

# Sunday Notes for Sunday, May 5, 2024

**Welcome to a digital retreat.** We love our time together and time with God, and find it is better if we are unplugged. All you need for service is found inside. We ask that you silence your phones, or leave them in the car, if possible. And enjoy this time!

**A blessing to the world.** God is doing beautiful things in Rio Rancho, and in every person's life, including yours. So, you belong. Our prayer is also that you see that you are a part of something bigger. And there are many opportunities to bless others every day. Look for opportunities to serve below.

For those who are new

Happy Easter and welcome! We are glad that you are here! The **Order of Holy Eucharist** in each pew is there to help you participate in the service. The **Sunday readings handout** allows you to follow along with today's prayer, readings, and special music. **Visitor Cards** (located on the table in the lobby) will help us stay in touch and/or help you get more involved.

## Sunday Schedule

**8am** - worship with incense and instrumental music

**9am** - Christian Formation class (library) / choir rehearsal (music room)

**1030am** - worship with children's programs (ages 0-10)

**11:45am** - refreshments (parish hall)

**12:00-12:45** - children's choir & all-parish choir (music room)

The Offering - Each Sunday, you are invited to bring non-perishable food items for Storehouse West, our local food pantry. They need peanut butter, cereal, pasta, and canned fruit. No glass jars please.

## Events & Ministry Calendar

Office and Chapel Hours: Mon-Fri, 11am-2pm

<u>Monday</u> 7pm - Bible Study on Ephesians	<u>Tuesday</u> 11am - Centering Prayer (chapel)	<u>Wednesday</u> 5pm - Centering Prayer online
<u>Thursday</u> 10am Bible study online	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u> Clare's Closet (children's clothing ministry) Open 10am-1pm

Recovery (AA, NA) groups meet most days.

Scout Troops 417 & 1010 and Pack 417 meet Tuesday evenings.

\*Contact the office for more details

### Parish Events and News

PRAYERS FOR HEALING - God works in many, many ways, and He is always working in our lives for good. One of the ways God works is through physical healing. If you would like prayers for healing today, they are offered in the back of the sanctuary after you receive Holy Communion.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR & ALL-PARISH CHOIR. Children's choir will meet on Sundays from 12-12:15pm in the Music Room. After that, from 12:15 to 12:45pm - all are welcome to come join in singing of part of Handel's "Messiah" - we will perform it in service on the 7th Sunday of Easter. No choir experience necessary.

REFRESHMENTS IN THE COURTYARD. April 28-June 2 we will enjoy the spring weather with after-service refreshments in the courtyard (11:30-12:15). We ask that you bring your own coffee cup/mug (we will have some to borrow, too).

WOMEN'S MINISTRY OF THE DIOCESE. From May 9 (Ascension Day) to May 19 (Pentecost Sunday) the Women's Ministry of the Diocese will be praying for the advance of

God's Kingdom. There will be daily blog posts on the Women's Ministry website to encourage this: <https://varietiesofgifts.blogspot.com/>

**VOLUNTEER ON SUNDAY MORNING.** There are many opportunities: readers, greeters, acolytes, kitchen crew, altar setup, Communion servers. Sign up on the whiteboards in the lobby. New? Haven't served here before? We'd love to get you oriented: simply let one of our priests know you signed up.

**SERVING AT BISHOP'S RIDGE.** May 25-26 - join us as we do some hands on maintenance work at our diocesan camp and conference center. Located in Santa Fe, the conference center hosts many groups and individuals. It is also the site of Camp Stoney, our local summer camp. Contact the office for more details.

**STOREHOUSE WEST** - What's needed right now is canned fruit, peanut butter, cereal, and pasta. No glass jars, please.

**CAMP STONEY** - Camp Stoney registration is open! Programs for children, teens, and parents this summer. Register on the diocesan website: [www.dioceserg.org](http://www.dioceserg.org) (Click "I'm an Episcopalian"). NOTE: DO NOT LET COST BE AN ISSUE; there are opportunities for fundraisers and scholarships. Talk with Fr. Alex about scholarships and fundraisers.

**RAINBOW TRAIL DAY CAMP FOR KIDS.** Save the date for June 10-14 and June 17-21, 9am-2pm, for Rainbow Train Day Camp for elementary-school-aged children. Contact the office for more details and for registration materials.

**IF YOU DON'T GET OUR EMAILS OR TEXTS.** Please let us know. We don't send out many, but we try to keep you updated on upcoming events.

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