



## Read, Pray, and Respond

### Sunday, February 23, 2025 at 11:15 AM



Our congregation is considering a capital campaign. In order to make decisions about projects, campaign goals, and other logistical considerations, the leadership is undergoing a Feasibility Study with the help of our consultants, Vandersall Collective. Feasibility Study surveys will be mailed to many those St. Mark's households with a giving history on March 3, 2025. Included will be a case statement for our proposed capital campaign.

This will be an opportunity to hear directly from our community as we discern the willingness of our members to support a capital campaign. You can respond to the surveys either on paper or electronically. Completed surveys are to be returned to the consultants by March 30, 2025. Please take the time to read, pray, and respond to this invitation for input.

If you have questions about the Feasibility Study, please be sure to attend the parish-wide meeting on February 23, 2025, during adult-education time, at 11:15 AM in the Parish Hall.

Again, we hope you will find resonance with a vision for a building that is even more welcoming, useful, and supportive of our primary mission as followers of Jesus, to be about reconciliation with God and our neighbors, within ourselves, our faith community, and in the city and world in which we live. Being stewards of all our resources, including the building we know and love and out of which all our ministries are launched, is a vital part of our life together as a church. We are eager to discern how each of us can participate in this work.

**See you on February 23 at 11:15 AM**, and we look forward to hearing your vital responses in the coming weeks as the survey launches and the case statement is shared.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Important Dates:

- Saturday, February 15, at 9:30 am - Eldering Class
- Sunday, February 16, at 11:15 am - Not Just for Newcomers Class
- Sunday, February 16, at 6:00 pm - The Chosen Episode 7
- Sunday, February 16, at 11:15 am - Holy Trouble-Makers Skating Party
- Thursday, February 20 at 12:00 pm - Bible Study
- Sunday, February 23, at 11:15 am - BRC Feasibility Study
- Saturday, March 1, at 5:00 pm - Mardi Gras Party
- Wednesday, March 12, at 5:30 PM - Living Stories in Lent
- Saturday, March 22, at 10:00 am - St. Mark's Book Group

## St. Mark's Mardi Gras Party!

Join us on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 5 PM  
Tickets will be available for purchase this Sunday



**Saturday, March 1, 2025**

# Mardi Gras At St. Mark's

**Party Starts @ 5 PM**

Catered Dinner by  
Bobbi's Homestyle Catering  
Award-Winning Jazz Band, Entourage  
Costumes, Raffle, and Live Auction

Mardi Gras 2025 is a Fundraiser for  
St. Mark's Montessori Preschool

Our goal is to raise \$9,000 for a  
New Shade Structure

## St. Mark's New Book Group

Saturday, March 22, 2025  
10:00 AM

St. Mark's is starting a secular book group for

enjoyment and building community. We'll meet on the 4th Saturday of each month at 10:00 am to discuss that month's book and enjoy each other's company.

The first meeting will be on Saturday, March 22. Please read "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" by Rachel Joyce and be ready to discuss the book.

Please let [Ryan Trumbauer](#) know if you are interested in the group. You don't have to sign up or RSVP for each session, but we are interested in knowing how many people would like to be a part of this group.



## Stories from The Open Table Connection

### We Belong

Luis's natural gift for conversation was evident from a young age. He fondly recalls his elementary school teachers saying, "Luis, you sure love to talk." Reflecting on his school days, Luis shares, "I was kind of the teacher's pet, I guess. I loved to participate. I liked school."

Raised in Roswell, New Mexico, Luis grew up in a close-knit Mexican-American family. His upbringing was steeped in the traditions of their faith, and the church played a significant role in his childhood. Luis actively participated in his local parish and attended catechism classes until the eighth grade. However, his journey with the church took a difficult turn when he came out as gay and led him to drift away from the church for several years. Read the article.

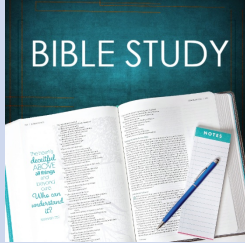
### Eldering Class Saturday, February 15th 9:30 - 11:00 am

This group offers a space for honest, supportive conversation and sharing for **anyone** who is engaged in (or curious about) the challenging physical/mental/spiritual work of "Eldering."



### Bible Study Schedule 2025 Thursdays - 12:00 - 1:30 pm

Join us for spiritual sharing and exploration on Thursdays following the Eucharist. Drop-ins are welcome. You're not required to read the



## BIBLE STUDY

assigned texts before each session.

### Epiphany Season Texts & Topics

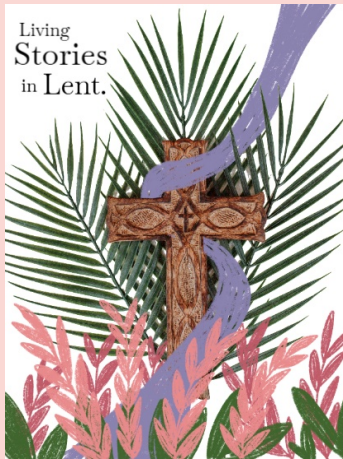
Study Text: *The Wisdom Pattern: Order, Disorder, Reorder* by Richard Rohr

Reflection Text: *Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the Seasons* by Jan Richardson

### Tentative Session Schedule

2/20 Rohr Ch 11-12

2/27 Rohr Epilogue and Summary



## Living Stories in Lent

Wednesdays, 5:30 - 6:00 PM

March 12 thru April 9, 2025

St. Mark's has been invited to be part of a pilot project in which we can help experience, explore, and shape [Living Stories](#).

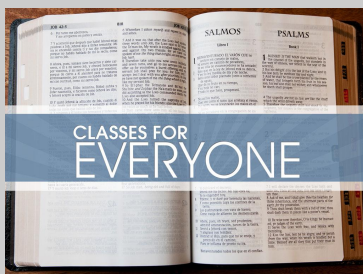
Living Stories is an emerging approach to preaching that turns the traditional sermon into a shared, interactive experience for all generations. Living Stories seeks to bring the Gospel to life with tactile storytelling, wondering questions, and a spirit of

authentic communion. Through this innovative model, rooted in the traditions of the Church and inspired by methods like [Godly Play](#), participants co-create the sermon by engaging with Scripture and each other. The result? A deeper spiritual connection and a space where every voice helps tell the sacred story.

**We are looking for participants from every generation— including young children, elders, and everyone in between—to be part of St. Mark's "Living Stories in Lent" Cohort.**

Registrants should be able to commit to attending *at least* 3 of our 5 Living Stories Sessions, which will be held from **5:30-6pm in Stoney Chapel each Wednesday during Lent (March 12th, 19th, 26th, April 2nd, and 9th)**. Participants are encouraged to join other members of St. Mark's for a Lenten Soup Supper in the parish hall immediately following each session.

[Please click here to register](#) by Sunday, March 2nd. We need a minimum of six households or 12 individuals to register before March 2nd in order to offer this program.



## Not Just For Newcomers Class

Next Class is on February 16th

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

## Holy Trouble-Makers Skating Adventure

**Sunday, February 16th, 11:15 am**

After church we will meet in the library at our regular time of 11:15 am to organize ourselves. We will then carpool to Skate-O-Mania (400 Paisano St NE/I-40 and Juan Tabo).



We will skate, eat nutritious roller rink food, and have fun until 2:00. When we are finished, it would be helpful for youth to have a ride pick them up.

Please RSVP to [Deacon David](#) so we can make the best plans possible and contact him if you have any questions.

## Church Unbound

### Currently Collecting Socks & Band-aids

It was another pleasant afternoon on Central Avenue with the sun and calm winds overlooking our group. There were fifteen participants from St. Mark's to introduce to Mother Chloe who then takes them aside to further explain the objectives of the program. Additionally, Barbara recognized Mother Chloe for her dedication to the program and presented her with a large chocolate kiss as a token of appreciation.



We distributed our Valentine's Day treat bags, bringing smiles to many faces. Our volunteers also received a packet of suckers. I haven't forgotten about those re-purposed felt mittens and would like to schedule a workshop for a Saturday in March. We currently have six cookie bakers and could use more. Brownies work too. The Cookie Drop-off Tub is in the entry.

Our next collection will focus on socks and band-aids, as people experiencing homelessness often walk long distances and develop blisters. Mark, your calendar. Our next scheduled weekend for Church Unbound is March 8th & 9th.

## Chosen Season 4 February 16 at 6:00 pm

Join us on Sunday evenings in the library to watch Season 4 of "The Chosen." Feel free to bring snacks to share! All are welcome.



**February 16: S4 E7 · Episode 7**

Jesus brings Lazarus back to life, setting off the chain of events that will lead to His own death.

# STEWARDSHIP 2025

**We are grateful to have met our 2025 pledge goal for a financially sound year!** We always strive for and encourage full participation in the life of St. Mark's, including financial support. If we have more support than anticipated, we can do more in our community, take care of new needs as they arise, and look for more ways to help those in need.

We encourage every household, every member, to make some sort of meaningful pledge of financial support. Start at a place that is manageable for you. A pledge of \$10/month or a few hundred dollars a year are welcome gifts and help to support this faith community. Above all, we are here to walk alongside you on your faith journey, sharing in your joys, comforting you in your sorrows, and celebrating your milestones. Together, we can inspire and uplift one another as we seek to live out God's love in our lives and in the world around us.

## Annual Giving 2025 Sowing the Seeds of Sanctuary



We continue to receive Annual Giving Pledges to meet our goal of 90% of households pledging to the 2025 Operational Budget. Please visit the [Stewardship page](#) for all Stewardship materials or [click here for the Pledge Card](#).

**Thank you to every family who is supporting St. Mark's with a pledge.**

## DIOCESE & BEYOND

**Read Bishop Michael Hunn's [Weekly Update](#) and view the Diocese's most recent [videos](#).**



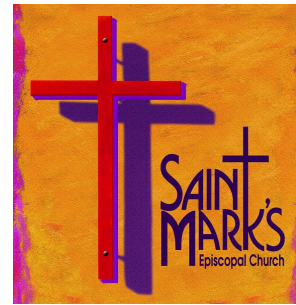
## WORSHIP CORNER

### For your thought:

*Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!*

Psalm 1

[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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