



June 5, 2025



## The Feast of Pentecost This Sunday

The Feast of Pentecost, is a special Feast day celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the life of the church. On the Feast of Pentecost everyone is encouraged to wear red to celebrate this lively occasion of the Church's birthday.

As we gather in worship and reflection, Pentecost reminds us that we are called to be bearers of hope and unity, led by God's unwavering guidance. Just as the apostles were empowered to spread the Gospel, we are invited to listen, respond, and share the message of faith and grace with all.

## Thank You from the Hilton's

Dear lovely people of St. Mark's,

Thank you so much for supporting our grandson and his mom after the apartment fire last week that burned nearly everything they owned. It was a frightening situation. People at St. Mark's church and also St. Mark's Montessori school really came through and donated items and financial support so that they have been able to replace most of what was lost in the fire.



Sakyia is good at thrifting and will replace a lot of the remaining items by shopping second-hand stores and yard sales. She has worked very hard to provide a home and a stable life for herself and her son, our grandson. She works taking care of adults with disabilities in a supported living home and she also works for Instacart, shopping for people and making deliveries. She's hoping to take some college classes in the fall with the goal of getting a degree in psychology and someday working with teen girls.

The items requested on the Amazon gift registry were all purchased and a good deal of money has been donated to an Amazon gift card fund (WOW!). Sakyia is very grateful and feels like they are going to be ok now. They are already in a new apartment and Milo Jr's bedroom is almost set up and the other rooms are coming along. One thing they still need is a vacuum cleaner but it's not essential. And if anyone is still wanting to help out, they can use grocery store gift cards or a gas gift card to help with getting to work.

We are honored to be part of the St. Mark's community. What a blessing this place is to so many. Thank you for helping my grandson and his mom. It has made a dramatic difference in their lives.



## Thank You, Patrick Dill

We welcome our organist Jeremy Wirth back as our Choir Director after a year away establishing his family law practice.

We offer our hearty thanks to Patrick Dill, who has served as our interim choir director over this past year. He and his family plan to remain at St. Mark's as members and we are so glad.

The music program at St. Mark's continues to be in good hands and we are grateful for the many gifts of those who lead, and those who sing, and offer their instrumental talents as well.

## June 7 – August 30, 2025



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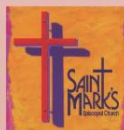


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Opening: Saturday, June 7, 2025 @ 3:00pm-4:00pm



St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
431 Richmond Place NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87106  
[www.stmarksabq.org](http://www.stmarksabq.org)

Hours 9-2 M-Th, 9-12 Sunday  
505-262-2484 office

St. Mark's Gallery retains a 20% commission of all sales

# Summer of Conversation 2025

## Who is My Neighbor?



## Summer of Conversation 2025 Kickoff and Training Formation Hour 11:15-12:15 in Parish Hall

Join us for Summer of Conversation Training Sessions with Fr. Christopher

One of the core values of St. Mark's is to be a deeply relational church. One of the ways we make this possible in the life of the community of St. Mark's is to become more intentional about building relationships and listening more deeply to one another. To this end, we are initiating A Summer of Conversation at St. Mark's. The concept is simple: Encourage conversations among our members that help people get to know one another, talk about why St. Mark's is important to them and to get a sense for where they sense God at work in them and the congregation.

This is an All-Parish initiative and will include our new Summer of Conversation 2025 Passport. Come and see what it's all about.



## Summer of Conversation

### "87108" Zip Code Gathering

Sunday, June 8th, 6pm  
Mother Billie's House  
Please RSVP for Address:  
Email: [bilabraham@aol.com](mailto:bilabraham@aol.com), or [Call](tel:)

You are invited to join us for St. Mark's first "Zip Code" Gathering to jumpstart our Annual Summer of Conversation. St. Mark's Community Members who reside in/near the 87108 Zip Code Zone are invited to gather at Mother Billie's house for a potluck supper and evening on the porch!

Billie will provide beverages and a sliced honey baked ham platter. Please bring a side dish to share! All ages welcome!

If you are interested in hosting a gathering this summer as part of St. Mark's Summer of Conversation [please click this link to indicate your interest and availability to host](#), or contact [Mother Sylvia](#), by June 1st.

## Hosts Wanted!

### St. Mark's Summer of Conversation Home/Neighborhood Gatherings

As part of our annual Summer of Conversation, we encourage every member of the St. Mark's community to make a commitment to initiate or participate in several intentional, "one-on-one" conversations with other members of the community.



This year, to supplement and support our practice of "one-on-ones", we are encouraging members of St. Mark's to connect with one another and with their neighbors through participation in a variety of informal home and community gatherings throughout the summer.

We are looking for members who are willing to host informal gatherings in their homes, yards, or local parks where folks can gather for introductions, snacks, conversation, and worship with their "pew neighbors", "zip code neighbors", ministry group neighbors, etc. Hosts are invited to provide gathering space and drinks. Guests are invited to bring snacks to share. Clergy are available to facilitate worship or other informal spiritual activities (if desired).

We are hoping to have all our hosts lined up so we can publish a calendar of neighborhood gatherings in time to share for our Summer of Conversation Launch on Pentecost, June 8th.

[Watch Mother Sylvia's Summer of Conversation Video.](#)

## The Path Ahead: Spirituality in Later Life

### Saturdays, 9:30 - 11:00 AM



**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.

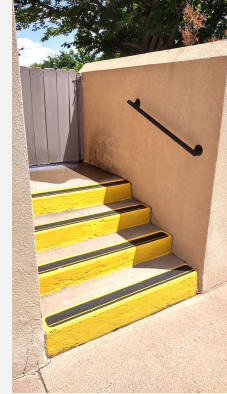
Please make every effort to attend each of the 6 sessions. If you know in advance that you will be unable to attend a particular session, please indicate which session you plan to miss on the registration form below.

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

Learn more about the course  
by viewing [this document](#) or this [short video](#).



## Walking in Faith, Standing in Safety



Big thanks to Chris, our dedicated St. Mark's custodian, for installing slip guards and new grab handles on our steps! Your safety is always a priority, and these improvements ensure a more secure and welcoming space for all who enter. Whether rain or shine, we're committed to making St. Mark's a place where everyone feels safe and supported.

**This a potluck  
event! Bring your  
favorite picnic  
dish**

**Pizza provided by  
SMMS**

**YOU ARE INVITED**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 15TH**

# **POOL PARTY**

**Hosted by  
Amanda  
Wright**

**5PM - 7PM**

**At the South Valley Aquatic  
Center (entire pool)**

**3912 Isleta Blvd SW,  
Albuquerque NM #87105**

**RSVP through Brightwheel or directly  
to Ms Caitie at**

**[SMMSdirector@stmarksabq.org](mailto:SMMSdirector@stmarksabq.org)**

**RSVP by Friday June 13th**

**Everyone is  
invited to swim  
but it's optional!**



## **Church Unbound** **Our Weekend to Serve**

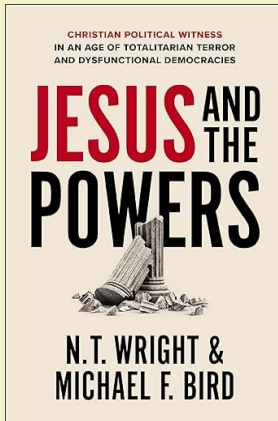
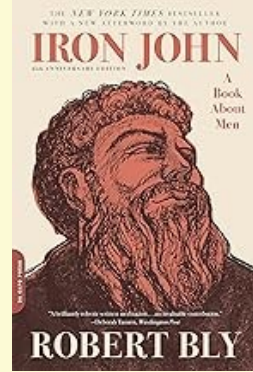
This weekend, we are serving the homeless and hungry on Central Avenue. We will provide lunches, fellowship, a service, and distribute hygiene bags thanks to your generosity. [Read more..](#)

**THE MEN'S BOOK GROUP**  
**Thursday, June 12**

**9:30 to 10:25 AM**

We meet in the library at St. Mark's. Reading and discussing Chapters 7, 8 and the Epilogue 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 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*.



## **The Church in "Times Like These"** How do we think about it, and what do we do? Sundays, June 15 – July 27 from 11:15 AM to 12:15 PM

Two Questions will guide our times together:

How do I/we think about it?

What do the scriptures and church history tell us about how God and the Church relate to and are involved in the life of the world in general and politics specifically.

How do I/we respond to these times? What do I/we do?

What do God and the Church expect of me? What am I to do?

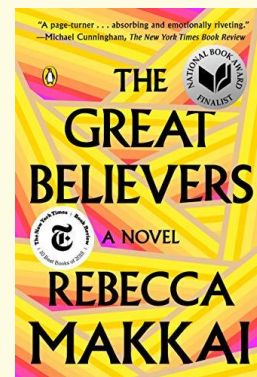
We will base our exploration of this timely topic by reading and discussing **Jesus and the Powers**: Christian Political Witness in an Age of Totalitarian Terror and Dysfunctional Democracies by New Testament Scholars N.T. Wright and Michael F. Bird (Get the book on Amazon in several formats including a 97 cent two month trial Kindle library offer).

To register please sign up beginning this Sunday in Church or by emailing [Harrison Higgins](#) or [Michael Jupin](#), the discussion leaders for this study and reflection.

## **St. Mark's Book Group** Saturday, June 28 10:00 AM

We'll discuss "The Great Believers" by Rebecca Makkai. The June gathering will meet downstairs in the youth room. Everyone is welcome to attend, but it is extremely beneficial to have read the book in advance. [Read more about The Great Believers.](#)

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



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Important Dates:**

- Friday, June 6 at 6:00 pm - LGBTQ Ministry, Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church Worship & Potluck

- Sunday, June 8, at 9:30 am - The Feast of Pentecost
- Saturday, June 7, at 8:00 am - St. Mark's Meets For Pride Parade
- Sunday, June 8, Summer of Conversation Begins
- Saturday, June 14, at 9:30 am - The Path Ahead Sessions Begins
- Sunday, June 15, at 11:15 am - "Jesus and The Powers" Book Study Begins
- Sunday, June 15, at 5:00 pm - SMMS Pool Party
- Saturday, June 28 at 10:00 am - St. Mark's Book Group Begins
- Sunday, June 29, at 3:00 pm - Camp Stoney Pool Party

## DIOCESE & BEYOND



[Click here](#) for Bishop Michael Hunn and the Diocese's most recent videos.



**Episcopal churches to celebrate Pride Month throughout June to affirm, support LGBTQ+ people.**

[Episcopal News Service] Episcopal churches nationwide will recognize Pride Month throughout June with special events to celebrate and affirm LGBTQ+ people, and to raise awareness of increasing anti-LGBTQ+ sentiment. [Read more..](#)





LGBTQ+ Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande  
Albuquerque PRIDE Events

**Worship**

**Friday, June 6, 2025**

6:00 pm (mountain time)

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

601 Montano Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107

a festive potluck party will follow in the Parish Hall

Bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share (main dish provided)

**Albuquerque Pride Parade**

**Saturday, June 7, 2025**

8:00: Meet at St. Mark's, 431 Richmond Pl NE, to board the Abq Trolley  
or

9:00 – 10:00 am: Gather for fellowship at the Abq Trolley

We'll be in the parade line up near Central Ave. and Girard Blvd.

10:00 am – Parade Kickoff

**LGBTQ+**  
**MINISTRIES** OF THE  
DIOCESE *of the* RIO GRANDE

For more information contact

Rev. Mike Angell or Rev. David Martin at

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



Camp Stoney  
Summer Camp 2025  
Registration is Here!

Session 1 (both Tracks): June 15-21  
Session 2 (both Tracks): June 22-June 28  
Track 1: (grades 3-6)  
Track 2: (grades 7-10)  
Ages 15 and up are eligible to be Counselors in Training

[REGISTER NOW](#) (575) 741-6424 Camp Stoney- Diocese of the Rio Grande

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).

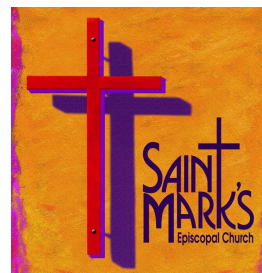
## WORSHIP CORNER

### For your thought:

*When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.*

Acts 2:1-4

[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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