



LGBTQ+ MINISTRY

This past Sunday, the LGBTQ+ Ministry of our Diocese hosted a Eucharist to observe **Transgender Day of Remembrance** - a day to memorialize those who have been murdered because of transphobia and to draw attention to the continued violence endured by the transgender community. The **Human Rights Campaign** (HRC) website lists 28 transgender and gender-expansive people murdered in the United States so far this year.



As people were leaving St. Michael and All Angeles after the Eucharist, I greeted a young person. During our conversation, she told me she had not been to church in over 10 years. "This meant so much to me...to be able to go to church as myself." I could not contain my grief (for a beloved child of God feeling they could not worship openly) and my joy (that we had provided a place for her to worship openly.)

We often sing "Just as I am, without one plea, but that they blood was shed for me." God calls us just as we are. We are called to welcome everyone just as they are. This is the mission of our church. It is my prayer that St. Mark's will reach more people to welcome them to us and the outreach ministries in is which we participate. All are welcome.

Rev. David Martin

LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT

This coming Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent.
The dictionary defines advent as "the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event."

In the church we observe a season of Advent—a season of preparation for Christmas—in which we both remember and await the arrival of Jesus and the coming of God's Kingdom on earth. The season of Advent invites us to push back against the ever-increasing franticness of the holiday season by making MORE time for silence, for stillness, for prayer.



Advent candles can help us mark the time in this season of prayer.

On the first Sunday of Advent (this year that's December 1st) , and for our prayers throughout the whole week that follows, we light one blue candle (in some churches the candle is purple.)

On the second Sunday of Advent, and for our prayers throughout the whole week that follows, we light two blue (or purple) candles.

On the third Sunday of Advent, and for our prayers throughout the whole week that follows, we light

two blue (or purple) candles plus the pink candle.

The season of Advent is a serious time. Historically Advent was a season of penance, and even now we can grow weary of waiting and darkness. The third Sunday of Advent is known as “Gaudete” Sunday. “Gaudete: means “rejoice” and the rose candle reminds us to make room for rejoicing, even in the most sad and serious times.

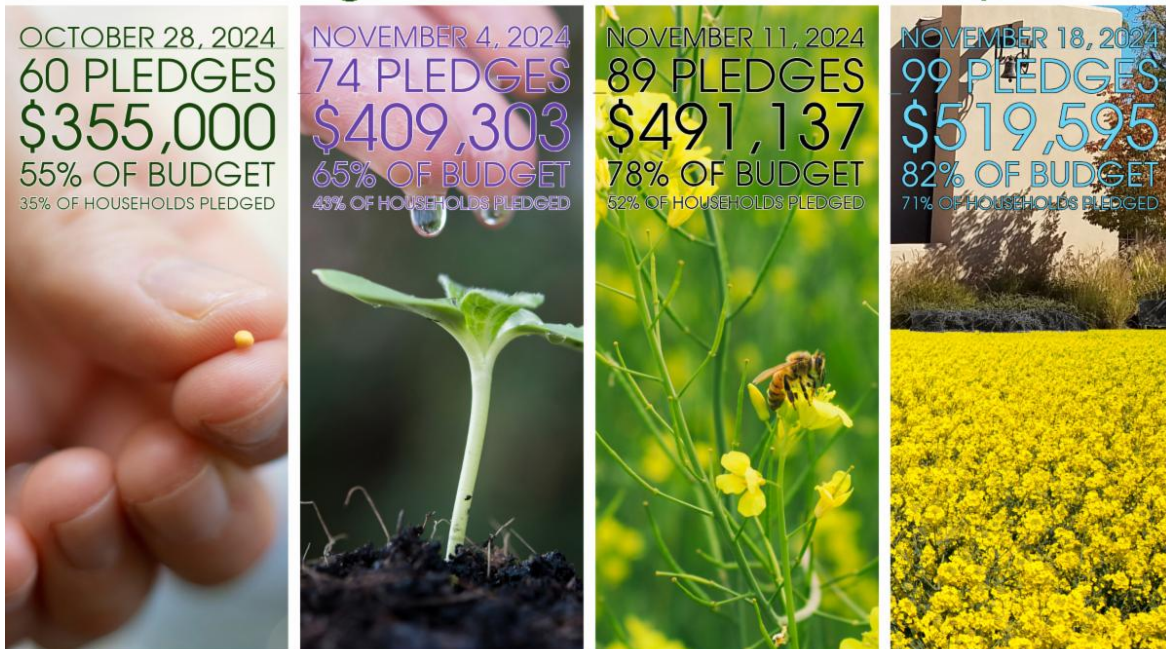
On the fourth Sunday of Advent, and for all of the remaining days until Christmas, we light all four candles, and we wait with eager anticipation for the day when Jesus, the True Light of the World will appear.

Join us this Sunday, December 1st, to gather resources and materials to help your journey through this holy Advent Season!

STEWARDSHIP 2025

We continue to receive Annual Giving Pledges to fund our 2025 Budget. Current results are below. Please visit the [Stewardship page](#) or [Click here for the Pledge Card](#).

Annual Giving 2025 Sowing the Seeds of Sanctuary



Building Renewal Fund Established and Initially Funded

We want to publicly thank and acknowledge the many members of St. Mark's who have already made initial gifts to the Building Renewal Fund (BRF). Thank you for providing St. Mark's with a strong start to funding our architectural,

liturgical and musical goals and priorities.

The Vestry, Finance Committee and the Building Renewal Committee are pleased to publicly announce the establishment of the Building Renewal Fund (BRF) at St. Mark's. Gifts to the Building Renewal Fund (BRF) can be made by check, transfer of securities, Qualified Charitable Distributions, Required Minimum Distributions, and other tax advantaged gifts. If you need to speak with our Treasurer, Ken Reese, or our Business Manager, Laura Blum, please call the [church office](#).

The Building Renewal Fund (BRF) will be used for all expenses related to the Building Renovation Project and Organ Replacement work with a commitment to Music Ministry, Accessibility, Liturgical Flexibility, and Beauty in the coming months and years.

[Read more....](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Important Dates:

- Sat. Nov. 23, 4:00 pm, Swept Clean Book Launch (Library)
- Mon. Tue. Wed. & Thur. Nov. 25 thru 28, Thanksgiving Feast of Hope Volunteers at La Mesa
- Wed. Nov. 27, 6:00 pm, Thanksgiving Evening Prayer. **No Service on Thanksgiving day.**
- Sun. Dec. 1st is the First Sunday of Advent. Wreath-making after worship. Altar Guild polishing & lunch.
- Wed. Dec. 4, 11, & 18 pm, Advent Program/ Holden Evening Prayer (Parish Hall/Nave)
- Sat. Dec. 14, Gingerbread House Fellowship & Fun!
- Sat. Dec. 21, Eldering Group



Thanksgiving Feast of Hope 2024

There are **exciting outreach opportunities** this Thanksgiving. St. Mark's is joining with **La Mesa Presbyterian Church** to feed those in need at La Mesa's annual **Feast of Hope Thanksgiving Day dinner**.

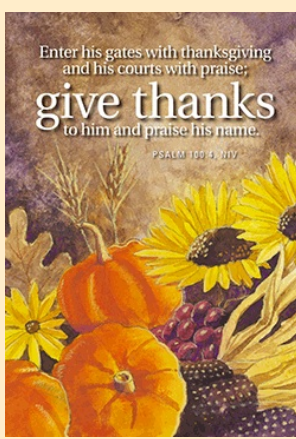
Here are some opportunities to help:

- **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (Nov 25, 26, 27), 9:00 to noon each day** – help with set up and food prep at La Mesa.
- **Thursday, Nov 28 (Thanksgiving Day)** – early set up, mid-day food service, meal delivery to homes, late day clean up at La Mesa

You can sign up online for shifts at: [The Feast of Hope home page](#). These online sign-up sheets fill up quickly. But don't worry, just show up and there is always work to do. There are also sign-up sheets in St. Mark's entry lobby with detailed information about help that is needed.

Now – We are accepting money for food and supplies in advance of the dinner. These are great ways to express our gratitude for the abundance of gifts we receive by giving our time and talents to help create a wonderful Thanksgiving for others.

Please see [Deacon David](#) for more information.



Thanksgiving Eve Evening Prayer, Wednesday, November 27th.

There will be **NO SERVICE** at St. Mark's on Thanksgiving Day!
Take time for prayer this Thanksgiving Week and join us at St. Mark's on Thanksgiving Eve.

6:00 pm Contemplative Silence

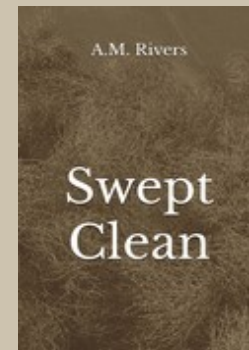
6:30 pm Holden Evening Prayer

7:00 pm Fellowship

Swept Clean Book Launch

Saturday, November 23 at 4 pm - St. Mark's Library
Join author A.M. Rivers (Mother Sylvia's mom!!!!) for her book launch event. She'll share excerpts from her new book, Swept Clean.

If you wish to purchase a copy of the [book](#), we'll have several signed copies for purchase at the event, or you can purchase a hard copy or kindle version on Amazon. You can read excerpts of the book on the author's blog.



Our **Sunday Coffee hospitality** groups are in great need of additional help. The commitment is generally just one Sunday per month, either before and/or after worship. May hands make light work! Please contact Pauline via [phone](#) or [email](#).

P.S. We have fun in the kitchen, too!

Gingerbread House Fellowship & Fun!

Join us for a sweet and festive time where we will make Gingerbread houses. Families and friends welcome. We'll provide all the materials—gingerbread kits, frosting, candy decorations, and hot cocoa. Please bring a snack and donation to cover the cost of the kits. This is a free event, but please RSVP to ensure we have enough supplies for everyone.

[RSVP by Monday, December 9th here](#) or to the church office via [email](#) or [phone](#). For questions, please contact [Christina Bepler](#).



Altar Guild

On Sunday, December 1s at 11:15 AM, Altar Guild will meet after church in the library/sacristy for fellowship, lunch and polishing. If you are interested in Altar Guild, we welcome you to join us. Please contact Darcie Farrow via [email](#) or [phone](#) if you have any questions.





Music that Makes Community Register Now

Make plans NOW to "sing in" the new year with love, joy, peace, power and community! Join us for a Music that Makes Community New Year Retreat at the Norbertine Abbey in Albuquerque. Stay at the Abbey, or stay at home and commute. Half day, full day, and full retreat options

available. [Click here for details and registration.](#)

DIOCESE & BEYOND



Read Bishop Michael Hunn's [Weekly Update](#) and view the Diocese's most recent [videos](#).

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ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US
FOR A FUN AFTERNOON OF
SINGING CHRISTMAS CAROLS, GAMES,
AND PRIZES!

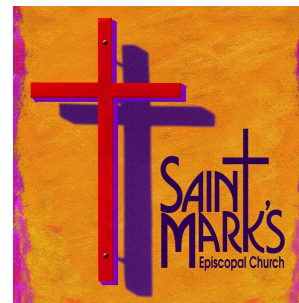
WORSHIP CORNER

For your thought:

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. - Revelation 1:8

[Click here to 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 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

- Saint Mark's [Home Page](#).
- To join an even 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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