



"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 40% 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](#)

## **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

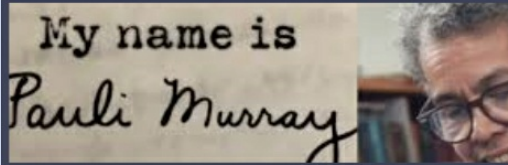
7:00 pm A Lenten Lens

Life Changing People, Stories, Conversations and Popcorn.

**March 26th**

**My Name is Pauli Murray**  
Fifteen years before Rosa Parks refuses to give up her bus seat, Pauli Murray fights for social justice. A non-binary Black

## LENTEN FILM SERIES



**My name is Pauli Murray, Civil Rights Activist and Priest**



**Family Connection, Daily Rituals and Routines**



**Scientist Robert Putnam's Research**

lawyer, activist, poet, and priest, Murray influences both Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Thurgood Marshall.

**April 2nd**

### Ice Merchants

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.

**April 9th**

### Join or Die

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.



**PASSION PLAY**

## Lenten Passion Play Working Group

**Sundays, at 11:15 AM  
March 9 thru April 6, 2025  
Classroom #3 (Behind the Kitchen)**

The Passion Plan Working Group will meet beginning March 9th in Classroom #3 (behind the kitchen) every Sunday in Lent during our "Education Hour" (11:15am-12:15pm) to dream, plan, and prepare together. We will have one final "dress rehearsal" in the

Nave on Sunday, April 6th for those members, including children and youth, who are interested in performing in the Passion Play, but are not interested/available to participate in planning. The Passion Play will be offered during the Palm Sunday Liturgy on Sunday, April 13th. If you are interested in participating, please 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 23rd

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



Formation

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

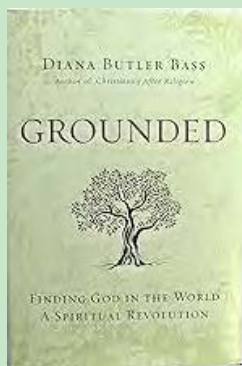
Welcome to Sunday: An Introduction to Worship in the Episcopal Church by Christopher Webber

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Important Dates:

- Thursday, March 20, at 12:00 pm - "Grounded" Book Study
- Saturday, March 22, at 10:00 am - St. Mark's Book Group
- Sunday, March 23, at 11:15 am - Lenten Passion Play
- Sunday, March 23, at 11:15 am - Not Just for New Comers Formation Class
- Saturday, April 5, at 9:00 am - Iconography Class



### 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

February 15 - March 29, 2025  
*Love is in the Air*



 **St. Mark's Sacred Arts Guild**  
Library Gallery  
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

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

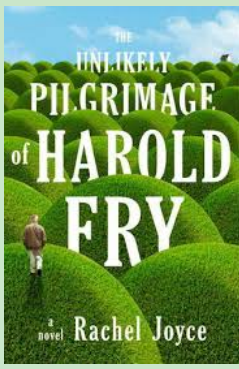


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## St. Mark's Book Group Saturday, March 22 at 10:00 AM

We'll be discussing ["The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" by Rachel Joyce.](#)

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, April 26. The book selection for April is ["The Berry Pickers" by Amanda Peters.](#)

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



### 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>

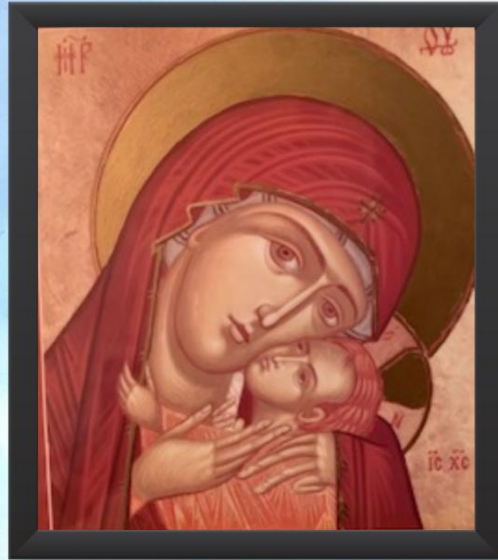
Primary 2 Room - <https://signup.com/go/TPBYWoG>

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!

## MOTHER OF GOD OF KORSUN



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

Space is limited.  
Email Lin at today reserve your spot!  
[marksburyL@yahoo.com](mailto:marksburyL@yahoo.com)

## Church Unbound

Last Weekend, we assisted another church who is unable to fulfill the required number of lunches needed. We determined that having one weekend a month is more manageable for us. Due to our exhaustion, there was an additional benefit – I asked Deacon David if the Youth Group could be requested to bring the lunches from the basement to the narthex.

They responded positively and provided me with ideas on how to use them soon. Yay! [Read more...](#)



**DIOCESE & BEYOND**



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

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>



## HB 9 Immigrant Safety Act Toolkit

There's so much that we can't do anything about right now, **here's something we CAN do!** The NM Immigrant Law Center has put together a resource for taking action during this difficult political climate. **EVERYTHING you need is in the toolkit below!**

Contact your legislators about House Bill 9, the Immigrant Safety Act (formerly Dignity Not Detention). If passed, the act will **prevent NM Counties from contracting with ICE to use private prison, which have poor safety records, to detain migrants** in NM.

At the link button below, you will find more information and sample language for calling or emailing representatives. The Legislature is now in session. The bill has passed one committee and needs every vote when it gets to the floor.

If you're not sure of your legislator, [click here](#), but feel free to write to ALL of them - they need to hear from us! The NM Immigrant Law Center thanks you and asks you to share the toolkit with your friends and neighbors who might also advocate for this law.

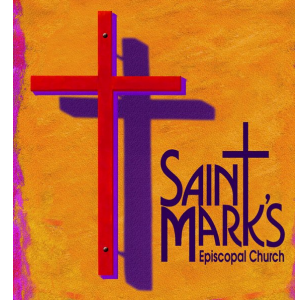
[HB 9 Toolkit](#)

# WORSHIP CORNER

For your thought:

*I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.*

1 Corinthians 10:1-13



[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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