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The Messenger of St. Mark's | After Pentecost | August 8, 2024

For your thought:

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. --Ephesians 4:25



[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.



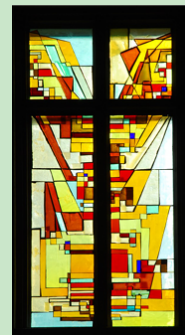
The offices of St. Mark's will be closed on Monday, August 12 for a Staff Retreat. We will reopen on Tuesday, August 13 at 9:00 a.m.

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 2nd-Sunday-of-the-Month Team (all parishioners with the last names beginning with the letters F-L are asked to please bring ready-to-serve snacks to share this Sunday for Coffee Hour).

[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., Aug. 10, 11 a.m., Church Unbound Sandwich Making (In person/kitchen)
- Sat., Aug. 10, 9-11 a.m., Storytelling Workshop: Sarah of the Bible (In person/Library)
- Sun., Aug. 11, 9:30 a.m., Blessing of the Backpacks (Hybrid/Nave)
- Sun., Aug. 11, 11 a.m., Bring Lunches for Church Unbound from Undercroft (In Person/Undercroft)
- Sun., Aug. 11, 11:30 a.m., Youth and Family Luncheon (In person/Parish Hall)
- Mon., Aug. 12, Offices Closed for Staff Retreat
- Wed., Aug. 14, Deadline to notify Heather Gaume of artwork to be displayed in Library Gallery Exhibit ([email her here](#))
- Sat., Aug. 17, New Library Art Exhibit Begins
- Sun., Aug. 18, 11:15 a.m., Ministry Sharing at St. Mark's (Caring Ministries)
- Sun., Aug. 18, 11:15 a.m., Storytelling Practice Group, session 1 (location TBD)
- Thurs., Aug. 22, 9:30 a.m., Men's Group to Meet (In person/Library)
- Sun., Aug. 25, 11:15 a.m., Ministry Sharing at St. Mark's (Sunday Morning Ministries)
- Sat., Aug. 31, New Parish Hall All Media Art Exhibit Starts
- 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)
- Sat., Sept. 7, Sat., 11 a.m., Church Unbound Sandwich Making (In person/kitchen)
- Sun., Sept. 8, 11 a.m., Bring Lunches for Church Unbound from Undercroft (In Person/Undercroft)
- Sun., Sept. 15, 6 p.m., Storytelling Sharing Event (In Person/library)

SAINT MARK'S MISSION, MINISTRY & OUTREACH

This Sunday (8/11): Blessing of the Backpacks!

Blessing Backpacks on Sunday, August 11 at 9:30 a.m.

We will bless all those going back to school during the liturgy on Sunday, August 11. **Students of all ages, teachers, administrators, and all education staff are welcome** to come forward for the blessing.

Bring backpacks, sneakers, lunch boxes, briefcases or any school-related items you'd like to be blessed as well.



Ministry Sharing at St. Mark's

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St. Mark's is a warm, welcoming, worshipping community committed to sharing God's love within and beyond the walls of the Church. *Each* person has been gifted and called by God to share in the ministry of the church, and it takes *all* of us working together to be the Church God is calling us to be!

Many of our most crucial ministries happen "behind the scenes" and/or beyond Sunday mornings....and so these ministries often remain largely invisible to members of the St. Mark's community.

As we prepare for the fall, we want to take an opportunity to "pull back the curtain" on a few of our *many* important ministries at St. Mark's. We are asking *all* visitors and members of St. Mark's to come learn more about one of St. Mark's ministries **during**

the "Formation Hour" (11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., after worship and coffee hour) on Sunday 8/18 and 8/25.

On Sunday, August 18th we'll focus on three of St. Mark's crucial **Caring Ministries**:

- Eucharistic Visitor Ministry
- Take them a Meal Ministry
- Church Unbound

On Sunday, August 25th we'll focus on 3 of St. Mark's crucial **Sunday Morning Ministries**:

- Altar Guild
- AV Team
- Children & Youth Ministry

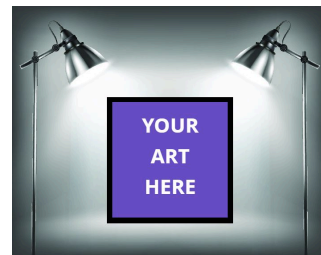
Come learn more about St. Mark's ministries: why they're important, how they work, and how you might get involved!

Art Exhibit in the Library of St. Mark's

The Library Gallery is looking for artwork to adorn its walls, and to sell! Paintings, drawings, photography, calligraphy, sculptures, 3-D, wood cuts, etc....

All ages! All skill levels! All Art Media!

Dates of Exhibit: Saturday, August 17, 2024 thru Mid-November



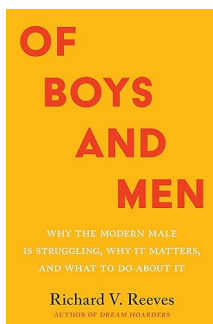
Requirements:

1. Let Heather Gaume know the descriptions of your artwork (the form may be picked up in the office on Sunday morning or by [clicking here to print and fill out the form](#)) by the 14th of August ([email her here](#)).
2. Bring your ready-to-hang/display art piece(s) to St. Mark's for display no later than August 17, 2024.

Each artist is allowed to submit up to 2 (two) standard pieces, no larger than 30" wide. Length is less of a problem. Should we have additional space available, you will be notified of the opportunity to display more pieces.

Please email Heather Gaume ([here](#)) with any questions.

Men's Group to Meet



August 22 in the Library at St. Mark's from 9:30 to 10:25 a.m.

Our next book will be, *Of Boys and Men* by Richard Reeves, father of three sons, a journalist, and now the president of the American Institute for Boys and Men. It tackles the complex and urgent crisis of boyhood and manhood. You can find it at your favorite online bookstore, [or on Amazon here](#).

We will read "Part 1: The Male Malaise" and its three chapters: "1 Girls Rule Boys Are Behind in Education," "2 Working Man Blues Men Are Losing Ground in the Labor Market" and, "3 Dislocated Dads Fathers Have Lost Their Traditional Role in the Family."

If you have any questions let Fr. Michael Jupin know [via email here](#).

All Media Art Exhibit in the Parish Hall

The Gallery of the St. Mark's Episcopal Church is pleased to offer you the opportunity to exhibit your work in the Sacred Arts Gallery.

Dates of Exhibit: Saturday, August 31, 2024 to Saturday, November 30, 2024.

All media accepted.



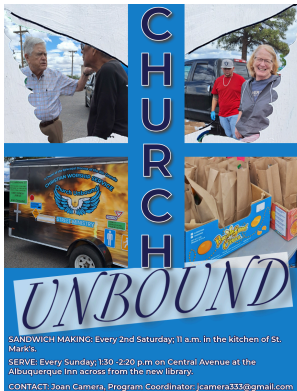
EXHIBITION AGREEMENT [See Prospectus/agreement and exhibit flyer here](#) - Required.

Each artist is allowed to submit up to 2 (two) standard pieces, no larger than 30" wide. Length is less of a problem. Should we have additional space available, you will be notified of the opportunity to display an additional piece approximately two - three weeks before the show begins. We can accommodate approximately 40 pieces of wall art.

Thank you for your interest and we look forward to your participation. Email Lisa Newell with questions [via email here](#).

St. Mark's Sacred Arts Guild.

This Weekend: Church Unbound



Church Unbound (feeding our unhoused neighbors) **needs 5-6 volunteers on Saturday from 11-Noon, and then 5-6 people on Sunday after coffee hour to bring everything up from the Undercroft. Please sign up on the Welcome table in the narthex.**

Upcoming dates – please mark your calendars:

- **August 10 & 11, 2024**
- **September 7 & 8, 2024** (Note: This is the 1st Saturday, but is the 2nd Sunday of this month)
- **October 12 & 13, 2024**
- **November 9 & 10, 2024**
- **December 7 & 8, 2024** (Note: This is the 1st Saturday, but is the 2nd Sunday of this month)

Any questions, please contact Joan Camera: 505 440 8984 or via [email here](#).

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This Saturday (8/10): Storytelling Workshop

As we approach the second half of our summer of conversation, we would like to invite you into a slightly different kind conversation – one that takes the form of telling stories taken from our sacred texts.

The first set of conversations will focus on the wonderful chain of stories that describe the world and life of Sarah, and will start with a workshop led by Harriet Cole on Saturday, August 10 at 9-11 a.m. in the library.



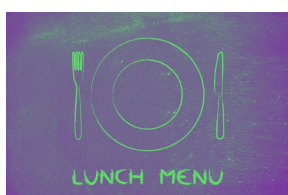
The workshop will be followed by two practice sessions during Adult Ed time (11:15 a.m.) on August 18 and September 1st.

All this will lead to a Story Sharing (with an assortment of simple, evening snacks) in the library of St. Mark's on Sunday, September 15th at 6 p.m.

Special Note: All are invited to all of these activities. Join our workshop and practice sessions if you simply want to listen, and/or you want to learn more about storytelling, but don't know if you want to tell, and/or if you already know that you are up for learning and telling about Sarah!

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- Sunday, 8/18, 11:15-Noon, Storytelling Practice Group Session 1 (location TBD)
- Sunday, 9/1, 11:15-Noon, Storytelling Practice Group Session 2 (location TBD)
- Sunday, 9/15, 6 p.m., Story Sharing Event (library)

Youth & Family Lunch



Youth and Family Lunch on Sunday, August 11

Families with youth in middle and high school are invited to lunch in the library at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 11. We will talk about ideas and dreams for our youth moving into the future. We want everyone's input – both youth and their grown-ups. Lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP by noon on Friday (8/9) to Deacon David, via [email here](#).

Common Cup Returns for Holy Eucharist

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.



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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

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 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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