

Not Just for Newcomers Class with Fr. Christopher January 19, 2025

Welcome to Sunday:
A Deep Dive into our Worship
and Life Together

Sundays 11:15-12:15 in Stoney Chapel

Whether you are new to St. Mark's or the Episcopal Church or a long-time Episcopalian, you will enjoy this discussion-oriented class. We will be exploring our Episcopal Beliefs and Practices from a variety of perspectives, building community, and connecting more deeply to our liturgical practices and traditions. Each class will stand on its own and some out of class reading will be encouraged but not required. All are welcome to attend whenever they are available.

January 19 – Exploring The Book of Common Prayer

January 26 – Annual Meeting Sunday – No Classes, Pancake Breakfast.

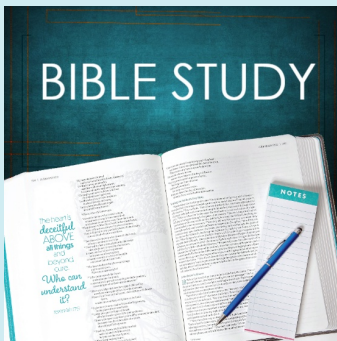
Please let Fr. Christopher know that you plan to attend, [via email](#).

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



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)

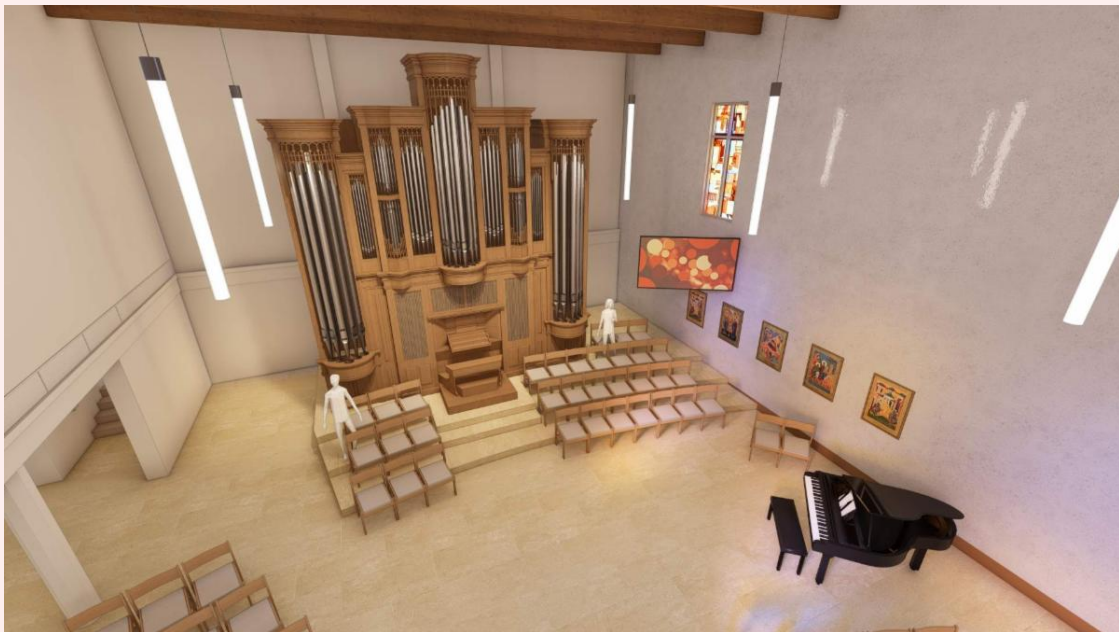
Epiphany Season Texts & Topics

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

Tentative Session Schedule

1/16 Rohr Ch 1-2, Richardson TBD
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

Building Renewal Committee Update



Read, Pray, and Respond

On 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 23 at 11:15 AM, and 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.

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

Responding to the Wildfires in
Southern California
WHAT YOU CAN DO





Episcopal Relief & Development is in close contact with affected dioceses as they assess needs in their communities in **response to the Southern California wildfires**. We are currently providing technical, psycho-social and **liturgical** assistance to congregations directly affected.

[Click here to read the article from the Episcopal Relief & Development Website.](#)

St. Mark's Eldering Group **Saturday, January 18th 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".



The Chosen Season 4 **January 19 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.

[**S4 E3 - Episode 3**](#)

When Jesus heals a blind man on the Sabbath, religious leaders confront him, drawing a riotous crowd. Gaius defies a direct order leading Quintus to take matters-and someone's life-into his own hands.



Church Unbound

Burr. . . It was a cold January afternoon for twelve St. Mark's volunteers to distribute lunches for Church Unbound, but we did it! We also had eleven people making sandwiches & packing lunches on Saturday.

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



Remember to please return your wire Advent Wreath frames

Place them in the collection bin in the Narthex.
We will use them again next year.
Thank you.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Important Dates:

- Thursday, January 16 at 9:30 am - The Men's Book Group
- Saturday, January 18, at 9:30 am - St. Mark's Eldering Group
- Sunday, January 19, at 6:00 pm - The Chosen Episode 3
- Saturday, January 25, at 9:00 am - Church Women United Mini-retreat
- Sunday, January 26, at 9:30 am - Vestry & Delegate Annual Meeting
- Sunday, February 23, at 11:15 am - BRC Feasibility Study

DIOCESE & BEYOND



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



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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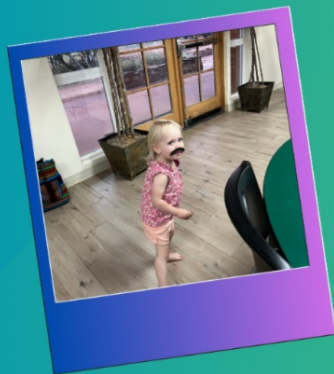
Camp Stoney- Diocese
of the Rio Grande

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 @
lbrunedioceserg.org or (575) 741-6424

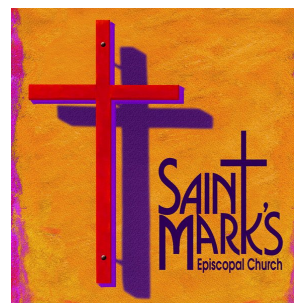
WORSHIP CORNER

For your thought:

*Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and your
faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the
strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you
save both man and beast, O Lord. How priceless is your
love, O God!*

Psalm 36:5-6

[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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