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The Messenger of St. Mark's | After Pentecost | June 27, 2024

For your thought:

As you excel in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you-- so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. --2 Corinthians 8:7



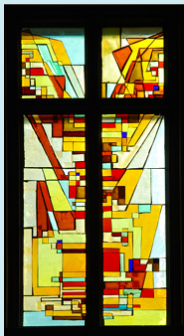
[Study this Sunday's Readings.](#)

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.



The offices of St. Mark's will be closed on Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

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](#)

5th Sunday of the Month: Sunday, June 30th after worship (~10:45 a.m.)

St. Mark's will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, June 30th, following our worship service. We ask that everyone bring a side of ready-to-eat fruit to share.



[All Offerings](#)

Useful links:

- [Fill out a form](#) to volunteer, donate altar flowers, fill out a new member/visitor form, and more!

- Access and/or edit your [Member Directory](#) information.
- To read or view [previous sermons](#), [click here](#).
- **Schedule a meeting with Mother Sylvia** [by clicking here](#).
- **Schedule a meeting with Deacon David** [by clicking here](#).

Important Upcoming Dates

- Sun., June 30, 10:45 a.m., Coffee Hour: Pancake Breakfast - Please bring fruit to share!
- Wed. July 3, 7 p.m., Singing Holden Evening Prayer (Hybrid/Nave)
- Thurs., July 4, Offices Closed/No Midweek Eucharist
- Wed., July 10, 7 p.m., Singing Holden Evening Prayer (Hybrid/Nave)
- Wed., July 17, 7 p.m., Singing Holden Evening Prayer (Hybrid/Nave)
- Fri-Sun, July 19-21, All-Parish Campout in Bandelier
- Wed. July 24, 7 p.m., Singing Holden Evening Prayer (Hybrid/Nave)
- Wed., July 24, 7:30 p.m., Movie Night: *Amazing Grace*, Part 1 (In person/Library)
- Sat., July 27, 10 a.m., Fill-the-Dumpster Day (In person/Undercroft)
- Wed., July 31, 7 p.m., Singing Holden Evening Prayer (Hybrid/Nave)
- Wed., July 31, 7:30 p.m., Movie Night: *Amazing Grace*, Part 2 (In person/Library)

SAINT MARK'S MISSION, MINISTRY & OUTREACH

Share Your Sanctuary Stories



Growing a Sanctuary at St. Mark's...One Story at a Time

STORY PROMPT: Share a story about a time when you experienced the "sanctuary" you needed—a place of peace or safety; welcome or belonging; healing or growth; beauty or inspiration; faith or hope— in or through the Church. (Note: This story might be about an experience you had at St. Mark's, or it might be about an experience you had in another part of the Church—another congregation, camp, program etc.)

THIS WEEK we want to capture video snippets of the beautiful "sanctuary" stories that you are sharing in your one-on-one conversations, so that we can share them with the wider community throughout the year.

In this way, your stories and experiences can become seeds of inspiration that contribute to the growth of God's Sanctuary of Belonging among us at St. Mark's.

Please take a moment this Sunday, after worship or during the Pancake Breakfast, to share your "sanctuary story". Rowan McJimsey will be set up in the Courtyard to help you record your stories.

Or set aside a few minutes on your own during this week and use the camera on your phone to record your story, then email or airdrop the video to Mother Sylvia [via email here](#).

Our goal is to gather video snippets of 24 Sanctuary Stories by next Sunday, July 7th.

Important Changes for St. Mark's Director of Music



Stewardship is one of the most challenging spiritual disciplines that Christians must undertake. It's not just about how we "steward" our money. It's about how we "steward" ALL the gifts God has given us: our time, our talents, our relationships, and our resources.

This past spring, St. Mark's Director of Music, Jeremy Wirths, attained his long-term goal of becoming a lawyer. It turns out that juggling the varied responsibilities of serving as St. Mark's Director of Music with his new full-time job as a family law attorney, in addition to various other ongoing professional, personal, musical and volunteer commitments is just not realistic. It's not good stewardship. So Jeremy has wisely discerned the need to revise the scope of his ministry at St. Mark's so that it can remain a healthy and sustainable part of his expanding vocation.

Jeremy hopes to continue serving at St. Mark's as our principal organist and we are now beginning a search process for the right person to assume the role of choir director for the 2024-2025 program year. Jeremy will be working closely with us to help ensure a smooth and successful transition. *You can help* by holding this transition in prayer, and by sharing St. Mark's New Choir Director [Job Post](#) and [Job Description](#) with anyone who you think might be interested. We will be receiving applications through July 22nd, and hope to conduct interviews with potential candidates in late July/early August. We hope to have a new choir director in place in plenty of time for the launch of our fall choir season in September.

We are profoundly grateful for the extraordinary job Jeremy has done rebuilding our music and choral program at St. Mark's in the wake of the pandemic. His musical expertise, flexibility, creativity, and pastoral skills have been indispensable to the post-pandemic revival of our liturgical life at St. Mark's. We are delighted that Jeremy will continue to share his presence and musical gifts with us as principal organist, even as our musical and liturgical life continues to evolve and grow under the leadership of a new choir director.

Movie Night: *Amazing Grace*

Wednesdays, July 24 (Part 1) & July 31 (Part 2). at 7:30 p.m. in St. Mark's Library

Join us St. Mark's following Evening Prayer 7/24 and 7/31 to view the 2006 film, *Amazing Grace*. We'll watch the first half of the film on July 24th and finish it up on July 31st. *Amazing Grace* is a 2006 biographical drama film, about the abolitionist campaign against the slave trade in the British Empire, led by [William Wilberforce](#). The title is a reference to the 1772 [hymn "Amazing Grace"](#), which was written by [John Newton](#), a captain of slave ships who underwent a Christian conversion and became a major influence on Wilberforce and the abolition movement.



St. Mark's Fill-the-Dumpster Day!

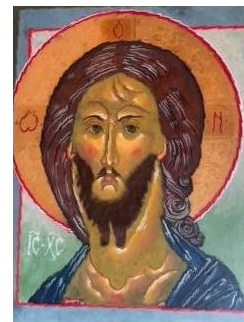
Saturday, July 27, from 10-12



St. Mark's has collected a lot of broken and outdated items over the years, and a clean out is long overdue. Church staff have been identifying and gathering items for some time and we are ready to finish this project and have more space for those items we actually use. The focus will be mainly in the Undercroft. We have ordered a dumpster to be delivered in the morning and picked up the same afternoon. To accomplish this task, we'll need a many-hands-make-light-work approach.

Beginning Iconography Class - Reserve Your Spot Now!

A beginning icon painting class will be offered this fall on the first Saturday of each month lead by Lin Marksbury. We will paint "The Rublev Christ" using egg-tempera + mineral pigments on a wooden, gessoed board. No prior painting experience is required. Cost per person is \$300 which includes all materials. Space is limited - email Lin ([via email here](#)) or phone/text (505) 307-5230 to reserve your place.



Dates: August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2 from 9AM to 12 PM in the chapel or the library at St. Mark's.

All-Parish Campout - Let Us Know You're Coming



Friday, July 19 – Sunday, July 21

LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING - Please sign up in the narthex.

- The all-parish campout is back for the second year running! Come for both nights, one night, for the hike, and/or for Sunday Eucharist (drive up and join us if you're not camping).
- The campground is six miles west of Bandelier National Monument near Los Alamos, NM.
- This is a tent-only campground with a covered cooking shelter, pit toilets and drinking water. There is room for one or two campers-but no hookups are available.
- Friday: we will gather any time after 4 PM to up tents, relax play games and more.
- Join the optional hike on Saturday afternoon, then enjoy a potluck meal on Saturday evening. Bring your own main dish and a side to share.
- Worship and Holy Eucharist will be held outside on Sunday morning.
- Check-in time is 4:00 PM on Friday
- Check-out time is 11:30 AM on Sunday
- Max attendees: 100
- We extend a hearty welcome to SMMS families and those from Cub Scout Pack #990
- Cost is \$5 per person per night – to be collected by Lucy or Scott Sinkular at the campground. Any extra funds collected beyond the campground expenses will go in the offering plate.

All ages are welcome and so are polite canines. If you have any questions, please contact Lucy at (703) 638-4286 or Scott at (703) 638-2770. We look forward to a fun time together.

Outreach Committee (Help Asylum Seekers)



Last weekend, the Outreach Committee met, after making 108 lunches for Church Unbound. We agreed that St. Mark's will send some money to the Roadrunner Food bank to help with the summer feeding program. Summer is the hungriest time of the year.

Buses of immigrants/refugees/asylum seekers have started up again. The most recent bus had 14 families. Currently, the buses are arriving every other Thursday. Volunteers are needed in all capacities. Spanish not necessary. If you would like to help, please contact Pauline Artery ([via email here](#)). Pauline volunteers in the clothing room, but there are other ways to volunteer (like medicine, travel, clothing, and food).

Please help the newly arrived refugees by bringing the following items to St. Mark's and putting them in the labeled box in the narthex:

- Diapers size 4 and 6
- Ladies clothing size small tops, bottoms, underwear

- Men's pants – stretchy at the hemline – sweats or jogging pants – ICE is putting them in ankle bracelets.
- Kids clothing
- Long sleeve shirts are helpful for bus and air travel
- Hygiene products
- Coloring books and crayons for the younger kids

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon David for more information ([email him here](#)).

ST. MARK'S MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Now Enrolling for Fall!



NOW ENROLLING

AGES 18 months - 6 years

Monday - Friday

7:30 am - 5:30 pm

St. Mark's Montessori School is a non-profit preschool proudly offering an authentic Montessori curriculum to children ages 18-months-old through kindergarten. We offer three-day and five-day enrollments for toddlers as well as before and after care options.

St. Mark's Montessori School is conveniently located in Nob Hill, within walking distance of the University of New Mexico campuses, at **431 Richmond Place NE.**

Visit our website at www.stmarksschoolabq.org or scan the QR Code for more detailed information about our curriculum, tuition, and enrollment options including discounts and funding opportunities, and to register.



(505) 582-3898



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Give by mail (St. Mark's has a secure mailbox and is checked regularly). Send to: 431 Richmond Place NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106.



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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

DGR Disaster Response for Ruidoso



Diocesan Disaster Response: to donate to the relief efforts for the fire in Ruidoso and surrounding area. [Donate — The Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande](#)

[Bishop Hunn's Message - Ruidoso \(June 18, 2024\)](#)

Song, Summer, Silence: A Time Apart

Enter more deeply into the summer season with an afternoon and evening at the Norbertine Spirituality Center. We will listen and be invited into activities of the summer season, singing in community, and various options for summer creativity to be expressed. Come to one or all events offered.



[Register online here](#) or by calling 505-873-4399. There is no charge for this event. For more information: Linda Sepulveda, 505-584-4402

Tuesday, July 2, 2024

1:00 pm – Opening Reflection by Abbot Joel Garner O. Praem. Sandia Room

- Song
- Introductions
- Meditative movement (Led by Abbey Staff Mia Chavez & Linda Sepulveda)
- Summer spiritual reflections (Resource: Summer, A spiritual biography of the season)

2:00 pm – Reflection: Silence by Fr. Patricio Chacón

3:00 pm – Reflection: Summer by Dr. Joseph Sandoval Olb.

- Summer Activities (light snacks & beverages provided)
- Painting (on rocks, sticks, jars and candles)
- Flower printing
- Card designing w/stamps & colored ink
- Writing, drawing journaling
- Meditative Walking

4:30 pm – Reflection: Song by Rev. Sylvia Miller-Mutia

5:15 pm – Break

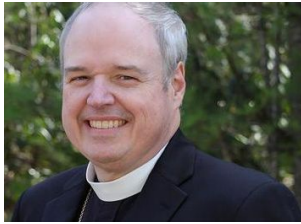
5:30 pm – Vespers Abbey Church

6:00 pm – Social (light snacks, table conversations) Sandia Room

6:30 pm – Music that Makes Community Song Circle Sandia Room

8:00 pm – Evening Social by the Fire Pit Outside Patio

General Convention 2024 News



Bishop Sean Rowe elected 28th presiding bishop, will begin nine-year term Nov. 1.

[See more Episcopal Church General Convention 2024 announcements here.](#)

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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 should be sent ([via email](#)) to the Communications Specialist by 9:00 a.m. each Wednesday for inclusion on Thursday's e-news.

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