 2/22, 3/29, 4/26, 5/17

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.).

DIOCESE & BEYOND

DRG News & Recent Bishop Hunn Video Updates

Diocesan Convention news can be found here: [Convention 2024 — The Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande](#)



Below you will find Bishop Michael Hunn's most recent [videos](#):

The Investiture of Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe
Nov. 2, beginning at 9:30 a.m. ET, with a prelude featuring a "roll call" of dioceses. The service itself starts at 11 a.m. ET.

In this historic and joyful season, we invite you to pray for guidance for our church and our new presiding bishop, Sean Rowe as he leads us in envisioning the reign of God in our midst. May our celebration unite us as a sacramental community, and may we be filled with new energy to bear witness to God's work of redemption. The service will be livestreamed on [the Episcopal Church's Investiture page](#) and on [The Episcopal Church's Facebook page](#). A recording will be posted and distributed after the service.

[Embracing the Future in Four Steps](#)

LGBTQ+ Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande



Social Gathering & Service of Compline

Sunday, October 27 from 4:00 to 6:00

Location: The home of Tim Backes in Corrales

42 Sego Lane (northeast corner of Corrales Road and Sego Lane)

4½ miles north of Alameda on Corrales Road

The entrée will be provided. If your last name begins with an A-L, you are invited to bring an appetizer to share. If your last name begins with an M-Z, you are invited to bring a dessert to share.

If you have any questions or would like to RSVP, please contact [Rev. Mike Angell or Rev. David Martin](#).

Diocese of the Rio Grande 2024 Women's Ministry [New Date](#)



Loved Like Me

Annual Diocesan Women's Ministry Gathering

October 18-20 (5PM Friday-7PM Saturday, plus Sunday)

St. Francis on the Hill and St. Christopher's, El Paso

Learn about Borderlands Ministry through stories, experiences, and sharing.

Hannah Curtis, the Rev. Kristin Kopren, and the Rev. Sondra Jones will be our leaders.

**Open to everyone interested
in Borderlands Ministry**



Registration (\$60) and full info is on the Women's Ministry website (VarietiesOfGifts.blogspot.com or QR code)

Contact Cindy Davis_(cynthiadavisauthor@gmail.com)

**Join the Churchwide Virtual Celebration
The Investiture of Presiding Bishop-Elect Sean Rowe**

Join the Churchwide Virtual Celebration



The Most Reverend Michael Curry
requests the honor
of your presence at the
Celebration of New Ministry and Investiture of
the Right Reverend Sean Rowe
as Presiding Bishop and Primate
of The Episcopal Church

Saturday, November 2, 2024

“Roll Call” of Dioceses - 9:30 am ET
Service of Holy Eucharist - 11:00 am ET

www.iam.ec/investiture

For more information, please [click here](#).



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

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