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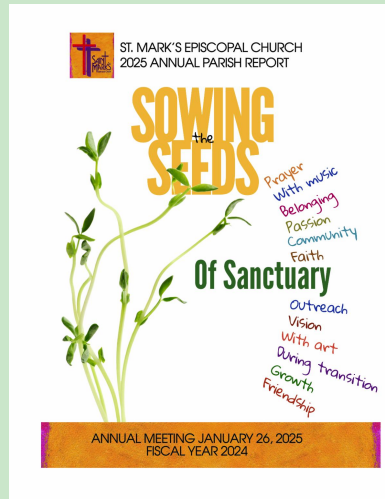


Jan. 23, 2025

Join us this Sunday for our Annual Meeting and Pancake Breakfast!

Our annual meeting will take place at the end of church service this Sunday, January 26th. Celebrate with us as we review the 2024 finances and the 2025 budget for both our church and Montessori School. During the meeting, you will also have the chance to elect new vestry members and a delegate for the 2025 Diocese convention. Additionally, we'll provide an update on the Building Renewal Committee's progress, along with a report from Montessori School Director, Ms. Caitie.

Don't miss this opportunity to be informed and engaged in our community! [Read the report before the Annual Meeting.](#)



Interfaith Dialogue Workshops

A New Era in New Mexico:
Facing Challenges with Faith and Devotion

Speaker: Petra Alsoofy
Institute for Social Policy and Understanding

For Laity
Sunday, February 9, 2025, 1-4 pm
St. Mark's Episcopal Church,
431 Richmond Place NE

For Clergy
Monday, February 10, 2025, 2-5 pm
New Mexico Islamic Center
1100 Yale SE

For more information and to register, please visit
www.stmarksabq.org/interfaith

Interfaith Dialogue: Facing Challenges with Faith & Devotion

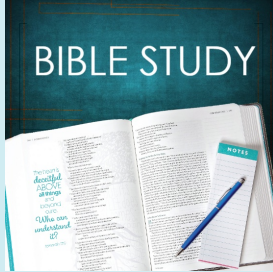
**Sunday, February 9, 1:00 pm (Laity) &
Monday, February 10 at 2:00 pm (Clergy)**

Speaker Petra Alsoofy from the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding (ISPU) will share their research on American Muslims and other faith communities to illustrate the commonalities, differences, and the role of faith in people's lives. The goal is to promote social justice and combat systemic disparities from poverty, discrimination, and environmental justice. Sign-up sheets to help with the two events are in the hallway. For more information, please contact Evelyn Early. [For full flyer, click here.](#)

[Registration link](#)

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 assigned texts before each session. A typical session normally lasts 90 minutes and consists of 3 parts or "courses":

Part I (aka "appetizer course"): Check in & Sharing - 12-12:20 (15-20 minutes)

Part II (aka "entree course"): Study & Discussion - 12:20-1:10 (45 minutes)

Part III (aka "dessert course"): Short Reading & Reflection - 1:10-1:30 (15-20 minutes)

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

1/23 Rohr Ch 3-4, Richardson TBD

1/30 Rohr Ch 5-6, Richardson TBD (Note: Sylvia out)

2/6 Rohr Ch 7-8, Richardson TBD

2/13 Rohr Ch 9-10, Richardson TBD

2/20 Rohr Ch 11-12, Richardson TBD

2/27 Rohr Epilogue and Summary, Richardson TBD



Church Unbound

Cold weather can be challenging, especially for those who are hungry and homeless on the streets.

[Click here to read the rest of the article.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



The Chosen Season 4 January 26 at 6:00 pm

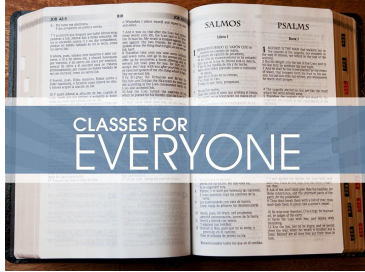
Join us on Sunday evenings in the library to watch Season 4 of "The Chosen." Feel free to bring snacks to share! All are welcome.

Episode 4 · Calm Before

Beginning with a funeral procession, time marches rapidly toward the final days of Jesus' ministry. While the disciples seek status for themselves, a Roman ruler comes with a humble request.

Not Just For Newcomers Class Next Class is on February 2nd

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

Important Dates:

- **Saturday, January 25, at 9:00 am - Church Women United Mini-retreat**
- **Sunday, January 26, at 9:30 am - Annual Meeting with Pancake Breakfast**
- **Sunday, January 26, at 6:00 pm - The Chosen Season 4, Episode 4 Calm Before**
- **Sunday, February 2, at 11:15 am - Not Just for Newcomers Class**
- **Saturday, February 8, at 8:30 am - Women's Quiet Day Workshop**
- **Sunday, February 9, at 1:00 pm - Interfaith Dialogue**
- **Monday, February 10, at 2:00 pm - Interfaith Dialogue**
- **Thursday, February 13, at 9:30 am - Men's Book Club**
- **Sunday, February 23, at 11:15 am - BRC Feasibility Study**

Immigrant and Workers' Day of Action

[ABQ FaithWorks Collaborative](#), along with the organizations listed on the flyer below that have been shaping legislation to ensure the human and civil rights of newcomers living and working in our communities. You are invited to join them in Santa Fe on Feb 3rd to learn more and talk to legislators. A large turnout shows solidarity with those in our community.




IMMIGRANT AND WORKERS' DAY OF ACTION

Join us for our Immigrant and Workers Day of Action to rally at the State Capitol and demand our rights!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, 2025 THE ROUND HOUSE

8:00 am	Training and Breakfast Santa Fe Farmers Market (1607 Paseo De Peralta)
10:30 am	March from Rail Yard Park to the State Capitol
11:00 am 12:00 pm	Rally On the East Wing of the Capitol Let's speak up and fight for our rights!
12:00 pm 2:00 pm	Legislator Visits
2:00 pm 3:30 pm	Debrief in the State Capitol Rotunda

Somos ACCIÓN

Call us for more information!
505-424-7832

Who Are We
Somos un Pueblo Unido, Fellow State Organizations, Working Class Essential workers and immigrant families!!

Nov 30, 2024 - March 1, 2025

Sacred Art

Holy images that draw us closer to God's influence in our lives and guide us in prayer



 **St. Mark's Sacred Arts Guild**
Hours: 9-2 M, Th, F, 12-3 Sunday
455-282-2444 (office)
www.stmarkhshq.org

 **St. Mark's Episcopal Church**
431 Richmond Plaza NE
Albuquerque, NM 87102

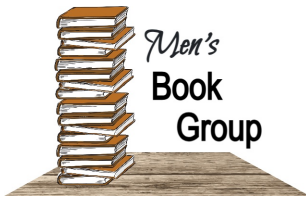
 **St. Mark's Gallery** receives a 20% commission of all sales.

Call For Artists

A small show will be displayed for a month in the library, and we are seeking submissions! The theme is "Love", and we welcome all media.

The deadline for entry is February 1st. For an entry form, please email [Heather Gaume](mailto:Heather.Gaume).

Sacred Arts Show Update: The benefit show in the library has been extended and will remain open through the first Sunday of February. If there is something you have enjoyed, please contact [Heather Gaume](mailto:Heather.Gaume) and make an offer.



St. Mark's Men's Book Group to read Robert Bly's *Iron John*

February 13, from 9:30 to 10:25 AM

Published in 1990, *Iron John* was a major instigator of the men's movement to explore and work on their understanding of masculinity in a time of confusion and anxiety. An age still very much with us.

Please consider joining Harrison Higgins, John Murray, David Chanin, and Michael Jupin in the library to begin reflecting on and discussing this book. The book has a short preface, eight chapters, and a short epilogue. We plan to read two chapters a month, between 60 to 70 pages, and complete our reading in four months.

If interested but would like more information contact [Michael Jupin](#).

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



NEWS & UPDATES

Washington bishop to Trump: Have mercy on

those who are scared

By David Paulsen

The Rt. Rev. Mariann Budde, in her Jan. 21 sermon at Washington National Cathedral's Service of Prayer for the Nation, called on all Americans to strive for a renewed unity based in honesty, humility and respect for human dignity.

The president and vice president were seated in the front row. [Read more.](#)



EPISCOPAL
NEWS SERVICE



DIOCESE & BEYOND



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

The Church of the Holy Faith in Santa Fe presents

10th annual Women's Quiet Day

featuring Deborah Smith Douglas on Saturday, February 8, 2025.

It will be held from the hours of 8:30-4:00 and will provide a continental breakfast and light lunch. **Registration begins on Monday, December 16, and closes on Friday, January 31.** Please register with the Holy Faith Parish Office at 505-982-4447 or donna@holymfaithchurchsf.org.

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**"Elements of Mystery: Holy in Ordinary"**

This quiet day will explore the riches of Scripture, theology, art, poetry, and history around and behind the foundational "gifts and creatures" of the Sacraments: water and light, salt and oil, bread and wine.

All these elements are simultaneously deeply mysterious, beautiful, powerful— and common to daily life all over the world since ancient times.

They are both fascinating in themselves (the chemistry and physics are astounding), and essential to our sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation and the Anointing of the Sick.

May this quiet day also open "the eyes of our hearts" to see what George Herbert called "heav'n in ordinarie," God's grace abounding everywhere, even in the humblest of things.

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With degrees in literature and law, **Deborah Smith Douglas** is also an Ignatian-trained spiritual director, Camaldolese Benedictine oblate, member of the Episcopal Church and of the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross. She has taught classes and led retreats across the United States and Britain. Her essays and poems have been published in *Weavings*, *Commonweal*, *Spiritual Life*, *Desert Call*, *The American Benedictine Review*, *The Christian Century*, and other periodicals.

She is the author of *The Praying Life: Seeking God in All Things* (Morehouse 2003) and (with her husband David Douglas) the co-author of *Pilgrims in the Kingdom: Travels in Christian Britain* (Upper Room 2004). Her new book, *The Pilgrim Life: Finding God Along the Way* (New Beginnings Press 2025) will be available soon.

She has been writer-in-residence at the Episcopal Cathedral of All Souls in Asheville, North Carolina; visiting scholar at the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas; and a keynote speaker at the millennial celebration of the Camaldolese Benedictines at Asilomar, California.

She and her husband have lived in Santa Fe, New Mexico for nearly fifty years. They enjoy reading, travel, hiking, and time with friends and family (including five young grandchildren).



**Church Women United
Mini-retreat**

Saturday, January 25th - 9:00 am

An ecumenical Christian women's group will meet for a mini-retreat at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1100 Indian School Rd NE, just west of University Blvd. The morning will begin at 9:00 with sign-in, a light breakfast and conversation. The theme is "Women in the Old Testament Who Manage a Way When There is No Way". Rev. Dr. Nancy Bowen will be leading the retreat which will begin at 9:30 am. Rev. Bowen is Professor Emeritus of Old Testament at Earlham School of Religion and also an ordained United Methodist minister. Time will be spent reflecting on some of Nancy's favorite stories of women in the OT. Join us and bring a friend!



Camp Stoney
Summer Camp 2025
Registration is Here!

Session 1 (both Tracks): June 15-21
Session 2(both Tracks): June 22-June 28
Track 1: (grades 3-6)
Track 2: (grades 7-10)
Ages 15 and up are eligible to be Counselors in Training

[REGISTER NOW](#)



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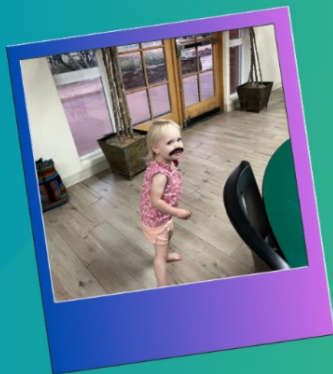
Camp Stoney- Diocese
of the Rio Grande

FAMILY CAMP

Family Camp is Back!!!
We are so excited to offer two sessions again this summer with an extra day!

June 12-15

JUNE 29-JULY 2



Camp Stoney- DRG Info

Contact Rev. Le Anna Brun for more information
or any questions you might have @
lbrun@dioceserg.org or (575) 741-6424

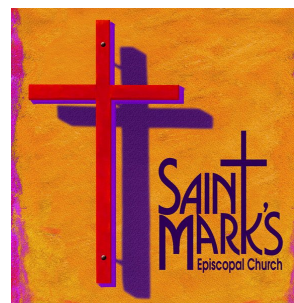
WORSHIP CORNER

For your thought:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Luke 4:18-19

[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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