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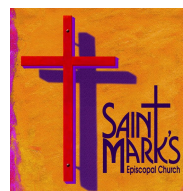
The Messenger of St. Mark's | Easter | March 27, 2024

For your thought:

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

--John 20:1

[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.

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Useful links:

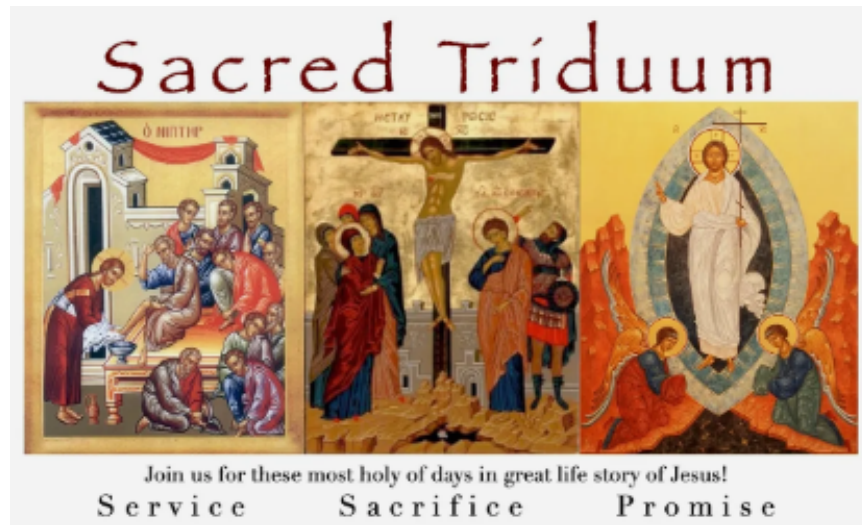
- [Fill out a form](#) to volunteer, donate altar flowers, fill out a new member/visitor form, and more!
- Access and/or edit your [Member Directory](#) information.
- To read or view [previous sermons, click here.](#)

Important Upcoming Dates:

- **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., Stations of the Cross & Hymns (Hybrid)**
- **Fri., Mar. 29, 7 p.m., Traditional Good Friday Liturgy (Hybrid)**
- **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**
- **Sun., Apr. 7, 11 a.m., "Potluck Send-Off Coffee Hour" for Fr. Christopher's Sabbatical (Bring something savory or sweet to share for Coffee Hour)**

SAINT MARK'S MISSION, MINISTRY & OUTREACH

The Three Days that Changed Everything: The Sacred Triduum



Holy Week and Easter are at the center of our lives as Christians and as a worshiping community. The Sacred three days of: **Maundy Thursday**, **Good Friday** and the **Great Vigil of Easter** are a profound way of participating in the mystery of salvation, and the source of meaning for our lives. Through these beautiful and moving liturgies, we not only remember our own deep story founded in God's suffering love, but by participating in it with our whole being through song, quiet meditation, reading, prayer, processions, dancing, and feasting.

Together, we are on a sacred pilgrimage into the dimension of the kingdom of God, encouraging and supporting one another as we journey into the deep mystery of God, bringing new life out of what looks like death, calling us into a new way of being that does not deny our own pain and suffering but opens us to transformation in the power of God's Spirit.

You are encouraged to embrace the beautiful and moving drama of Holy Week by attending the sacred three days of **Maundy Thursday**, **Good Friday** and **The Great Vigil of Easter**. If this is not possible, try attending a part of Holy Week you have never experienced and allow the powerful worship of this week to draw you more deeply into God's love:

Maundy Thursday, March 28

11 a.m. and 7 p.m. - Liturgy & Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing (Hybrid)
9-11 p.m. - Prayerful Watch in Stoney Chapel (In person)

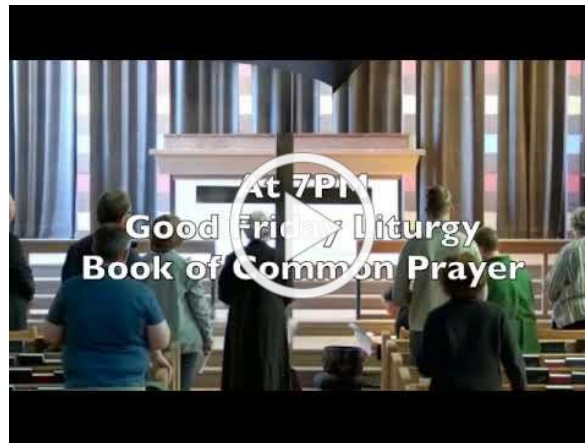
Good Friday, March 29

Noon - Stations of the Cross & Hymns (Hybrid)
7 pm - Traditional Good Friday Liturgy (Hybrid)

Holy Saturday, March 30

9 am - Liturgy & All-Parish Cleaning Day (In person)
8 pm - Great Vigil of Easter (Hybrid)
Paschal Fire, Old Testament readings, a proclamation of the resurrection,
and the first Eucharist of Easter.
Bring a bell with you!
10 pm - Agape Potluck Feast & Dance (In person)

[Watch our brief Holy Week primer video](#) to get a feel for what's coming up:



[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>

Saturday at 9AM: Holy Saturday Liturgy & All-Parish Cleaning Day!



Help us get our facilities and grounds into good shape for Easter!
The cleaning will take place after a brief 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

We look forward to your help on this All-Parish Workday!

Please Bring Food / Libations for the Agape Feast & Dance



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. **Please bring something to share at the Agape Feast & Dance: food or beverages (libations: alcohol or equally appealing non-alcoholic products are welcome).** 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 (and bringing something is not required for attendance - ever)!

Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday!



All youth are invited to join the St. Mark's Easter Egg Hunt this Sunday, March 31. We will meet at the Fish Garden around 11:15. Bring a basket or other container to carry all your eggs. We will also have extra baskets for any youth who needs one. See you on Easter morning!

Cupcake Extravaganza for 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 at 9:30 a.m.). 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!

Godly Play Teacher Training: Registration Open



Are you looking for an opportunity to deepen your own knowledge of the core bible stories, deepen your own spirituality, and support the spiritual development of young children? Perhaps God is calling you to join the Godly Play Teacher Team at St. Mark's.

There will be a **Godly Play Core Training in Taos June 21-23, 2024.**

Registration for June Godly Play Training in Taos is now open. Mother Sylvia has reserved an Airbnb in Taos from June 20-23, so a team from St. Mark's can attend the training and stay together. The training is a full three days. It is a great run through of many Bible stories and this method of respectfully engaging children. It is much like a spiritual retreat. This is the official Godly Play Foundation training and usually costs \$300- we'll be able to offer it at a reduced rate of \$120 for everyone. St. Mark's is able to reimburse the training cost for folks who are interested in training and serving as part of St. Mark's Godly Play team.

Here's the registration link: <https://elpueblito.breezechms.com/form/61f12e>

Space is limited, so if you are interested, please register immediately and reach out to Mother Sylvia for more information ([via email here](#)).

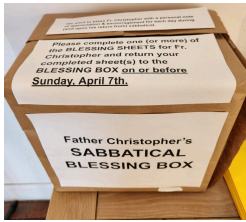
"Potluck Send-Off Coffee Hour" for Fr. Christopher's Sabbatical



Sunday, April 7, will be Fr. Christopher's last Sunday at St. Mark's before his sabbatical. We want to make Coffee Hour something extra special that morning. Everyone is invited to bring something wonderful to share to eat – savory or sweet, simple or spectacular. All treats are welcome. We want to send Fr. Christopher off in style.

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.

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. 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.

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: Love, Commandment, and Sacrifice [10:10](#) Good Friday: Contemplation and Fasting [11:28](#) Holy Saturday: A Day of Reflection [13:28](#) Easter Vigil and Sunday: Celebration of Resurrection [15:02](#) A Call to Action: March for Human Dignity in El Paso [16:34](#) Closing Thoughts and Blessings

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.

Please do not bring your donated bikes to St. Mark's.

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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