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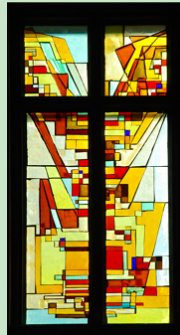
*When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. --John 6:15*



[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 4th-Sunday-of-the-Month Team (all parishioners with the last names beginning with the letters S-Z are asked to please bring ready-to-serve snacks to share this Sunday for Coffee Hour).**

A huge THANK YOU to all who bring food to share, and to those serving on coffee-hour teams, for our radical hospitality at St. Mark's would not be possible without your contributions!



## [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

- 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)
- Thurs., Aug. 1, 12:15 p.m., Summer of Conversation "Difference" 6-Week Course Begins (In person/Stoney Chapel)
- Sat., Aug. 3, 1 p.m., Funeral for Sean Murphy (Hybrid/Nave)
- Sat., Aug. 10, 9-11 a.m., Storytelling Workshop: Sarah of the Bible (In person/Library)
- Sun., Aug. 18, 11:15 a.m., Storytelling Practice Group, session 1 (location TBD)
- Sun., Sept. 1, We all share one cup for wine this day & going forward
- Sun., Sept. 1, 11:15 a.m., Storytelling Practice Group, session 2 (location TBD)
- Mon., Sept. 2, Labor Day (Offices Closed)
- Sun., Sept. 15, 6 p.m., Storytelling Sharing Event (In Person/library)

## SAINT MARK'S MISSION, MINISTRY & OUTREACH

### Many Helpers Needed!

### This Saturday: St. Mark's Fill-the-Dumpster Day

**Saturday, July 27, from 10 a.m.-Noon**

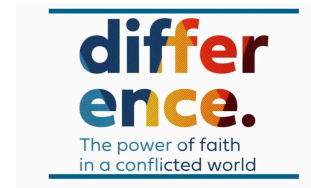
St. Mark's has collected a lot of broken and outdated items over the years, and a clean out is long overdue. Church staff have been identifying and gathering items for some time and we are ready to finish this project and have more space for those items we actually use. The focus will be mainly

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.**



## Summer of Conversation Course: "Difference"

**Summer of Conversation 2024**  
**6 session course on "Difference"**  
**Thursdays, 12:15-1:45pm in person at St. Mark's**  
**6 weeks: August 1 -September 5, 2024**



Are you ready to "level up" your Summer of Conversation? Join us for a six-[session course from the Archbishop of Canterbury entitled "Difference."](#) We live in a complicated and messy world where there is fracture, division and conflict. We see it when we look around us - and when we look within us. Many of us long to make a difference, but often we don't know how to respond or where to start.

*Difference* teaches three habits that have the potential to transform everyday relationships:

**Be Curious:** Listening to other's stories and seeing the world through their eyes.

**Be Present:** Showing up and sticking around, learning to encounter others with authenticity.

**Reimagine:** Finding hope and opportunity in the places where we long to see change.

*Together we'll explore and develop habits that help us **Hear God's Call, Cross Divides, Navigate Disagreement, Practice Forgiveness, and Risk Hope.***

Questions? Contact Laurie LaBrecque: 774-253-4432; [or by Email here.](#)

Limited to 15 participants.

Registration Deadline is July 31.

[Click here to register.](#)

## August 3: Funeral for Sean Murphy

There will be a celebration for the life of Sean Murphy, parishioner of St. Mark's and 2023 St. Mark's Montessori School Board member, on August 3, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the Nave of St. Mark's. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

[Click here to view Sean's obituary.](#)



[For virtual options, click here.](#)

**In lieu of flowers, please consider:**

- Sean admired and supported The Gazelle Foundation, which saves lives by developing clean water sources in the small African country of Burundi. In lieu of flowers, we hope friends will consider a gift to The Gazelle Foundation through his memorial page at <https://www.betterunite.com/gazellefoundation-honorthelifelegacyofseanmurphy>
- Sean died of complications from Type 1 Diabetes, which he had battled since childhood, so another organization he cared about was Breakthrough T1D, formerly JDRF, at <https://www.breakthrough1d.org/> whose research surely had a role in extending his life.

~ May light perpetual shine upon Sean and all the departed. ~

## Movie Night: *Amazing Grace*



**Wednesdays, ~~July 23 (Part 1)~~ & July 31 (Part 2) at 7:30 p.m. in St. Mark's Library**

Join us at 7:30 p.m. on 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.

## Welcome Back, Chris Montgomery!

Chris has been a part of the St. Mark's facilities team, off-and-on, since late 2015, but we are pleased to announce that Chris has been rehired as Custodian of St. Mark's.

Chris was raised in Albuquerque. His interest in music led him to volunteer at KUNM 89.9 FM from 1994-2003, where he received the New Mexico Associated Press Award 1st place for public broadcasting in 1997. He has been involved with music production, sound engineering and on-air positions and is a fan of local music and artists of all varieties. In 2003,



Chris began a career in the telecommunication industry, with a focus on structured cabling and fiber optic cable installation. He received a New Mexico ES-7J Journeyman License in 2007. He has had the privilege of working on some very large installation projects. Photography and bike riding are his interests and hobbies.

Please extend Chris a warm "welcome back," as you see him around campus.

## Communion Changes: Coming Sept. 1



Throughout the Covid 19 pandemic, we made a variety of temporary changes to our normal liturgical practices at St. Mark's, according to the needs of our community and the direction of our Bishop. One of those changes was introducing the option of receiving wine in individual vessels at communion. Despite this temporary concession to a public health crisis, the Common Cup has remained a core symbol of Eucharistic theology and normative Eucharistic practice in the Episcopal Church. In early 2022, at the urging of our bishop, we began a gradual return to normative practice by reintroducing the Common Cup at communion, while continuing to offer the option of individual vessels at the back of the church. **As of September 1, 2024, St. Mark's will discontinue the use of individual vessels for wine at Communion.** If, for any reason, you prefer not to drink from the Common Cup at communion we invite you to participate by reverently acknowledging the presence of Christ in the Common Cup with a reverent nod, bow, touch or kiss-remembering that the Church's historic teaching is that communion in one kind (bread OR wine, alone) constitutes a full communion.

If you have been called to share in the ministry of administering Holy Communion, and you have enjoyed the ministry of administering wine in individual vessels during the pandemic, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you might be called to participate in another, related, sacramental ministry beginning this fall. Do you feel called to serve as a **Eucharistic Visitor**, by bringing communion to people who may be sick or homebound, or by **preparing Home Communion Kits** each week for our Eucharistic Visitors? Do you feel called to serve as a member of the **Altar Guild**, to share in preparing the holy space and objects for worship? Or do you feel called to join our team of **Eucharistic Bread Bakers**? Please reach out to the clergy for further discussion and discernment of how God is calling you to grow in these, or other, ministries.

**ST. MARK'S MONTESSORI SCHOOL**



"Play is the work of the child." --Maria Montessori

## 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.



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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

## LGBTQ+ Ministry - Summer Picnic at Bataan Memorial Park



LGBTQ+ Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande  
Summer Picnic in Albuquerque

**Friday, July 26, 2024**

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

### **Bataan Memorial Park**

748 Tulane Dr NE (northwest corner of Lomas and Carlisle)

BYOP (Bring your own picnic/dinner/snacks)  
Drinks will be provided.

This will be a social event to get together, share, and connect during the summer.  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

For more information contact  
Rev. Mike Angell or Rev. David Martin at  
[LGBTQdrg@gmail.com](mailto:LGBTQdrg@gmail.com)

## Rickie Sherrill of Good Books



We are sorry to announce the death of Mrs. Rickie Sherrill. Rickie died in her sleep last week on Wednesday, July 10. She had been living with Alzheimer's for the last several years and had been living in Austin at a care facility near her daughter.

A Memorial Service is being planned for November 1, likely in San Antonio, when Rickie will be interred with her husband Webb at the Fort Sam Houston Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family at:

Ms. Jennifer Harrell  
619 Stone River Drive  
Austin, Texas 78737

Rickie was a long time member of the Diocese of the Rio Grande living in Santa Fe. For many years she was the proprietor of Good Books which always had several booths at Diocesan Convention and traveled around the diocese to various parishes bringing good books for children and adults.

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, and rise in glory on the last day.

## Happy Birthday to St. Thomas of Canterbury in ABQ!

Circa 1959, the Canterbury Club (UNM Episcopal Campus Ministry) moved from St. Mark's to make its home in a property on Ash Street that would later become St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church. 65 years later, the congregation of St. Thomas of Canterbury invites you to join them in celebrating 65 years as a faith community and 50 years as a parish."



[Click here to view the invitation to the celebratory festivities.](#)

To RSVP, please email [canterbury65birthday@gmail.com](mailto:canterbury65birthday@gmail.com) with the names of the people attending, phone number and mailing address.



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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