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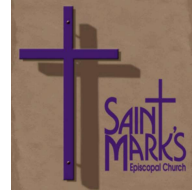
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## The Messenger of St. Mark's | Holy Week | March 22, 2024

For your thought:

*At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.*

--Mark 15:34-37



[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** (Starts at 9:30 in the Fish Garden - grassy area outside the chapel)
- **Sun., Mar. 24, 6 p.m., Storytelling & Finger-Food Potluck**
- **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

### This Sunday Morning: Palm Sunday (March 24)



The liturgy on Sunday begins outside in the grassy area on the northeast side of the building (the Fish Garden). Blessing of Palms, procession, passion narrative and Holy Eucharist. For virtual options and more info, please visit: <https://www.stmarksabq.org/online>

### Sunday Evening: Stories Speak to Stories & Finger-Food Potluck



The series "The Chosen" has come to an end. What will you do at 6 p.m. on Palm Sunday? **Please join the St. Marks Storytellers at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 24, for an evening of sharing stories and snacks.**

We will be telling tales of personal and family adventures, of leaving home, arrivals in unexpected places, and of large ships and unlikely rescues.

**Snacks will arrive in the form of a "finger-food potluck." Please bring something simple and easy to share.**

Since stories do speak to stories, you might even be reminded of one of your adventures. There will be time to talk about that as well.

Please let Harriet Cole know you're coming by [emailing her here](#). You may also email her with any questions.

### Tuesday Evening: Tenebrae



**Tuesday, March 26 at 7PM - Tenebrae Liturgy (Hybrid)**  
Mar 26, 2024, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM MDT

A traditional Holy Week liturgy that evokes an emotional atmosphere expressive of Jesus' passion. It features darkness, the extinguishing of candles, chanting of psalms, and quiet. For virtual options and more info, please visit:

<https://www.stmarksabq.org/online>

### 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!

### A Note About Parking at St. Mark's



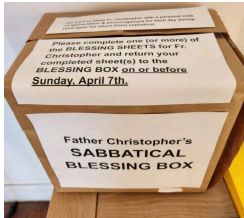
Please remember that the City of Albuquerque does ticket during the day as the parking signs warn on the surrounding streets of St. Mark's. We always try to notify the City about weekday events and services but often we are forced to leave a message and send an email and we never hear back. We don't know for sure that the meter officers are being notified of our services. Please follow the following recommendations for parking:

1. Please [review the map for Church-Owned Parking Lots](#) (our lots are shaded in blue).
2. The Northwest lot (Dartmouth/Roma) and the Northeast lot (Richmond/Roma) is always free to members.
3. The triangle lot to the south (Richmond/Dartmouth intersection is the farthest corner) is also owned by St. Mark's. We pay Premium Parking to sell daily and monthly slots on this lot, but we are able to use them when we need additional parking.
4. **Street parking on weekdays MAY RESULT IN A PARKING TICKET if there is a NO PARKING sign. If nothing else is available, you may park in these areas, but, as previously explained, we aren't sure the city is notifying the parking enforcement officers.**

**If you have received a parking ticket, send a copy of the ticket to Parish Administrator at [stmarks@stmarksabq.org](mailto:stmarks@stmarksabq.org).** We can waive any ticket from Premium Parking and we will try to have any City ticket waived. However, we recently had two members who received tickets. The City removed the charges for the violation but not the warning so we won't be able to reverse any new tickets that occur within the next six months. The tickets started at \$30 each and escalate quickly by \$30 additional each week when not paid.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the office for clarification.

## Sabbatical Blessings for Fr. Christopher



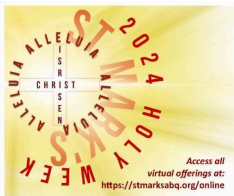
On **Sunday, April 7th**, we'll be blessing Fr. Christopher (and his family) as he prepares for his first sabbatical in 23+ years of ordained life! His sabbatical will begin after church on Sunday, April 7th. He will return to St. Mark's in mid-August. He will not be receiving or responding to any church-related messages (via phone, text, or email) during this time. Throughout Fr. Christopher's absence, St. Mark's will continue to grow and flourish under the shared leadership and care of Deacon David, Mother Sylvia, the Vestry and all our staff and members.

**We are inviting all members of St. Mark's Church and St. Mark's Montessori School (including children) to complete and return a "Blessing Sheet" ([or send us an email here](#) and we'll put the blessing in the box for you) and drop it in the "Blessing Box" provided outside the offices before April 7th.** These Blessing Sheets will provide a daily dose of encouragement for Fr. Christopher throughout his sabbatical and upon his return.

## Watch a Brief (Updated!) Video to Preview Holy Week



## 2024 Holy Week Schedule



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

Click here to view all offerings, both in-person and virtual:

<https://www.stmarksabq.org/online>

Or visit our dedicated Holy Week event page for more info:

<https://www.stmarksabq.org/events>

## Cupcakes Needed for Resurrection Party on Easter Sunday



### Needed for the morning of Sunday, March 31 (Easter Sunday)

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.**

## 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](#) (or stop by our office).

**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.

## 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!

## 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!

## 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](#).

## 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](#).

## 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

### Bishop Michael Hunn's 2024 Holy Week Message



Below you will find Bishop Hunn's video message reflecting on Holy Week.

[WU Holy Week 24 - YouTube](#)

Holy Week Reflections and a March and Vigil for Humane Treatment in El Paso In this weekly update for the Diocese of the Rio Grande, Bishop Michael Hunn gives a health update and offers an invitation to observe the entire Holy Week starting from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, highlighting the significance of each day's traditions, services, and rituals. Attention is also drawn to the importance of the Chrism Mass and the sacred oils. The update calls for participation in a march and vigil for human dignity in El Paso, emphasizing the church's stance on border policy and the human dignity of all people. This update encourages the community to fully immerse themselves in the events of Holy Week to experience the story of creation, forgiveness, and resurrection, and to join in actions that reflect human rights and dignity.

[00:00](#) Welcome to the Weekly Update for Lent 202 [00:28](#) Health Update and Gratitude for Prayers [01:43](#) Preview of Holy Week: A Journey Through Redemption [02:20](#) The Significance of Palm Sunday: A Deep Dive [05:26](#) The Chrism Mass: A Sacred Tradition [07:06](#) Maundy Thursday:

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## Bicycles for Immigrants



We have a request from our partners at Faithworks. Many of the immigrants residing in Albuquerque helped by Faithworks do not have their own transportation. Faithworks provides as many as possible with donated bikes, which often require refurbishing.

A supporter of Faithworks, Hal Nilsson, refurbishes these bicycles but because of the high demand he is currently out of bicycles to fix. We are asking anyone who may have a bike to donate - road bikes, mountain bikes, town cruisers - all models are fine - to please contact Mr. Nilsson. Here is his phone number: (505) 884-2467

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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