



# MESSENGER of St. Mark's



Feb. 7, 2025

## Happy 77th Birthday, St. Marks!

St. Mark's first meeting for worship was on February 8, 1948. The fledgling community first met in what is now the United Soccer Store on the SW corner of Carlisle Boulevard and Central Avenue.



**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](http://www.stmarksabq.org/interfaith)

## Interfaith Dialogue: Facing Challenges with Faith & Devotion [Watch YouTube Video](#)

**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](#)

**Read, Pray, and Respond**  
**Sunday February 23, 2025**

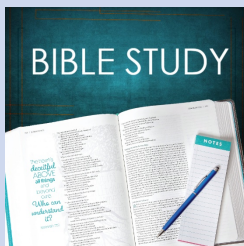


St. Mark's will hold a parish-wide meeting during adult-education time to introduce the capital campaign Feasibility Study process, the next step towards our building renewal. The feasibility phase is an opportunity to hear directly from you as we discern the willingness of our members to support a capital campaign.

Some of us will be interviewed by the consultants. Those with a consistent giving or pledging history will receive a survey. Those without a giving or pledging history can request a survey by contacting the Vandersall Collective's office prior to mailing. Feasibility surveys and a case statement outlining the project will be hitting our mailboxes/inboxes in early March, 2025.

Please take the time to **read, pray, and respond** to these invitations for input. 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, and 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 23rd at 11:15 AM. We look forward to hearing your vital responses in the coming weeks as interviews are conducted, the survey launches, and the case statement is shared.



## 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.

### Epiphany Season Texts & Topics

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

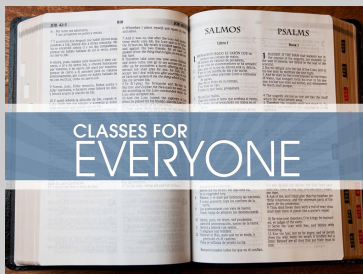
Reflection Text: *Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the Seasons* by Jan Richardson

### Tentative Session Schedule

## 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."



## Not Just For Newcomers Class

Next Class is on February 9th

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Important Dates:

- Saturday, February 8, at 9:00 am - Parenting Group & Playdate
- Saturday, February 8, at 11:00 am - Church Unbound Sandwich Making
- Sunday, February 9, at 1:00 pm - Interfaith Dialogue Workshop
- Monday, February 10, at 2:00 pm - Interfaith Dialogue Workshop at NMIC
- Thursday, February 13, at 9:30 am - Men's Book Club
- Thursday, February 13, at 12:00 pm - Bible Study
- Saturday, February 15, at 9:30 am - Eldering Group
- Sunday, February 16, at 11:15 am - Holy Trouble-Makers Skating Party
- Sunday, February 23, at 11:15 am - BRC Feasibility Study

## & Playdate

**Saturday, February 8th, at 9:00 am**



Parents 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](#).

## 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.



Men's  
Book  
Group

## St. Mark's Men's Book Group to read Robert Bly's *Iron John* February 13th 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, David Doolittle, 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. In the month of February we will read the preface and Chapters 1 & 2.

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

## Church Unbound

This is our weekend to serve the people of the International District on Central Avenue with lunch, fellowship, and worship. We start at St. Mark's on Saturday, Feb. 8th at 11 a.m. by making sandwiches, packing Valentine treat bags, and finishing with lunch bags. Since this Sunday is near Valentine's Day, I thought it would be special to show some "love" with heart suckers and chocolates along with those wonderful, donated Girl Scout cookies. On Sunday at 1:15 p.m., we meet at the Albuquerque Inn on



Central, east of Louisiana, and across from the new library, to set up tables, tents, and equipment. We're aiming to fill the freezer, and we currently have four regular cookie bakers and could use a few more. Interested? Have you seen the Church Unbound bulletin board in the entry? It includes news and a schedule until June. Check it out and share your thoughts.

[Email Barbara Jupin](#) or [text/call](#).



## Chosen Season 4 February 9 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.

### [Season 4 Episode 6 · Dedication](#)

Jesus and the disciples celebrate Hanukkah. Matthew confronts Judas about irregularities, and the festival turns into a fight, then flight. The disciples escape with their lives, but learn a friend hasn't been so lucky.

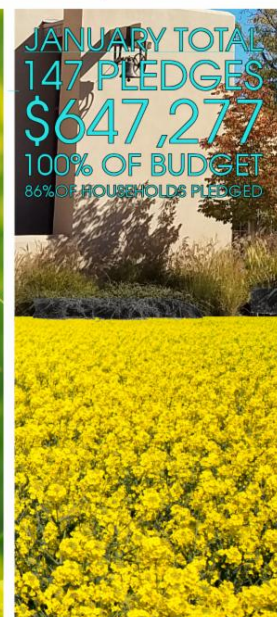
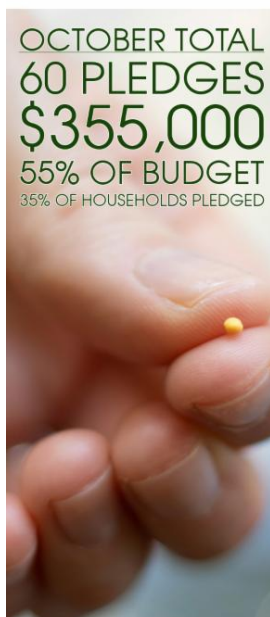
## STEWARDSHIP 2025

**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](#).**

# Powerful Tools FOR Caregivers

## Spring 2025 Calendar

A free six-week program designed to help family caregivers take better care of themselves while caring for a relative or friend.

- Learn new self-care techniques
- Manage emotions like guilt and anger
- Improve confidence in coping with caregiving demands

**Registration is required**

**Call us:**

**(505) 584-7862**

**Visit us:**

**[www.familycaregivernm.org](http://www.familycaregivernm.org)**



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**This course is for  
family caregivers  
like YOU!**

Erna Fergusson Public Library

Day and Time: Wednesdays, 11:15am-12:45pm

Dates: March 19, March 26, April 2, April 9,  
April 16, April 23

Location: 3700 San Mateo Blvd NE, 87110

Virtual - Zoom - Evening

Day and Time: Tuesdays, 5:30pm-7:00pm

Dates: April 8, April 15, April 22, April 29,  
May 6, May 13

Herramientas poderosas para cuidadores en español

Día y hora: Jueves, 10:30am-12:30pm

Fechas: 24 de abril, 1 de mayo, 8 de mayo, 15  
de mayo, 22 de mayo, 29 de mayo

Ubicación: Encuentro, 907 4th St SW, 87102

**Stay tuned for additional courses  
August through November 2025!**

## Clothing Drive



Punxsutawney Phil, the famous groundhog, saw his shadow last Sunday, predicting six more weeks of winter. Early mornings can be quite chilly on the Albuquerque streets.

Warm clothing, especially for men, is needed in these last cold months of the year for people on the streets. Clean out your closets or shop the clearance racks and bring winter clothes to the office/service in February. Clothing will go to the Albuquerque Gateway Center as a joint project of

[ABQ FaithWorks](#) and [Indivisible Albuquerque](#).

[The Gateway Center](#) provides many services for the unhoused, including migrants, and related supporting service providers in our community, and is still in need of winter clothing, jackets, pants, hoodies, socks. You can contact [Bruce Roach via email](#) or [phone](#) for clothing pick up.

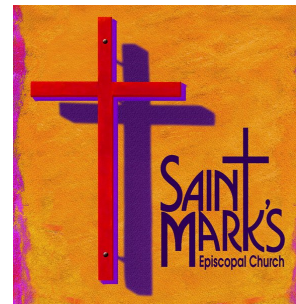


## WORSHIP CORNER

### 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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