



WELCOME TO LENTEN SEASON

Please take a moment to watch our video, [Welcome to Lent](#).

For a summary of Lent and Holy Week events, [click here](#).

Wednesdays during Lent 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Join us during Lent for film, fellowship, discussion, songs, scripture stories, reflection, and prayers for all ages.

5:30 pm Living Stories/"Family Chapel" (Stoney Chapel)

6:00 pm Soup Supper (Parish Hall)

7:00 pm A Lenten Lens (Library)



Wednesdays at 5:30 pm

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 2. We need a minimum of six households or 12 individuals to register before March 2 in order to offer this program.

A Lenten Lens: Movies That Matter Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Pacifist, Nazi Resister March 12

As the world teeters on the brink of annihilation, Dietrich Bonhoeffer gets swept into the epicenter of a deadly plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler. With his faith and fate at stake, Bonhoeffer must choose between upholding his moral convictions or risking it all to save millions of Jews from genocide.



1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted a Culture March 19

Theology, history, culture and politics lead to a Biblical mistranslation and the origin of the anti-gay movement among Christians. An impassioned academic crusade discovers never-before-seen archives at Yale University.

Lenten Passion Play Working Group Sundays, at 11:15 AM March 9 thru April 6, 2025 Classroom #3 (Behind the Kitchen)



For the past 6 years, St. Mark's Palm Sunday Liturgy has featured an intergenerational Passion Play, in which members of St. Mark's have embodied the homily for the day in the form of a dramatic enactment of the appointed Passion Gospel. This year we are inviting anyone who is interested in helping imagine, create, direct and/or perform in the Palm Sunday Passion Play to be part of our Passion Play Working Group. Readers, Writers, Actors, Dancers, Composers, Musicians, Artists, and Performers of All Sorts, Ages, and Abilities are needed!

The Passion Plan Working Group will meet beginning March 9th in Classroom #3 (behind the kitchen) every Sunday in Lent during our "Education Hour" (11:15am-12:15pm) to dream, plan, and prepare together. We will have one final "dress rehearsal" in the Nave on Sunday, April 6th for those members, including children and youth, who are interested in performing in the Passion Play, but are not interested/available to participate in planning. The Passion Play will be offered during the Palm Sunday Liturgy on Sunday, April 13th. If you are interested in participating, please contact [Mother Sylvia](#).

Preparing for Holy Baptism Great Vigil of Easter

In the course of our life-long spiritual journey, there are various doorways of invitation into deeper commitment. Baptism is the doorway into



full participation in the universal life and family of the Church. In the Sacrament of Baptism we are incorporated as full members of the Body of Christ. People may be initiated into Christ's Body through the Sacrament of Baptism at any age or stage in life. Baptism may be celebrated at any time, but is traditionally reserved for one of four baptismal feast days: Easter (March/April), Pentecost (May/June), All Saints (November), and Baptism of our Lord (January).

The Great Vigil of Easter is the primary occasion when, from the earliest days of the Church, new members were welcomed into the fellowship of the Church through Baptism, and it remains the primary occasion for baptism, especially for older children and adults.

In **2025 the Great Vigil of Easter begins on Saturday, April 19 at 8 pm**, and the liturgy is followed by a Feast and Dance Party (in other words, plan to take a long nap that day in preparation for a BIG CELEBRATION!).

During our Ash Wednesday service, we hear these words: "Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. **This season of Lent provided. a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism.**" (Book of Common Prayer, p. 264-265).

It has become our custom at St. Mark's to formally mark the entrance of those who wish to be baptized at the Great Vigil of Easter into this season of preparation with special prayers during the Sunday liturgies during Lent, beginning the first Sunday of Lent (In 2025 that's Sunday, March 9.)

If you (or your child) wishes to prepare for Holy Baptism at the Easter Vigil, please contact [Mother Sylvia](#) and/or [Father Christopher](#) in the coming week.

SPRING FORWARD!

St. Mark's family, don't forget to spring forward! Set your clocks ahead one hour this Saturday night so you'll be on time for Sunday morning service. See you bright and early!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Important Dates:

- Thursday, March 6, at 12 pm - Preaching Reflection Group
- Sunday, March 9, at 11:15 am - Lenten Passion Play Group
- Sunday, March 9, at 11:15 am - Not Just For Newcomers Class

- Wednesday, March 12, at 5:30 pm - Living Stories in Lent
- Thursday, March 13, at 12:00 pm - Finding God in the World, Book Study
- Saturday, March 22, at 10:00 am - St. Mark's Book Group
- Saturday, April 5, at 9:00 am - Iconography Class

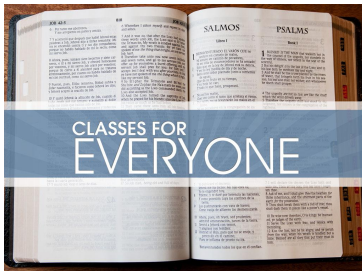
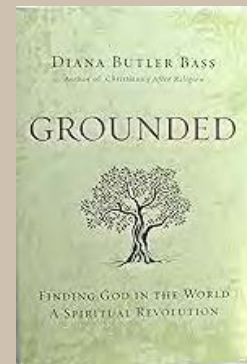
Sacred Arts Exhibits - Library & Parish Hall



Thursday Book Study March 13 - April 10, 2025 12:00 PM

[Grounded: Finding God in the World,
A Spiritual Revolution](#)
by Diana Butler Bass

[Click here to read more about "Grounded."](#)



Not Just For Newcomers Class Next Class March 9

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

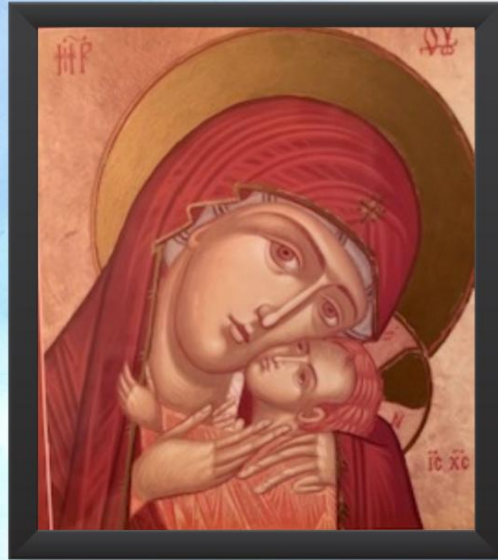
[Welcome to Sunday: An Introduction to Worship in the Episcopal Church](#) by Christopher Webber

[Welcome to the Episcopal Church](#) by Christopher Webber

ICONOGRAPHY CLASS

Open to all skill levels!

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Instructor: Lin Marksbury

Cost: \$300 - all materials included

Dates: Saturdays, 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon
April 5 & 26, May 3 & 31, June 7 & 28

Space is limited.
Email Lin at today reserve your spot!
marksburyL@yahoo.com



Church Unbound

This is our weekend to prepare sandwich bags and show up a Church Unbound. On Saturday, March 8th, we prepare the sandwiches and bags at St. Mark's at 11 a.m. And Sunday we deliver, hand out bags, and worship with Church Unbound at 1:15 p.m.

This week's special donations are socks and band aids. Just put them in one of the tubs in the entry. Cookies are always welcome, two per snack bag. This article is short as the Jupins are spending most of the week on Galveston Island. See you Saturday.

DIOCESE & BEYOND



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



**Game Night with the
LGBTQ+ Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande**

Sunday, March 9, 2025 – 5:00 pm

Slice and Dice Pizzeria

2225 Wyoming Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106

This event is for all ages. Families are welcome.

LGBTQ+
MINISTRIES OF THE
DIOCESE *of the* RIO GRANDE

For more information contact

Rev. Mike Angell and Rev. David Martin at LGBTQdrg@gmail.com

**Camp Stoney Information
Sessions on Zoom**

Are you interested in participating in Camp Stoney



this summer, as a family, camper, volunteer or staff member? Join us on Zoom for an information/Q & A session:

March 27 @ 7 PM
March 29 @ 10 AM
April 12 @ 10 AM
April 24 @ 7 PM

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85888426324>

Vocation Course

March 12 - April 3rd

Are you considering a significant change in your life?

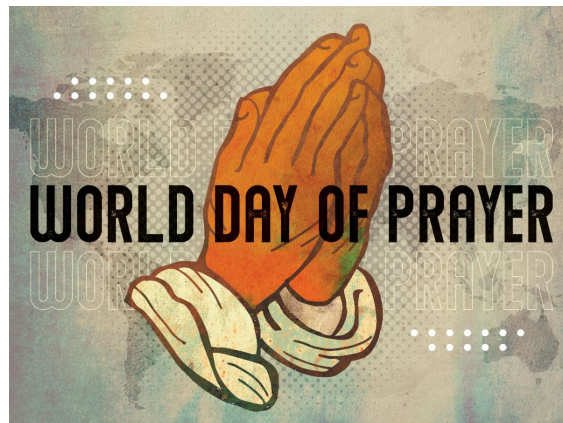


Do you wonder what more God might be calling you to do? The Diocese offers a course of discernment that begins with a Vocations Course during Lent. The group meets online via Zoom at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays from March 12 through April 3. For more information about the Vocations Course or overall Diocesan discernment cycle, visit [the Diocese of the Rio Grande vocation page](#). Or you can [register for the 5-week course](#).

World Day Of Prayer

Friday, March 7, at 9:00 AM
Presbyterian Church
215 Locust Ave, NE

[Church Women United](#), an ecumenical Christian women's movement, will observe the annual [World Day of Prayer](#).



The women of Cook Islands, located near New Zealand and Australia, prepared the worship service, entitled "I Made You Wonderful." It invites us to recognize that God created each one of us with great attention and loving care.

The morning begins at 9:00 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good conversation, followed by the service at 9:30. There will be two offerings. One will go to the World Day of Prayer Committee, the second for CWU in NM. All the women from your congregation are invited to join us and bring a friend! Questions? Contact CWU President, [Shirley Nilsson](#).

HB 9 Immigrant Safety Act Toolkit

There's so much that we can't do anything about right now, **here's something we CAN do!** The NM Immigrant Law Center has put together a resource for taking action during this difficult political



climate. **EVERYTHING you need is in the toolkit below!**

Contact your legislators about House Bill 9, the Immigrant Safety Act (formerly Dignity Not Detention). If passed, the act will **prevent NM Counties from contracting with ICE to use private prison, which have poor safety records, to detain migrants** in NM.

At the link button below, you will find more information and sample language for calling or emailing representatives. The Legislature is now in session. The bill has passed one committee and needs every vote when it gets to the floor.

If you're not sure of your legislator, [click here](#), but feel free to write to ALL of them - they need to hear from us! The NM Immigrant Law Center thanks you and asks you to share the toolkit with your friends and neighbors who might also advocate for this law.

HB 9 Toolkit



Cosmopolitan Woman's Club of Albuquerque

Yellow Tulip Garden with the help of the Yellow Tulip Project
March 18-19, 2025

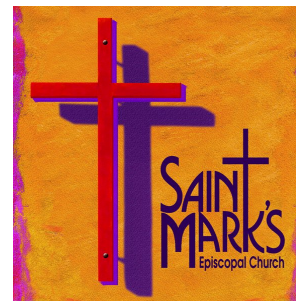
The [GFWC Cosmopolitan Woman's Club of Albuquerque](#) is planning a Yellow Tulip Garden with the help of the [Yellow Tulip Project](#). The goal of the YTP and the garden is to SMASH THE STIGMA of mental illness and spread hope and joy to young people struggling with this. [Click here to read more.](#)

WORSHIP CORNER

For your thought:

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11



[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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