SAINT MARK'S Episcopal Church

Sunday
November 8
2026



O Sapientia ● O Wisdom

Art by Patricia Catlett.

The O Antiphons are seven ancient prayers by which we prepare for the Christmas season, calling for the coming of Christ among us.

For more resources to deepen your Advent prayer practice, including chants, prayer/song cycles for use with Anglican Prayer Beads, and ASL (American Sign Language) interpretations of each O Antiphon, scan the QR Code (reverse side).

TODAY'S CLASSES & EVENTS…

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 ● "It is the End of the World as We Know it – How Christians Have Tried to Feel Fine": 10:45-11:45 AM, Parish Hall. War, violence, political instability, and natural disasters have raised many questions for people of faith. Dr. Cindy Geppert and other members of the spiritual care team offer an opportunity to consider how the Spirit is speaking to us about life after death, the second coming of Christ, and the last judgment. The Sunday Lectionary readings will be the launching point for this exploration of the theological importance and pastoral impact of Christian teaching about the end of the world. Contact Dr. Geppert, ethicdoc@comcast.net.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY ● "CHURCH UNBOUND" 1:15-2:30 PM at the Albuquerque Inn (7640 Central SE) across from the International District Public Library. Gathering at 1:15, fellowship and distribution of lunch bags at 1:30, and service of Holy Communion at 2:00. Contact jesse.d.murray@gmail.com.

YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT ● "CHURCH UNBOUND": 1:15-2:30 PM, International District Library. Serving lunch and sharing kindness. Text Christina, 505-480-7411.

UPCOMING…

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

PEACE POLE INSTALLATION: 1:00 PM, Philip Chacon Park. The GFWC Cosmopolitan Woman's Club of Albuquerque invites the public to the unveiling and celebration of a peace pole, inscribed with "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in multiple languages. Contact ljlab@icloud.com.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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: "*Advent.*"

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FRIDAY, SATURDAY, & SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13-15

GONZO OPERA PRESENTS "CYBERMOM": At Fusion-The Cell, 700 1st St. NW. St. Mark's choir member Hannah Stephens is featured in the premiere of a futuristic opera. Times vary. Tickets at fusionnm.org.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

ELDERING GROUP: 10:00 AM, Parish Hall. Although this group typically meets monthly on the first Saturday, in November it meets the second Saturday, 11/14. A group for those living into the later decades of life, with its challenges, changes, and the potential for unexpected gifts. This week's discussion topic: "*My Legacy: Faith at the End of Life*." Contact sylvia@stmarksabq.org.

REMINDERS…

NEXT SUNDAY'S COFFEE HOUR: LAST NAMES K-P. 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.

COMIDA'S "FILL THE GAP": Accepting donations through December 11, baby diapers (not newborn), wipes, formula and food, applesauce pouches, and individual fruit and oatmeal packs for end-of-term distribution to CNM and UNM students. Leave donations in the marked Narthex bin.

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ROADRUNNER FOOD BANK: When you do your grocery shopping, consider picking up extra non-perishable food to leave in the donation trunks in the Narthex. Some of your donations also go to stock the *Little Free Pantry* at St. Mark's.

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 marked Narthex trunks.



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.



A sampling of the pie spread at last Sunday's Pie & Pledge Ingathering.

THE PIE'S ALL GONE, BUT IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PLEDGE!

- **2027 Stewardship Campaign Goal: $750,000**
- **Current pledges stand at $664,204**
- **132 households have pledged (goal 175)**
- **64% of households have pledged.**

Speak with a Clergy member or contact Treasurer Ken Reese for assistance, treasurer@stmarksabq.org.



BUILDING RENEWAL MOMENTS…

(*Right*) Framing up the new *bancos*, the long benches that wrap around the Chancel at the base of the prayer poles.

LINKS…	SUBSCRIBE & READ *The Messenger*,	READ St. Mark's Blog	LEARN
Scan QR Codes to access St. Mark's online content with your phone, or visit www.stmarksabq.org.	**St. Mark's weekly e-newsletter.**	**for articles, reflections, *Stepping Stones* and *Worship Workshop*, videos, and more.**	**about Advent prayer practices.**