

# ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2024

THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS AT THE FRANCISCAN RENEWAL CENTER

*A Roman Catholic Faith Community*

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## ADVENT SEASON

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Daily Mass Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. (year-round)

Taizé Prayer Around the Cross 2nd and 4th Wednesdays  
(livestream only on Christmas night) ~ 7 p.m.

Sundays of Advent December 1, December 8, 15, & 18  
4 p.m. (Sat. vigil), 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11 a.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available during these times:

Saturdays of Advent at 2:00pm - Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Dec. 14, Dec. 21

Additional days and times: Wed., Dec. 4, 9-10 a.m.; Tues. Dec. 10, 1-2 p.m.

Fri., Dec 13, 3-4 p.m., Mon., Dec. 16, 6-7 p.m., Wed., Dec. 18, 2-3 p.m.

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Casa Creche Festival Sat. & Sun., Dec. 14 & 15  
*View a fantastic collection of nativity sets from around the world!*

“Buon Natale Greccio” Saturday, Dec. 14 ~ 7 p.m. & Sunday, Dec. 15 ~ 1:30pm  
*An Advent and Christmas concert of music and stories about St. Francis of Assisi  
and his first portrayal of the nativity of Jesus. Featuring new music this year from the Canticle of Joy!*

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mon., December 9 ~ 8 a.m.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Thurs. December 12 ~ 8 a.m.  
Outdoors at the Guadalupe Shrine

## CHRISTMAS SEASON

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Christmas Eve 4 p.m. outside in Palm Court, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.  
in the church

Christmas Day 10 a.m. - in the church

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Wednesday, January 1  
5 p.m. (Tues. vigil), 11 a.m. Wednesday morning

The Epiphany of the Lord Sunday, January 5  
4 p.m. (Sat. vigil), 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11 a.m.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Sunday, January 12  
4 p.m. (Sat. vigil), 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11 a.m.

## ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

### FAIR TRADE SALE

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> ~ after the morning masses

*Find “fair-trade” chocolate, coffee, totes, reusable FRC water bottles, ornaments, stocking stuffers, honey, and more. Fair trade gifts are gifts that give back. Fair trade: every purchase matters.*

### FAITH SHARING

Franciscan Advent Conversations

with Padre Pio: Humility. Simplicity. Charity.

Mondays, December 9 and December 16. 6:30 to 8 pm,

Fee is \$10. Register on the FRC portal [frc.retreatportal.com/events/](https://frc.retreatportal.com/events/)

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Hunger Action Service:

Sign up on FIA LinkTree <https://linktr.ee/socialconcerns>

- Mon., Dec. 2, St Vincent de Paul plating meals - 8:45-11:30 am
- Wed., Dec. 11, Desert Mission Food Bank- 8:45-11:00 am

Casa Habitat Ministry: Informational flyer on FIA LinkTree

- 12/7/24 – Drywalling, etc.

Send your questions via Email: [thecasaohabitat@thecasa.org](mailto:thecasaohabitat@thecasa.org)

Advent Blanket Collection for André House

- December 14 and 15 after all Masses.
- December 21 and 22 after all Masses.

Volunteers are needed. Help collect the blankets, count the blankets, drive the blankets to André House, etc.

Want to volunteer? Have questions? Please email: [vjaimes@thecasa.org](mailto:vjaimes@thecasa.org).



YOU ARE INVITED TO:

# ***BUON NATALE, GRECCIO!***

St. Francis of Assisi celebrates Christmas in a “new way”!

A play written and directed by Norbert Zwickl

With music from

## ***CANTICLE of JOY!***

Written by Joseph M. Martin

presented by the Casa Choir and Musicians

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 at 7 pm**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 at 1:30 pm**



**CENTENARY  
800**

While you're here,  
be sure to visit our

**5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**

**CRECHE FESTIVAL**

featuring over 200 nativity scenes  
from different cultures around the world.

This is part of our celebration of  
800 years of Franciscan History.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 10 am to 9:30 pm**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 8:30 am to 4 pm**



Franciscan Renewal Center  
Peace. Renewal. Good.

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All are welcome.

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# FIFTH ANNUAL CRÈCHE FESTIVAL

*At the Franciscan Renewal Center*

December 14-15, 2024

The Crèche Festival is back for its fifth year! The Festival began its humble beginnings in 2018, with 20 crèches (nativity scenes) brought in by members of the Casa Choir and the Friars. The Festival has grown to fill the Virginia G. Piper Community Life Center with over 300 crèches on loan from members of The Casa's Faith Community. Last year, the Festival highlighted the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Francis and Christmas at Greccio. Francis, who dedicated his life to following in the footsteps of Christ, created a living nativity to celebrate Christ's birth in "a new way." Francis visualized that first crèche with an ox, an ass, and hay. People from the region were invited to come and see the humility of our Savior's birth.

We are grateful for the continued growth of the festival  
as we focus on the hope and joy of the Incarnation.

## CRÈCHE FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Open 10:00 a.m.-6:45 p.m. in the Community Life Center

Buon Natale Greccio-7:00 p.m. in the church

This show is about St. Francis and Christmas at Greccio. It features the Casa Choir and musicians, with new music this year from "Canticle of Joy."

The festival will close during the performance and re-open after the show until 9:30pm.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Open 8:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. in the Community Life Center

Buon Natale Greccio-1:30 p.m. in the church

The festival will close during the performance and re-open after the show until 4:00pm.