



The Feast of Pentecost June 8th

Seeing Red? Wearing Red?

Have you noticed that during the Easter Season we are using red votive candles for the icons?

These are beeswax candles from Ukraine! During the Easter Season, Christians celebrate by exchanging red colored eggs and by burning red-colored candles for the icons in churches to commemorate Jesus' Resurrection. The red color symbolizes Jesus's blood, but also His, and our, New Life.

You might have also noticed that some Feast Days in the church calendar have particular colors associated with them and people often wear clothing in that color. For example, on Palm/Passion Sunday, the liturgical color is red and people often wear red on that day.

The Feast of Pentecost, coming up on June 8th is a special Feast day celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the life of the church. On the Feast of Pentecost everyone is encouraged to wear red as well, to celebrate this lively occasion of the Church's birthday.



The Rt. Rev. Michael B. Hunn

On June 1st, St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Albuquerque will joyfully welcome Bishop Michael Hunn for a special Holy Eucharist Service.

As the Bishop of the Diocese of the Rio Grande, Bishop Hunn brings a deep commitment to faith, inclusivity, and spiritual leadership. His visit will be a notable occasion, as he will not only preach but also preside over confirmations, marking



significant milestones in the faith journeys of those participating.

Following the service, we will gather for a Salad Coffee Hour Reception, where everyone is invited to bring a salad of any kind—fruit, veggie, pasta, rice, potato coleslaw and more!

This time of fellowship will be a wonderful opportunity to connect, celebrate, and share in the joy of community. Whether attending in person or virtually, all are welcome to witness and partake in this sacred gathering. We look forward to seeing you Sunday morning.

To virtually view Bishop Hunn's Eucharist Service visit our [website offering page](#).



Summer of Conversation

“87108” Zip Code Gathering

Sunday, June 8th, 6pm

Mother Billie’s House

Please RSVP for Address:

Email: bilabraham@aol.com, or [Call](#)

You are invited to join us for St. Mark’s first “Zip Code” Gathering to jumpstart our Annual Summer of Conversation. St. Mark’s Community Members who reside in/near the 87108 Zip Code Zone are invited to gather at Mother Billie’s house for a potluck supper and evening on the porch!

Billie will provide beverages and a sliced honey baked ham platter. Please bring a side dish to share! All ages welcome!

If you are interested in hosting a gathering this summer as part of St. Mark’s Summer of Conversation [please click this link to indicate your interest and availability to host](#), or contact [Mother Sylvia](#), by June 1st.

Hosts Wanted!

St. Mark’s Summer of Conversation Home/Neighborhood Gatherings

As part of our annual Summer of Conversation, we encourage every member of the St. Mark’s community to make a commitment to initiate or participate in several intentional, “one-on-one” conversations with other members of the community.

This year, to supplement and support our practice of “one-on-ones”, we are encouraging members of St. Mark’s to connect with one another and with their neighbors through participation in a variety of informal home and community gatherings throughout the summer.

We are looking for members who are willing to host informal gatherings in their homes, yards, or local parks where folks can gather for introductions, snacks, conversation, and worship with their “pew neighbors”, “zip code neighbors”, ministry group neighbors, etc. Hosts are invited to provide gathering space and drinks. Guests are invited to bring snacks to share. Clergy are available to facilitate worship or other informal spiritual

activities (if desired).

We are hoping to have all our hosts lined up so we can publish a calendar of neighborhood gatherings in time to share for our Summer of Conversation Launch on Pentecost, June 8th.

[Watch Mother Sylvia's Summer of Conversation Video.](#)

The Path Ahead: Spirituality in Later Life

Saturdays, 9:30 - 11:00 AM



Session Dates: 6/14, 6/21, 6/28, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26. ****No Class 7/5****

The Path Ahead: Spirituality & Purpose in Later LifeSM is a six-part curriculum on the spirituality of aging designed for small groups. Participants grapple with ageism, identify changing spiritual needs, equip themselves with new prayer practices, and engage in discernment about God's continuing call. The Path Ahead builds community, encourages discernment of purpose, and empowers older people to view the aging experience in a new way. The course will be hosted by Mother Sylvia at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, and taught/facilitated by Mother Jan from St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Please make every effort to attend each of the 6 sessions. If you know in advance that you will be unable to attend a particular session, please indicate which session you plan to miss on the registration form below.

Space is limited. Registration Required. [Click here to register.](#)

**Learn more about the course
by viewing [this document](#) or this [short video](#).**

You may contact [Mother Sylvia](#), or [Mother Jan](#) for more information.

**This a potluck
event! Bring your
favorite picnic
dish**

**Pizza provided by
SMMS**

YOU ARE INVITED

SUNDAY, JUNE 15TH

POOL PARTY

**Hosted by
Amanda
Wright**

5PM - 7PM

**At the South Valley Aquatic
Center (entire pool)**

**3912 Isleta Blvd SW,
Albuquerque NM #87105**

**RSVP through Brightwheel or directly
to Ms Caitie at**

SMMSdirector@stmarksabq.org

RSVP by Friday June 13th

**Everyone is
invited to swim
but it's optional!**



Church Unbound

Packing Hygiene Items This Sunday

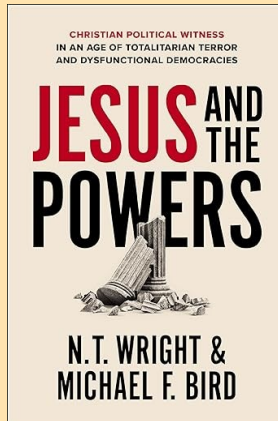
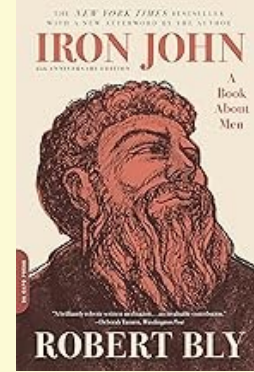
**This Sunday, June 1st, bags will be packed with
donated hygiene products during coffee hour. It
should take about 15 minutes. Thanks for your
generosity. [Read more..](#)**

THE MEN'S BOOK GROUP

**Thursday, June 12
9:30 to 10:25 AM**

We meet in the library at St. Mark's. Reading and discussing Chapters 7, 8 and the Epilogue of Iron John we will finish this book with this meeting and select our next read. Be thinking about that.

Sam Keen died recently. [You can read some of his bio at Amazon.com:](#) Sam Keen: books, biography, latest update We might want to consider reading his most popular book *Fire in the Belly: On Being a Man*.



The Church in "Times Like These"

How do we think about it, and what do we do?
Sundays, June 15 – July 27
from 11:15 AM to 12:15 PM

Two Questions will guide our times together:

How do I/we think about it?

What do the scriptures and church history tell us about how God and the Church relate to and are involved in the life of the world in general and politics specifically.

How do I/we respond to these times? What do I/we do?

What do God and the Church expect of me? What am I to do?

We will base our exploration of this timely topic by reading and discussing *Jesus and the Powers: Christian Political Witness in an Age of Totalitarian Terror and Dysfunctional Democracies* by New Testament Scholars N.T. Wright and Michael F. Bird (Get the book on Amazon in several formats including a 97 cent two month trial Kindle library offer).

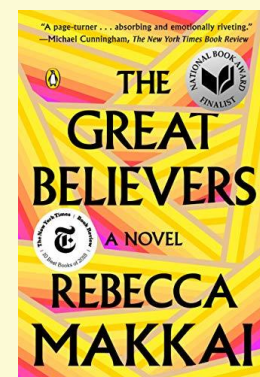
To register please sign up beginning this Sunday in Church or by emailing [Harrison Higgins](#) or [Michael Jupin](#), the discussion leaders for this study and reflection.

St. Mark's Book Group

Saturday, June 28
10:00 AM

We'll discuss "The Great Believers" by Rebecca Makkai. The June gathering will meet downstairs in the youth room. Everyone is welcome to attend, but it is extremely beneficial to have read the book in advance. [Read more about The Great Believers.](#)

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

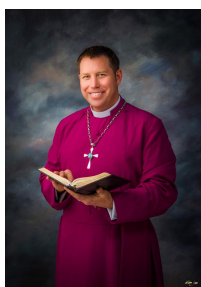
Important Dates:

- Sunday, June 1, at 9:30 am - Bishop Hunn Visits St. Mark's
- Friday, June 6 at 6:00 pm - LGBTQ Ministry, Michael and All Angels

Episcopal Church Worship & Potluck

- Sunday, June 8, at 9:30 am - The Feast of Pentecost
- Saturday, June 7, at 9:00 am - LGBTQ Ministry Pride Parade
- Sunday, June 8, Summer of Conversation Begins
- Saturday, June 14, at 9:30 am - The Path Ahead Sessions Begins
- Sunday, June 15, at 5:00 pm - SMMS Pool Party

DIOCESE & BEYOND



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



Migration with Dignity Pilgrimage, June 1st through 5th

Join Episcopalians from around the U.S. on the first Migration with Dignity Pilgrimage, June 1-5, in the Dioceses of Rio Grande and West Texas. Coordinated by the Episcopal Migration Caucus, a grassroots group of Episcopalians, this driving pilgrimage will include daily one-hour vigils at immigrant detention centers (with liturgy, songs, stories), group prayer and reflection, and conversations with local ministries and residents.

Pilgrims will learn directly about the suffering and indignity inherent in our nation's for-profit immigrant detention system, especially the profound harm it inflicts on children and families. The caucus aims to uplift the humanity and dignity of all migrants and hopes to inspire similar acts of solidarity across the church.

The pilgrimage begins on the afternoon of June 1 in Albuquerque and ends mid-day on June 5 in San Antonio, with overnights in El Paso and Marfa, Texas, as well. Transportation and some lodging provided; pilgrims will cover their food, incidentals, and other transportation costs. Local Episcopalians and friends are encouraged to attend one or more vigils close to them.

For more information or to register [complete this interest form](#) or contact episcopalmigrationcaucus@gmail.com. Registration Information [Here](#).



**Rio Grande Borderland
Ministry (RGBM)
May Community Meeting Update**

Our Rio Grande Borderland Ministry holds a community **meeting via zoom the 2nd Friday of each month**. At the May Meeting we welcomed the Rev. Leeann Culbreath as our guest speaker. Leeann shared a compelling presentation, with valuable information about the history and conditions in U.S. immigrant detention centers.

The Rev. Leeann Culbreath is a priest in the Diocese of Georgia and an immigrant rights activist. She currently co-chairs the Episcopal Migration Caucus and serves as a co-facilitator of the Episcopal Migration Response Network. In Georgia, she is active with Georgia Detention Watch and the campaign to shut down Folkston ICE Processing Center. Leeann and other members of the Episcopal Migration Caucus will be leading a **pilgrimage/prayer vigil to draw attention to the plight of immigrants in detention June 1-5**, beginning on June 1st in Albuquerque and concluding June 5th in San Antonio.

You can [view a recording of the RGBM May meeting here](#) (Passcode: 9f&94!RU) If you would like to receive information about upcoming RGBM community meetings, please contact [Ana Reza](#) and ask to be added to the email list.

Three Great Opportunities for Members of St. Mark's to Connect & Learn in Support of our Immigrant Neighbors

Zoom Book Study with RGBM (Rio Grande Borderland Ministries)

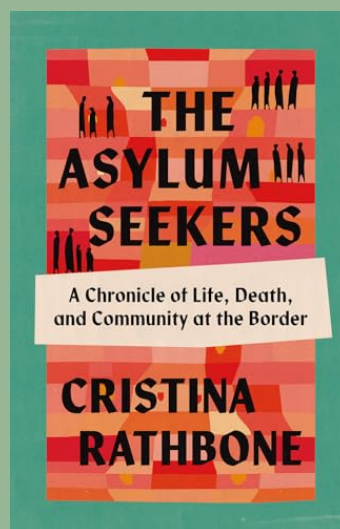
Join us to discuss the recently released book by Rev.

Cristina Rathbone [The Asylum Seekers: A Chronicle of Life, Death, and Community at the Border](#)

June 1 - Chapter 23-33

June 8 - Chapter 34-41

[Zoom Link](#)



Save the Dates: Prayer Vigils & Migration with Dignity Pilgrimage:

Please hold the date for prayer vigils at the detention centers in Albuquerque, NM at Torrance Detention center, 209 County Rd. A049, Estancia, NM on **June 1 at 6pm** and In El Paso, Tx on **June 2 after 5pm** at either Otero Detention Center or Fort Bliss. Rev. Leeann and members of Migration Caucus will be leading the Migration with Dignity Pilgrimage, which will travel from Albuquerque to San Antonio, **June 1-June 5**. We are calling congregations from Albuquerque, El Paso, or the Big Bend to please show up. Vulnerable people in detention centers should never happen. More info coming soon.



LGBTQ+ Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande
Albuquerque PRIDE Events

Worship

Friday, June 6, 2025

6:00 pm (mountain time)

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

601 Montano Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107

a festive potluck party will follow in the Parish Hall

Bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share (main dish provided)

Albuquerque Pride Parade

Saturday, June 7, 2025

8:00: Meet at St. Mark's, 431 Richmond Pl NE, to board the Abq Trolley
or

9:00 – 10:00 am: Gather for fellowship at the Abq Trolley

We'll be in the parade line up near Central Ave. and Girard Blvd.

10:00 am – Parade Kickoff

LGBTQ+
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For more information contact

Rev. Mike Angell or Rev. David Martin at

LGBTQdrg@gmail.com

Summer at Camp Stoney
Registration for summer camp is now open.

Camp Stoney is also looking for Counselors, Counselors in Training, and Volunteers. Links for Camp Stoney registration and job applications can be found at on the diocesan website: <https://dioceserg.org/camp-stoney-and-snow-slam>

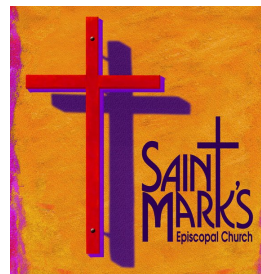
Family Camp is back with two sessions book-ending the two weeks of Classic Camp for Youths. This is meant to be an inter-generational camp and invites all families to attend. In addition to creating a peaceful place for families to get away from the things of the world, it is also a great way to introduce children too young to attend overnight camps away from home to Bishop's Ridge and the Counselors. Scholarships are available. For more information



WORSHIP CORNER

For your thought:

*At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words:
"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay
according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the
Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."
Revelation 22:12-13*



[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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