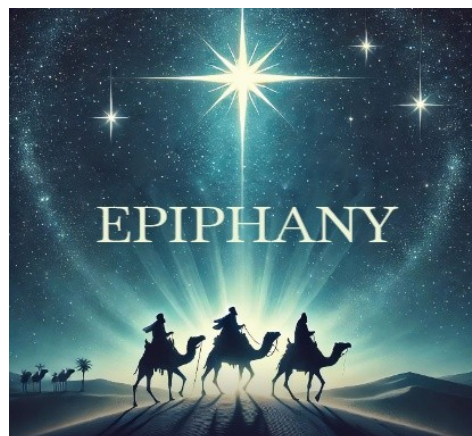




Caroling & Potluck at St. Mark's

Join Us for Carol
Singing and
Potluck Dinner on
Saturday
January 4, 2025
5:00 pm

We were blessed with a joyous Christmas Pageant held on Sunday evening, December 22nd. We sincerely appreciate everyone who participated in the event.



Sunday, January 5, 2025

Feast of the Epiphany Party
King's Cake Reception Following Worship

The Chosen Season 4 Kick-off

January 5 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.

In Episode 1, An intoxicating dance leads Herod to put an end to John the Baptizer, but no one can stop what or who he's ushered in.

Sunday, January 12, 2025

Feast of Baptism of our Lord with Holy Baptism
4:00 pm LGBTQ+ Movie Night and Pizza at St. Mark's

NEW ORGAN UPDATE



Rev. Sylvia, and Deb Bluestone created a video to showcase the journey of our New Organ Opus 42.

[Click Here to Watch Video](#)



Please return your wire Advent Wreath frames to the collection bin in the Narthex. We will use them again next year. Thank you.

Please contact [Deacon David](#) if you have any questions.



Church Unbound NEW YEAR "Kick-off"

In 2025 we look to continue to develop St. Mark's ministry with *Church Unbound*. Our second weekend commitment begins Saturday and Sunday, **January 11 & 12**. On Saturday we gather in the kitchen at 11 a.m. to make sandwiches and fill paper bags with three food items. The first two are tangerines and a small bag of chips. What has been the third item? Read on!

Up until now the third item had been a Rice Crispy Treat. But we want to offer something

fresher and homemade. And we want to offer some members of St. Mark's another way to participate in this ministry . . . **by baking a couple dozen cookies and packaging 3-4 in a Ziplock bag.** These cookies will now be the third item in the bag to go with sandwiches. You can **bring your cookies** and put them in a box so marked at the church entrance **anytime by Saturday morning, January 11th** when we pack the lunches. And anyone interested in making sandwiches on Saturday the 11th or come to *Church Unbound* on Sunday the 12th can sign up beginning this Sunday. Questions? Call or text [Barbara Jupin](#).

Anyone who feels called to minister or participate in worship services with the unsheltered and displaced is welcome. Church Unbound meets at Central and Charleston in the International District, by the former Caravan Dance Hall and the new public library. Look for signage and the white tent.

Parenting Group & Playdate January 11th at 9:00 am

Parenting brings unique challenges at every stage. If you are doing the work of “parenting” a child of any age, or if you are simply eager to listen with curiosity and compassion to support others who are doing this important work please join us for 90 minutes of supportive conversation and connection around the challenges of parenting.

Kids enjoy supervised play on the playground (or a movie in the youth room, if weather is bad)

For more info. contact [Mother Sylvia](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

Important Dates:

- Saturday, January 4 at 5:00 pm - Carol Singing and Potluck
- Sunday, January 5 at 10:30 am - Feast of the Epiphany Party
- Sunday January 5 at 6:00 pm - The Chosen Season 4
- Saturday, January 11 at 9:00 am Parenting Group & Playdate
- Saturday, January 11 at 11:00 am - Church Unbound Sandwich Making
- Sunday, January 12 at 1:00 - Volunteers Church Unbound Service
- Sunday, January 12 at 9:30 am - Feast of Baptism with Holy Baptism
- Sunday, January 12 at 4:00 pm - LGBTQ+ Movie Night & Pizza at St. Mark's
- Sunday, January 26 at 9:30 am - Vestry & Delegate Annual Meeting

NEWS & UPDATES

Vestry & Delegate Members Wanted

Three vestry positions open up each January at St. Mark's, as well as one delegate position for the Diocese Convention. Ty Camp, Diane Ball, Blythe Clark and Lucy Sinkular, Sr. Warden have ably served as St. Mark's vestry members for the past three years (2022-2024), and Laurel Leisher-Cabral has served as one of our two delegates to convention the past two years (2023-2024). We owe them much gratitude.

Positions Open:

3 Vestry Positions

1 Delegate to Diocesan Convention and Deanery Representative

See Nomination Form Links below for more information.

Please prayerfully consider whether your time and talent could be best used in the guiding, collaborative spirit of our Vestry or as our representative to the Diocese of the Rio Grande at Convention. Forms can be found here:

- [Nomination for Vestry Form](#)
- [Nomination for Delegate to Convention Form](#)

You may also find these forms in the church office upon request. Please return the form, with an electronic photo, to the office by January 15th. If you would like to discuss anything regarding nomination, please contact [Fr. Christopher McLaren](#).

Also, all ministry Annual Report information needs to be submitted to Parish Administrator, Jennifer Lind [via email](#) by Thursday, January 16th. Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26th.

STEWARDSHIP 2025

We continue to receive Annual Giving Pledges to fund our 2025 Budget. Current results are below. Please visit the [Stewardship page](#) or [Click here for the Pledge Card](#).

Annual Giving 2025 Sowing the Seeds of Sanctuary



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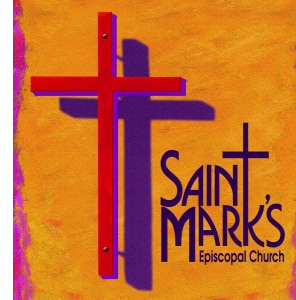
Read Bishop Michael Hunn's [Weekly Update](#) and view the Diocese's most recent [videos](#).

WORSHIP CORNER

For your thought:

Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Ephesians 3:1-12



[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

- Saint Mark's [Home Page](#).
- To join an even 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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