



# MESSENGER

of St. Mark's



Dec. 12, 2024

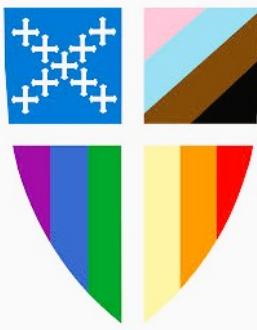
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The Bishop of our Diocese, **The Rt. Rev. Michael Hunn** will visit St. Mark's to have a discussion with the LGBTQ+ Ministry, community, and allies this Sunday, Dec. 15th at 6:00 pm.

At a Diocesan event last month, the Bishop shared with me that he fears the LGBTQ+ community will be adversely affected by the new national administration. He suggested that the LGBTQ+ Ministry of the diocese organize a discussion before the inauguration. Bishop Hunn wants to engage in conversation with members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies about concerns and fears with the new administration, what ideas for action they have for the future, and how our bishop, our diocese, and the church can help facilitate the path forward.

It is wonderful that our Bishop is interested in the well-being of the people of this diocese – especially a group that may soon become more vulnerable. As Christians, we are called to love and watch out for one another. Let us all follow the example of Bishop Hunn and motivate ourselves and others to action. Do not curse the darkness. Light a candle. All are welcome to attend this discussion, either in person or on **ZOOM**.

Deacon David Martin



**Bishop Michael Hunn in conversation with the  
LGBTQ+ Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande**  
to discuss concerns and fears with the new national administration, what ideas for action we  
have for the future, and how our bishop, diocese, and church can help facilitate a path forward.

**Sunday, December 15, 2024**

6:00 pm (mountain time)

in person at St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
431 Richmond PI NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106  
(dinner will be provided)

or join the conversation on Zoom  
Send us an email for the Zoom link [LGBTQdrg@gmail.com](mailto:LGBTQdrg@gmail.com)

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

For more information contact  
Rev. Mike Angell and Rev. David Martin at  
[LGBTQdrg@gmail.com](mailto:LGBTQdrg@gmail.com)



## Street Ministry

Barbara Jupin

This last weekend twelve St. Mark's members prepared 120 sandwich lunches and the next day, Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> a remarkable seventeen of us helped serve them and relate to unhoused and resident members of the international district community.

This Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to gather in the parish hall at 11 a.m. to stuff the Christmas Stockings we have made with items we collected and to be distributed on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 p.m. at Church Unbound (in the parking lot of the Albuquerque Inn, 7640 Central SE, across from the Public Library). All are welcome to come and participate in the distribution.

Last week Laura Bloom, St. Mark's Business Manager, called and pleasantly surprised me with an offer to provide a number of crochet hats that she and other members of Warm Up America had created for Church Unbound.

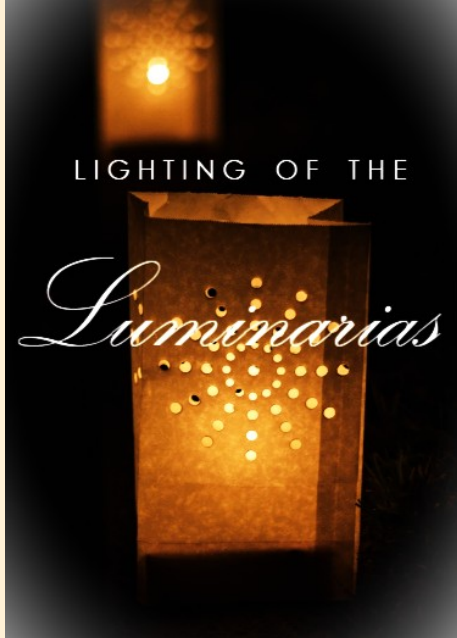
Monday Laura emailed me "Barbara: We received 86 hats and 44 scarves – all hand knit or crocheted – from Warm Up America today!! They're all for distribution through Church Unbound. We were all so excited to open the box and see what we got. They're so beautiful and warm. Can't wait for you to see them, Laura"

What an incredible gift! Come join us this Sunday as we distribute these beautiful hats and scarves at Church Unbound!



We are seeking volunteers to help fold paper bags for the luminarias and to donate small votive candles. On the 3rd Sunday of Advent, December 15th, we will distribute bundles of 50 bags to those willing to help. These folded bags will need to be returned by the 4th Sunday of Advent, December 22nd.

We also need volunteers to help light the luminarias on Christmas Eve, Tuesday the 24th. We setup the luminarias from 11:00 am to about noon, with lighting scheduled to start at 4:00 pm.



Thank you for your support in making Christmas special!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Important Dates:

- Sat. Dec 14, 11:00 am, Church Unbound Stocking Stuffing
- Sat. Dec. 14, 3:00 pm, Gingerbread House Fellowship & Fun!
- Sun. Dec. 15, 2:00 pm Zander-Wall Holiday Concert
- Wed. Dec. 18, 5:00 pm, Advent Program/ Holden Evening Prayer
- Thur. Dec. 19, Poinsettia Dedications Due
- Sat. Dec. 21, 9:30 am Eldering Group
- Sun. Dec. 22, 4:00 pm Christmas Pageant
- Tue. Dec. 24, 11:00 am Luminaria Set-up, and lighting at 4:00 pm
- Tue. Dec. 24, 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Jolly Mingle Dinner & Celebration

### Jolly Mingle Christmas Dinner & Celebration 6:30 pm



Join us on Christmas Eve (between the early and late service)  
for a feast of posole, tamales, and biscochitos.  
Concluding the celebration with a visit from Father Christmas  
(please bring sweets to share)

This year, St. Mark's Choir will present W.A. Mozart's **Litaniae  
Lauretanae BVM, KV 109** as a musical homily for the 4th

Sunday of Advent on December 22. This beloved tradition enriches our Advent Season with its profound beauty.

In preparation, our Music Director, Patrick Dill, will offer an insightful talk about the piece to help the community appreciate this gift from the choir.

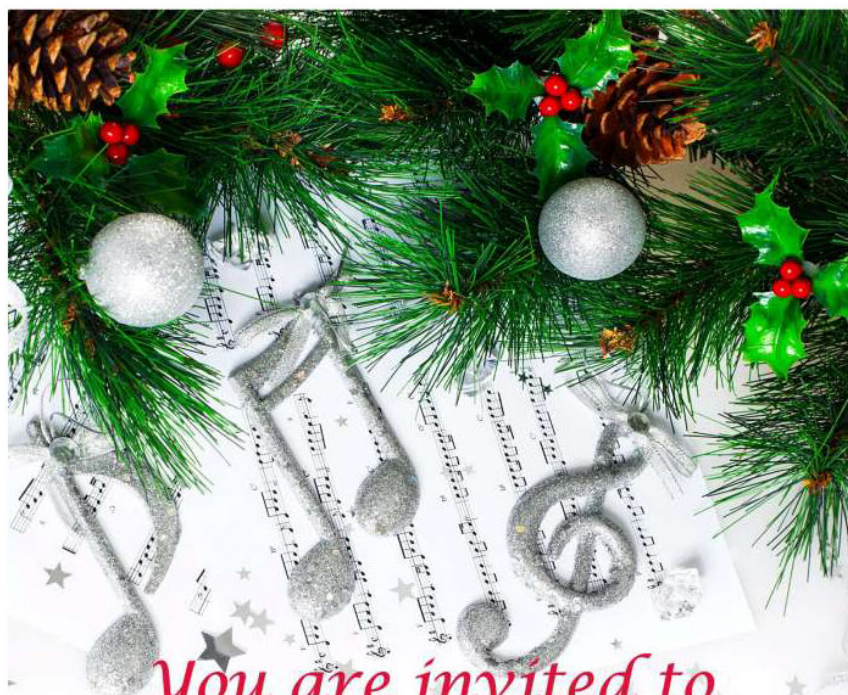
**Sunday, December 15, 11:15 am to 12:15 pm:** Music Talk on W.A. Mozart's **Litaniae Lauretanae** in the Nave, with our new Music Director, Patrick Dill, PhD.

**Sunday, December 22, during the 9:30 Liturgy:** Advent 4th Sunday Special Musical Homily featuring St. Mark's Choir performing **Litaniae Lauretanae BVM, KV 109** by W.A. Mozart.

We hope you can join us for these special events as we journey through Advent together.



**Our neighboring Church (across the street) has invited members of St. Mark's to their Christmas Concert!**



*You are invited to  
a free Christmas Concert!*

*December 18, 2024 - 8 PM*

*\*(Following the weekly Wednesday evening testimony meeting)*

*First Church of Christ, Scientist - In the Sanctuary  
500 Richmond Place, NE, Albuquerque*

*Guest artists*

*Luana Berger, mezzo-soprano - Mary Bruesch, viol - Darby Fegan, piano  
Sarah Manthey, viol - Emily Melville, soprano - Emily Mitchell, harp  
Laura Solomon, violin - Kit Turpen, baritone - James Yeager, organ*



## Poinsettias for Christmas Eve

If you would like to order a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the insert your Order of Worship. You may also click here for an [online form](#). Poinsettias are \$15 each.

**Dedications are due by Thursday, December 19th.** Checks and dedication cards may be dropped in the Sunday offering or sent to the church office.

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### St. Mark's 2024 Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 22, 4:00 pm

This year we are trying something new – a Brown Bag Christmas Pageant. Everyone (children, youth, and adults) is invited to arrive at 3:15. There will be labeled brown bags of costumes available for

selection. Participants will pick a character, get dressed,

and be seated in the pews. Narrators will lead the pageant and instruct each character when it's time to come to the altar and participate in the festivities. No rehearsals! No lines to learn! Just a fun time remembering the birth of our Savior. Even the congregational audience will be invited to participate with group responses and singing. A potluck feast will follow the pageant. Please direct questions to [Deacon David](#).

CHRISTMAS  
PAGEANT



Holiday Concert, December 15, 2 p.m.  
All are Welcome!

Jacqueline Zander-wall invites you to a Christmas concert in the chapel. There will be a small reception afterwards in the Parish Hall. Drinks, plates, and napkins will be provided. Please bring something to share if that works for your family. Come even if you don't have time to bring something!

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**Now Showing in the Library Gallery  
Benefit Art Show for New Organ Installation  
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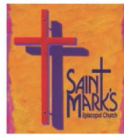
# Benefit Art Show

**For Our New Letourneau Organ Installation**

All original artwork has been donated either by the artist or by art patrons who have collected them.  
A big thank you to the Varoz family who donated the bulk of this impressive show.



*The Letourneau Organ in its original home in Colorado Springs.*



**St. Mark's Sacred Arts Guild Library** Hours 9-2  
M-Th, 9-12 Sunday  
505-262-2484 office [www.stmarksabq.org](http://www.stmarksabq.org)

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**  
431 Richmond Place NE Albuquerque, NM 87106

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## 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](#).

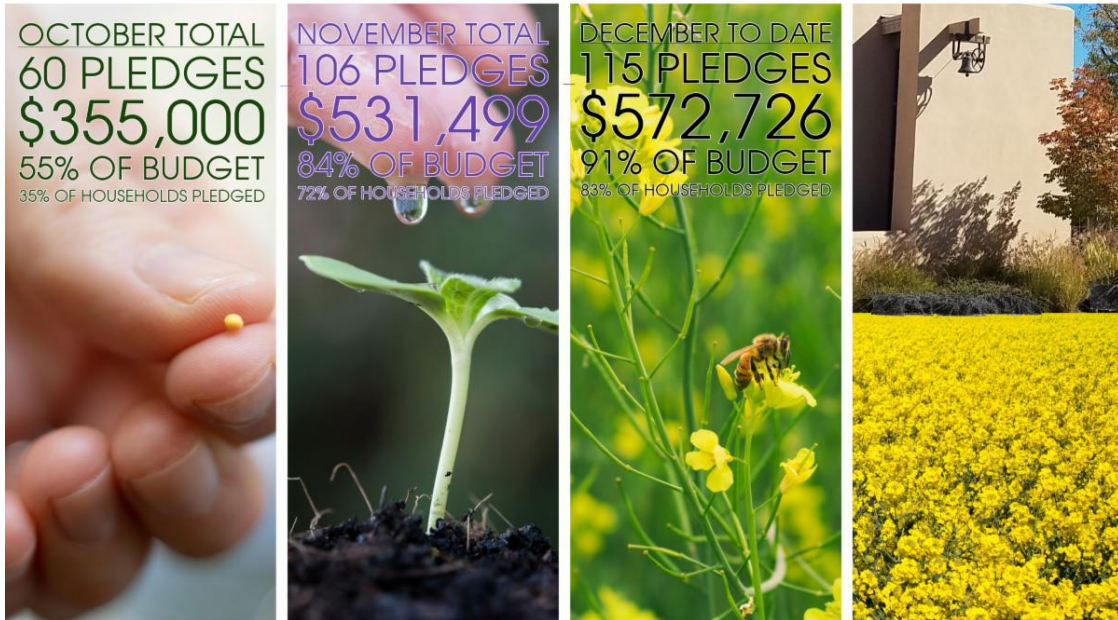
**Also, all ministry Annual Report information needs to be submitted to Parish Administrator, Jennifer Lind [via email](#) by Thursday, January 16th. Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26th.**

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# 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



Sowing the Seeds of Sanctuary video (Harrison & Mary)





# DIOCESE & BEYOND



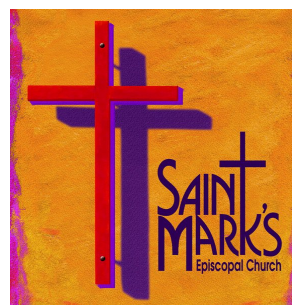
Read Bishop Michael Hunn's [Weekly Update](#) and view the Diocese's most recent [videos](#).

## WORSHIP CORNER

### For your thought:

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

- Philippians 4:4-7



[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.**

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

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