



Rio Grande Bishop 'insulted' by Trump DHS letter implying migrant shelter may have broken laws.

The Trump administration, in its escalating crackdown on both legal and illegal immigration, has halted government funding for migrant shelters, including one operated by the [Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande's Borderland Ministries](#), while suggesting without evidence that the diocese and other organizations sheltering migrants may have broken the law. [Click here to read more...](#)

On Sunday, March 16th St. Mark's welcomed [Ana Reza, Bridge Chaplain for the Rio Grande Borderlands Ministry \(RGBM\)](#) to preach and share with us about the efforts she and her team do on our behalf to care for migrants at the US/Mexico border. That morning St. Mark's collected \$1210 in cash offerings to help support the work of RGBM. With this generous offering as our first step, St. Mark's is ready to seriously discuss taking the next steps to become an official [RGBM Parish Partner](#).

If you are interested in helping St. Mark's take the next steps in becoming more involved with RGBM as a Parish Partner, please contact [Mother Sylvia](#).



"Cross" by Marcel Varoz

"Seeing with Our Hearts"

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has already taken the time to fill out the survey for St. Mark's Feasibility Study. Your input is invaluable to us and will play a crucial role in shaping the future of our community.

But we've only heard from around 60% of our families, and we want to hear the views and comments of all our members! **Please return your survey or fill out the online form by March 30th.** Your unique ID is at the foot of the cover letter you received with your case survey packet.

If you are new to St. Mark's and want to participate in the survey, please call our office and we will get you in the system and provide you with a unique ID needed to fill out the form online.

The Case Statement and survey can be accessed [here](#).

Eggs to Fill for Easter Egg Hunt

Please consider filling some plastic eggs with goodies for the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 20th.

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](#).



WANTED: Easter Egg Hunt Coordinator

We are looking for an individual (or a few individuals) who can take on the responsibility of managing the Easter Egg Hunt at St. Mark's on Easter morning, Sunday, April 20th. The eggs will be filled and ready to hide on Easter morning.

The responsibilities of managing the Egg Hunt are very simple.

- Get the filled eggs to the Fish Garden (the grass north of the church) after the Easter morning service, and oversee the hiding of the eggs by the teenagers.

(These first 2 steps usually take place between approximately 11:00 and 11:20)

- Start the Egg Hunt at approximately 11:20.
- Oversee the hunt. Make sure everyone is having a good time and finding a few eggs.
- Collect empty plastic eggs to be re-used next year.
- Clean up any debris left in the Fish Garden.

This position is simple, quickly completed, and extremely rewarding. All the tasks take place on Easter morning. If you'd like to help or if you have any questions, please contact [Deacon David](#).

Easter Lily Orders & Dedications

St. Mark's traditionally 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).

[Click here to send your order information to the office.](#)

Orders and dedications are due Wednesday, April 16 at noon for inclusion in the Orders of Worship. For questions, contact parish administrator [Jennifer Lind](#).



Lenten Wednesdays
5:30 - 7:00 PM

Join us during Lent for film, fellowship, discussion, songs, scripture stories, reflection, and prayers for all ages.

5:30 pm Living Stories

6:00 pm Soup Supper

7:00 pm A Lenten Lens

Life Changing People, Stories, Conversations and Popcorn.



Ice Merchants April 2nd

Every day, a father and his son jump with a parachute from their vertiginous cold house, attached to a cliff, to go to the village on the ground, far away where they sell the ice they produce daily. [See trailer...](#)



Join or Die April 9th

In this feature documentary, follow the half-century story of America's civic unraveling through the journey of legendary social scientist Robert Putnam, whose groundbreaking "Bowling Alone" research into America's decades-long decline in community connections could hold the answers to our democracy's present crisis. [See trailer...](#)

Church Work Day Saturday, April 19 at 9:00 AM

Join us to help tidy up and get ready for Easter Sunday. For more info. contact [Mother Sylvia](#)



Praying the Stations of the Cross

Many people find the Stations of the Cross a useful focus for their prayer and devotional practice during the season of Lent. At St. Mark's, we have original artwork from two local artists that hang in the church each Lent.

In the Nave, you can pray with a set of woodblock prints by Charlie Aldrich. In Stoney Chapel, you can pray with a set of foot-painted tempera paint crosses by Marcel Varoz. You will find booklets to guide your meditation at the back of the church.



[You can also access audio and visual materials \(images, audio recordings, videos, and slide shows\) to help you pray St. Mark's Stations of the Cross.](#)

Preparing for Holy Baptism Great Vigil of Easter



In the course of our life-long spiritual journey, there are various doorways of invitation into deeper commitment. Baptism is the doorway into full participation in the universal life and family of the Church. In the Sacrament of Baptism we are incorporated as full members of the Body of Christ. People may be initiated into Christ's Body through the Sacrament of Baptism at any age or stage in life. Baptism may be celebrated at any time, but is traditionally reserved for one of four baptismal feast days: Easter (March/April), Pentecost (May/June), All Saints (November), and Baptism of our Lord (January).

The Great Vigil of Easter is the primary occasion when, from the earliest days of the Church, new members were welcomed into the fellowship of the Church through Baptism, and it remains the primary occasion for baptism, especially for older children and adults.

In **2025 the Great Vigil of Easter begins on Saturday, April 19 at 8 pm** , and the liturgy is followed by a Feast and Dance Party (in other words, plan to take a long nap that day in preparation for a BIG CELEBRATION!).

During our Ash Wednesday service, we hear these words: "Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. **This season of Lent provided. a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism.**" (Book of Common Prayer, p. 264-265).

It has become our custom at St. Mark's to formally mark the entrance of those who wish to be baptized at the Great Vigil of Easter into this season of preparation with special prayers during the Sunday liturgies during Lent, beginning the first Sunday of Lent (In 2025 that's Sunday, March 9.)

If you (or your child) wishes to prepare for Holy Baptism at the Easter Vigil, please contact [Mother Sylvia](#) and/or [Father Christopher](#) in the coming week.

Not Just For Newcomers Class

Next Class March 30th

Welcome to Sunday:
A Deep Dive into our Worship
and Life Together

Sundays 11:15 - 12:15 in Stoney Chapel



Books you might want to explore during this class:

[The Way of Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices](#) by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe

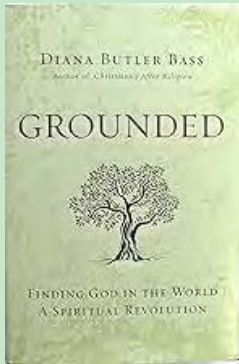
[Welcome to Sunday: An Introduction to Worship in the Episcopal Church](#) by Christopher Webber

[Welcome to the Episcopal Church](#) by Christopher Webber

UPCOMING EVENTS

Important Dates:

- Sunday, March, 30, at 11:15 am - Not Just For Newcomers Formation Class
- Sunday, March, 30, at 11:15 am - Lenten Passion Play
- Sunday, March, 30, at 11:15 am - Deadline For Feasibility Surveys
- Wednesday, April 2, at 7:00 pm - Lenten Films: Ice Merchants
- Thursday, April 3, at 12:00 pm - Book Study: "Grounded"
- Saturday, April 5, at 9:00 am - Iconography Class
- Saturday, April 19, at 9:00 am - Church Workday



Thursday Book Study

March 13 - April 10, 2025
12:00 PM

[Grounded: Finding God in the World,
A Spiritual Revolution](#)
by Diana Butler Bass

[Click here to read more about "Grounded."](#)

Sacred Arts Exhibits - Library & Parish Hall

**March 1 -
May 31, 2025**
EXHIBIT
Artists' Choice

St. Mark's Sacred Arts Guild
Hours 9-2 M-Th, 9-12 Sunday
505-262-2484 office
www.stmarksabq.org

**St. Mark's Episcopal
Church** 431 Richmond Place
NE Albuquerque, NM 87106

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



You are invited to sign up to read
to our Primary children

Follow the link below and select a Friday afternoon that
works for you. You can bring a book to donate to the



classroom or just read the story to the children. We look forward to your participation!

Primary 1 Room - <https://signup.com/go/QLMzkyO>

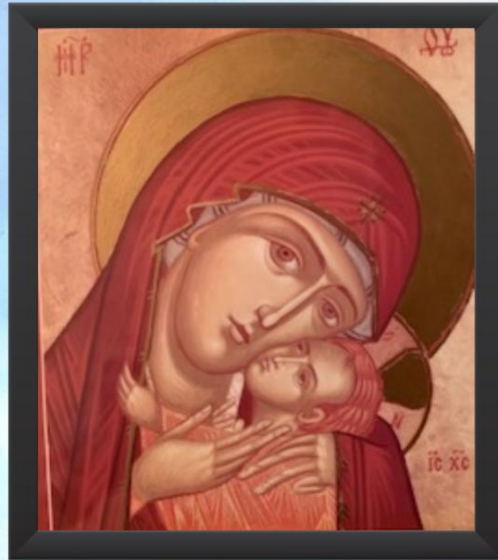
Primary 2 Room - <https://signup.com/go/TPBYWoG>

Thank you all for your generous support and donations to the school fundraiser during Mardi Gras! We raised over \$7,000 dollars and are moving forward with purchasing our sunshade for our children. Many thanks!

ICONOGRAPHY CLASS

Open to all skill levels!

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Instructor: Lin Marksbury

Cost: \$300 - all materials included

Dates: Saturdays, 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon
April 5 & 26, May 3 & 31, June 7 & 28

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marksburyL@yahoo.com

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**ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN'S
COMMUNITY FORUM**

**“STANDING UP FOR THE
LGBTQ COMMUNITY”**

Saturday April 5th, 3:00-4:30

5301 Ponderosa Ave. NE

Learn about this administration's recent executive orders and actions, their impact on the LGBTQ Community, and ways we can advocate for, and support them.

Questions? Please call St. Andrew at (505) 881-9626 Tuesday – Thursday



Powerful Tools FOR Caregivers

Spring 2025 Calendar

A free six-week program designed to help family caregivers take better care of themselves while caring for a relative or friend.

- Learn new self-care techniques
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www.familycaregivernm.org



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Erna Fergusson Public Library

Day and Time: Wednesdays, 11:15am-12:45pm

Dates: March 19, March 26, April 2, April 9,
April 16, April 23

Location: 3700 San Mateo Blvd NE, 87110

Virtual - Zoom - Evening

Day and Time: Tuesdays, 5:30pm-7:00pm

Dates: April 8, April 15, April 22, April 29,
May 6, May 13

Herramientas poderosas para cuidadores en español

Día y hora: Jueves, 10:30am-12:30pm

Fechas: 24 de abril, 1 de mayo, 8 de mayo, 15
de mayo, 22 de mayo, 29 de mayo

Ubicación: Encuentro, 907 4th St SW, 87102

**Stay tuned for additional courses
August through November 2025!**



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

Camp Stoney Information Sessions on Zoom

Are you interested in participating in Camp Stoney this summer, as a family, camper, volunteer or staff member? Join us on Zoom for an information/Q & A session:

March 27 @ 7 PM

March 29 @ 10 AM

April 12 @ 10 AM

April 24 @ 7 PM

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85888426324>

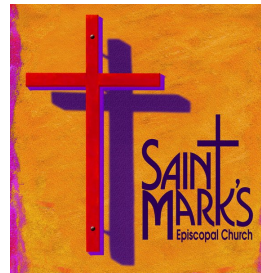
WORSHIP CORNER

For your thought:

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Joshua 5:9-12

[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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