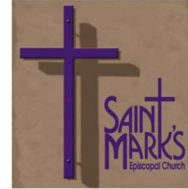


## The Messenger of St. Mark's | Lent | March 14, 2024

For your thought:

*Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."*  
--John 12:30-32

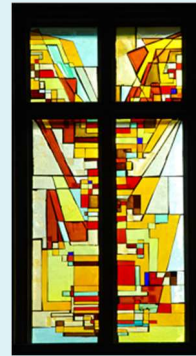


[Study this Sunday's Readings.](#)

### 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.



[View Sunday's Order of Worship](#)

[Click Here for 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](#).

#### Important Upcoming Dates:

- Sun., Mar. 24, 9:30 a.m., Palm Sunday
- Tues. Mar. 26, 7 p.m., Tenebrae Liturgy
- Thurs., Mar. 28, 11 a.m. & 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday Liturgy
- Thurs., Mar. 28, 9-11 p.m., Prayerful Watch in Stoney Chapel
- Fri., Mar. 29, 12 p.m. & 7 p.m., Good Friday Liturgies

- Sat., Mar. 30, 9 a.m., Holy Saturday & All-Parish Cleaning Day
- Sat., Mar. 30, 8 p.m., The Great Vigil of Easter & Agape Potluck Feast & Dance (Bring a bell with you!)
- Sun., Mar. 31, 9:30 a.m., Easter Sunday & Resurrection Party with Egg Hunt
- Mon., Apr. 1, Easter Monday - Offices Closed
- Thurs., Apr. 4, 1 p.m., Colo. Springs - Pipe Organ Visit

## SAINT MARK'S MISSION, MINISTRY & OUTREACH

### Letter to Parish from Fr. Christopher Re: Sabbatical Plans (April – July)



Beloved of God:

After more than 23 years of ordained ministry, and 13 years as Rector of St. Mark's, I will take my first sabbatical during the spring and summer of this year (April – July). I will be spending time resting, gardening, beekeeping, fly fishing, reading on creation care and learning how to preach more thoughtfully about the Christian life and care of the earth. For some time now, I've wanted to create more wildlife habitat in our yard and incorporate more native plants into our garden so that will be part of my sabbatical joy.

I plan to do some retreating at Christ in the Desert Monastery and hopefully at SSJE in Boston. I plan to read extensively on the spiritual dimensions of creation care and would be interested to know of reading material you might share with me on this journey. Maren and I plan to travel to see our daughter Sofia in Copenhagen, Denmark and also to take the opportunity to visit several other places on our dream list.

I leave the parish in the capable hands of Mother Sylvia and Deacon David, our wardens, Senior Warden Lucy Sinkular, Junior Warden Ty Camp, and our parish staff, but also with a deep trust in the people of St. Mark's to step up into whatever opportunities for leadership and service present themselves. I will be returning in early August as school year and church program year takes shape. I am grateful to the people of St. Mark's for this opportunity for renewal and rest as well as study and growth. Please keep me and my family in your prayers as I seek some much-needed rest and renewal for the years ahead at St. Mark's.

-- Fr. Christopher McLaren

Family of Charles Mark Hendrick Found



This past week held a surprise for us regarding Charles Mark Hendrick. On Thursday, March 7, we received an unexpected phone call from Mark's brother, John Hendrick, of San Angelo, TX.

Mark's brother and wife Pat had read our post on Mark's Facebook page and learned of Mark's death. They were able to watch the video of his funeral on our Facebook account and sent us this note after their phone call to the St. Mark's, as well as a contribution to his Memorial Fund:

*"Dearest Congregation:*

*Thank you so much for caring for my brother, Charles Mark Hendrick. I am very glad that he found a "home" with all of you. He passed in the loving care of friends.*

*Please accept this donation as a token of our heartfelt appreciation for your loving kindness.*

*Sincerely,  
John and Pat Hendrick"*

## Dedicate a Lily for Easter Celebrations/Liturgies



Traditionally, St. Mark's places lilies around the altar for our Easter services. If you would like to donate, the suggested donation for each lily is \$20. We will gratefully accept **any amount** in honor or in remembrance of your loved one(s). [Please click here to print a form to give to our Parish Admin.](#)

**Please be sure to PRINT all information clearly. Dedications and donations are due Wednesday, March 27 at noon.**

For questions, contact parish administrator Jennifer Lind ([via email here](#)) or (505) 264-2484.

[Watch a Brief Video to Preview Holy Week at St. Mark's](#)



## Sign Up for All-Parish Cleaning Day!



Help us get our facilities and grounds into good shape for Easter!  
**The cleaning will take place after Holy Saturday Liturgy on March 30 (liturgy begins at 9:00 a.m.)**

### Key Projects:

- **Indoor Cleaning:** Clean Worship Space: Vacuum, dust, mop and polish
- **Outdoor Cleaning:** Tidy up the grounds of St. Mark's: weeding, raking, light trimming and litter pick-up outside

### Things to bring (bring what you can and are willing to do):

- **Indoor Cleaning:** Vacuum, dust rags, broom or Swiffer®, dusters, silver polish, etc.
- **Outdoor Cleaning:** Work gloves, weeding tools, yard bags, trash cans, rakes, hand pruners, and any other weeding tools you might have

**Please sign up on the clipboards** in the narthex (lobby area) for either the outside or inside cleaning projects that Saturday morning. We look forward to your help on this All-Parish Workday.

## Great Vigil of Easter Party Décor Volunteers Needed



### Help needed on Saturday afternoon, March 30th

Do you have a keen eye, artistic flare, and/or a desire to be part of a party-decorating team? We are seeking those who will be willing to help decorate the Parish Hall on Saturday, March 30th. If you are willing and able to help in this endeavor, please sign up on the table

in the narthex. Thank you!

## Food & Libations for the Agape Feast & Party



### Items needed for the evening of Saturday, March 30th

Following the Great Vigil of Easter liturgy (Saturday, March 30th), we will have a celebratory Easter feast and party. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Please sign up and let us know what food or beverages (libations: alcohol or equally appealing non-alcoholic products are welcome) you plan to bring and share at the Agape Feast & Party. Food dishes may be savory or sweet, breads or salads, entrées or sides, but all food items should be ready-to-eat or in a crockpot that may be plugged in. All are welcome!

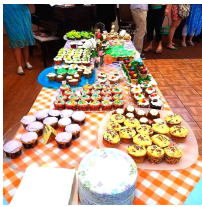
## Great Vigil of Easter Clean-Up Volunteers Needed



### Volunteers needed for the late evening on Saturday, March 30th

We are in need of people who will be willing to stay up on Saturday, March 30th to help us all clean up to get the Parish Hall ready for Easter Sunday following our Agape Feast & Party. If you are willing and able to help in this endeavor, please sign up on the table in the narthex. Thank you!

## Cupcakes Needed for Resurrection Party



### Needed for the morning of Sunday, March 31

St. Mark's will be hosting a Resurrection Party after Holy Eucharist on Easter Sunday (March 31st). We are hoping to come up with roughly 20-dozen cupcakes. We would love to see what all of our creative bakers - of all ages - in this parish would come up with. They can be basic; they can be fancy. Let's share our talents and have fun on Easter Sunday! If you are willing to help, please sign-up on the table in the narthex.

## Eggs to Fill for Easter Egg Hunt



**Please consider filling some plastic eggs with goodies for the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 31.**

**There is no need to purchase eggs. We have plenty!** Pick up a dozen in the Narthex and fill them with candy or other prizes. **All food items must be individually wrapped by the manufacturer.** Do not put loose jellybeans or other treats in the eggs. Stickers and trinkets are also fun for our youth to find in the eggs. **Return the filled eggs to the collection box in the narthex any time before Easter Day.**

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon David [via email here](#).

## 2024 Holy Week Schedule



[Click here for a printable version of the Holy Week Schedule Card.](#)

Or visit our dedicated Holy Week event page for more info: <https://www.stmarksabq.org/events>

## Field Trip to See Potential Pipe Organ for St. Mark's



Létourneau Organ at First Christian Church in Colorado Springs, Colorado.  
**Visit the organ on Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.**

We got word this week that an organ in Colorado Springs is for sale. The organ was built in 1995 by Létourneau, a very fine organ company in Quebec. The organ is quite a bit larger than our Reuter and very beautiful, as you can clearly see. The congregation that owns it is closing and they want to sell it for around 100k. The company that built it believes they could move it to Albuquerque and install it for around \$200k. To purchase this size and quality of an organ new would probably cost \$1.75 million or \$2 million in 2024.

We have arranged to visit the organ in Colorado Springs on Thursday, April 4th at 1:00 p.m. We will examine the organ inside and out, sing some hymns, play some organ music, and really imagine the organ moving to St Mark's.

Please consider coming. It's possible to fly up and back in one day, or drive up and back in one day, or spend the night.

Even if you are not big into organs, I really think you will find it fun and rewarding.

If you are interested in going, please contact Fr. Christopher [via email here](#).

## Register now for Camp Stoney 2024



Join from St. Mark's and throughout the Diocese of the Rio Grande for a week of Summer Camp (grades 3-12) or a long weekend Family Camp (for all ages.) Family Camp offers a particularly economic opportunity for a short family vacation, a chance to enjoy the beauty of Camp Stoney, refresh your faith, and get acquainted with the staff and program at Camp Stoney. It's even more fun if you plan ahead and attend with another household from St. Mark's! [Details and registration here](#).

**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 through [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.).

## DIOCESE & BEYOND

### Upcoming Events for the LGBTQ+ Ministry



**Saturday, March 16, 1:00 p.m.**

**Pie Palooza at the Albuquerque Balloon Museum** This is a fundraiser for ORCA (Older Rainbow Community of Albuquerque). Contact [sc@orcaabq.org](mailto:sc@orcaabq.org) for ways to donate and participate.

**Saturday, April 20**

**Drag Queen Brunch and Bingo at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, 601 Montano Rd NW, Albuquerque 87107** Be sure to mark your calendars for this fun, first-time event with the LGBTQ+ Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande. Details will follow soon.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [LGBTQdrg@gmail.com](mailto:LGBTQdrg@gmail.com)

## DRG Mission to Mexico



**DRG Mission to Mexico, April 16-24, 2024**

The Diocese of the Rio Grande has four spots open to join a Service Trip to Mexico: The trip is from April 16, we head to Alpine, Tx for an overnight, then next day we head out to The Big Bend Park, to the Boquilla crossing then return to the Boquilla crossing on April 24.

The cost is \$500 dollars that includes food and lodging in Jabonsillo and material needed for the project. We will be finishing a school building, painting walls, putting in insulation to the inside ceiling, doing activities with kids and adults, praying with families and building community. Cost of travel to El Paso, food and lodging before getting to Mexico would have to be covered by individuals. For more information, please contact Ana Reza [via email here](#).

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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