

September 29, 2024

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

RENEWAL

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PASTORAL REFLECTION



Dear Holy People of God,
This Sunday's reading from the Book of Numbers reminds us of our Baptism, as Moses expresses his desire for the Spirit of God to be bestowed upon all people, that they may all become prophets.

Baptism is not just a ritual cleansing but a transformative grace that immerses us into the death and resurrection of Christ. Through baptism, we are united with Jesus in a way that allows us to share in His threefold office as priest, prophet, and king. The prophetic dimension, in particular, is an invitation to listen, speak, and act in harmony with God's will, just as Jesus did during His earthly ministry.

To be a prophet means to be attuned to the voice of God, to discern His presence in the world, and to convey His message of truth, justice, and love. It calls us to a deep intimacy with the Holy Spirit, who equips us with wisdom, courage, and compassion. In baptism, the Spirit of God descends upon us and empowers us to be God's witnesses.

As baptized Catholics, we carry the mantle of prophets, tasked with the joyous and challenging work of making God's kingdom visible on earth. Our baptismal call propels us into the world to be living testimonies of God's enduring love and mercy. We are called to speak against injustice, to comfort the afflicted, to be bearers of hope in a world that often feels hopeless.

You are sent. Go in peace!

Father Vincent Nguyen, OFM, Vice-Rector

The Conventual Church of **OUR LADY of the ANGELS**

at the Franciscan Renewal Center

Sunday Mass	Saturday	4:00 pm
	Sunday	7:30 am; 9:15 am; 11:00 am
Daily Mass	Monday – Friday	8:00 am
<i>Sat. 4 pm, Sun. 9:15 am, and Monday – Friday Daily Mass also available on YouTube.com/theCasaFRC</i>		
Taizé Prayer	2nd & 4th Wednesday	7:00 pm
Reconciliation	Saturday	2:00 - 3:00 pm
Guest Services	Sun. – Sat.	6:00 am - 7:30 pm
Adoration	1st Friday	6:00 pm
Bookstore	Sun.	8:00 am - 1:00 pm
	Mon. & Tue.	Closed
	Wed. & Thu.	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
	Fri.	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
	Sat.	11:00 am - 5:30 pm

Please see pg. 10 for this week's Mass Intentions.
For weekly readings, visit bible.usccb.org/.

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The Feast of Saint Francis
celebrated next weekend
October 5 and 6, 2024
at all the Masses

The founder of the Franciscan Order and patron saint of the Franciscan Renewal Center

As we have come to know, Saint Francis of Assisi was a man with keen vision, exquisite sensitivity, a great heart, and a deep conviction of eternal values. Certainly he was someone deserving of a great celebration of his gift to the world. Please come and join with the friars and the Casa community to celebrate his life and inspiration! Even though his Feast day is October 4, we will celebrate at all the Masses next weekend.

“The Transitus”

The memorial of the passing of St. Francis
Celebrated on Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 7 pm.

Each year on October 3, we commemorate the passage (the transition, or the 'transitus') of St. Francis of Assisi from earthly life to everlasting life. Francis died in the evening just as the brothers were singing. The "Transitus" uniquely celebrates our Franciscan identity by rooting ourselves in the historical foundations of the *brotherhood*. Saint Francis is rumored to have had a “sweet tooth”...his friend, Lady Jacoba, used to bake almond cookies for him. She brought them the night he died. To celebrate that sweet memory, we will have a dessert potluck by the Casa poolside after the Transitus service. All are invited to bring something sweet to share!



QUARANTA GIORNI
SUL MONTE LA VERNA
FORTY DAYS ON MOUNT LA VERNA

Two performances
Saturday, September 28, 2024 • 7 pm
Sunday, September 29, 2024 • 2 pm

800 years ago, St. Francis spent 40 days praying and fasting on a remote and rugged Italian mountain called La Verna. One afternoon while in deep prayer, he had an extraordinary mystical vision and following that encounter, his companions began to notice marks on his hands, feet, and side resembling the wounds of Christ. The musical event QUARANTA GIORNI explores the stories that led Francis to La Verna in the first place, and the legends of what happened on the mountain, as well as what followed that transformative experience.

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*Opportunities to
“Go Make a Difference in the World!”*

**One-Day to Multiple-Day Trips
Domestic & International
For All Ages — Teens and Up
Centered on Solidarity**

**Information Meeting
Sunday, October 13
10:30 am in Piper Hall**

**Contact:
fred@thecasa.org or victor@thecasa.org**



Crochet & Knitting Ministry

**Join us for our first
meeting of the season!**

Wrapped in Love Gathering

**Sunday, October 6 at 12:30 pm
In the Family Faith Capistrano room**

Learn to Knit and Crochet with us!

We're having a pattern roundup!

We will have copies of our favorite patterns to share. You can bring copies of your own as well. Plus, there will be “works in progress” show and tell.

For more information sign up for our emails, or email cheryl@thecasa.org.



Visit our online Faith Formation portal: casafaithformation.org

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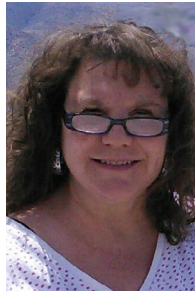
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DISCOVER THE VISION

A one-hour introduction to the Casa's mission and ministries.

Thursdays

October 3 11:00 am

November 7 11:00 am

December 5 11:00 am

Reserve Your Spot Today

online: thecasa.org/discover-the-vision

phone: 480.355.5631

email: rsvp@thecasa.org

Franciscan Renewal Center

BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, October 6

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Bloodmobile in Parking Lot



To schedule an appointment, scan the QR code, visit vitalant.org (Blood Drive Code: franciscan). For questions contact Vitalant at 877-258-4825.

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Cafe Justo Coffee is available (again) after Mass



**Saturday & Sunday,
October 12 – 13**
Sold after all Masses

Café Justo coffee will be sold again once-a-month in the Hospitality Tabling area! Try our delicious, fair-trade, organic, shade-grown, recently roasted (fresh) coffee. The cost of the coffee is \$10 per one-pound bag. Your purchase helps families in the Cafe Justo Farmers' and Roasters' Cooperative continue to work their ancestral lands and support and educate their extended families.

Anytime: Find the most popular varieties of Café Justo available at these two venues on campus:

- The *Books and Blessings* Gift Shop
- The FRC Lobby *Guest Services Desk*.

We need you!

To join this ministry and become part of the after-Mass selling team, contact casagrounds@thecasa.org.



Just Scripture
Virtual Conversation
Saturday, Oct. 12, 10 – 11:30 am

We consider biblical issues of justice and mercy that impact our world today and talk about how the Sunday readings connect with daily life. Discussed from a perspective of Franciscan values, *Just Scripture (JS)* occurs on Zoom on the second Saturday of each month, **10 – 11:30 am**.

To register, please visit the *FIA LinkTree*. The session is free. No previous study of Scripture is needed. Contact Kathleen Garast kgarast@aol.com for the JS readings that will be discussed.

All are welcome.

Casa Fall Food Drive
October 13

After All Sunday Masses



Please donate shelf stable, non-perishable items for *St. Vincent de Paul*. Drop off will be in the East and West Parking Lots.

Hold your own *Mini Food Drive* with family, friends, neighbors. Information here: tr.ee/4hC7sdjtcV

Download the *Food Drive Flyer* for details and a list of acceptable donations. tr.ee/dhcX1xn3-A

Hunger Action Service Project(s):

Sign-up for Service Opportunities on FIA LinkTree



- **October 7 – St. Vincent de Paul** (plating meals)
- **October 16 – Desert Mission Food Bank**

Email hungeraction@thecasa.org for additional information. Join us at our service projects, every month, with these organizations.

Creation Connection Movie Night
Will Trees Save Our Planet?



Register Now at frc.retreatportal.com

Friday, October 25

6 – 9 pm | Fee: \$15

Featuring two (2) short films: *Trees Will Save Our Planet* and *The Redwood Saga*. We will close the event with small group discussion and action plans.

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For volunteer opportunities and FIA events, visit: linktr.ee/socialconcerns

COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Did you know that at the Casa, the staff and volunteers are intentional about exploring and embodying our Franciscan culture and values? We call this Mission Integration. At our core, we understand our purpose to be one of imitating God's all inclusive, extravagant love for each individual person by caring for their physical, emotional, spiritual, and intellectual needs on their life's journey. Each year, we set a plan of action to further our understanding of our Franciscan culture and ensure that we are living it out in our daily actions. In addition, the wider Casa community connects with these initiatives when participating in Mass and programs. Below are some of this year's endeavors.

- At staff meetings we explored our Franciscan principles and stated where we saw them in practice on the campus. We also shared stories of SS. Francis and Clare to better understand the leaders of the Franciscan Movement.
- FRC board members attended a Provincial orientation and FRC retreat led by Franciscans.
- New volunteers were given an overview of our Franciscan values.
- The adult education department ensured that we had a large selection of retreats, workshops, and Sunday Fast Talk Theology sessions with a Franciscan theme.
- The staff continued to implement environmental and social actions in response to Pope Francis' call to care for our common home.

As a Franciscan organization, we encourage all to continue exploring our Franciscan heritage, spirituality and culture, in order to live it out in a world that needs our vision.

— Patti Sills-Trausch, Mission Integration

Therapy, Support, and Counseling Ministry (TSCM) thecasa.org/tscm

One-on-One Therapy for 18+
Available by appointment.

Grief and Loss Support Group
Second Wednesday of Month | 5:30 – 7 pm
Facilitator: Joyce Brimhall, LCSW

Donations are suggested. No one is turned away for lack of funds.

For an immediate crisis, please call 911 or the Maricopa County Crisis Line at 602.222.9444.

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Mass Offerings

9.15.24 \$17,421

9.17.23 \$16,493

Mass Attendance

9.15.24 1,185

9.17.23 1,059



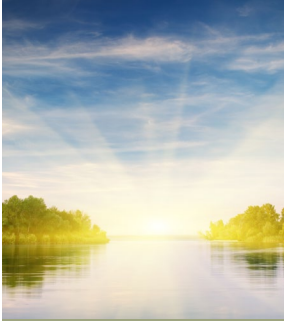
Franciscan School of Theology
at the UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

THE FRANCISCAN VISION LECTURE SERIES

Sunday, October 13, 9 – 10:30 am | Auditorium
"A Franciscan Vision of Prayer" with Sr. Juliet Mousseau, RSCJ

For more information and a listing of future programs, visit:
frc.retreatportal.com

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RETREAT

Broken and Blessed Retreat for Suicide Loss Survivors

October 4 – 6, Friday – Sunday

Marianne Gouveia and Greg Eckerman

The Broken and Blessed Retreat will help those bereaved by suicide reconcile and process their pain, understand their feelings of powerlessness, and find comfort in God's mercy.

Fee, incl. meals: \$250 single room; \$135 commuter. Register: frc.retreatportal.com



COURSE

Compassionate Communication: Core Concepts and Practices

Thursdays: October 10 – November 7 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Christine Dove, MSW

You will learn the 4-step process that promotes more connection in our everyday lives. You will learn how to use it when you or another is angry and/or overwhelmed.

Fee: \$100 per person for all five sessions. Register: frc.retreatportal.com



RETREAT

St. Francis and St. Clare: Then and Now

October 11 – 13, Friday – Sunday

Fr. Page E. Polk, OFM

What can we learn from St. Francis and St. Clare, who have influenced the world for over 800 years? In this retreat, some of the writings of these two saints will be explored.

Fee, incl meals: \$300 single room; \$150 commuter. Register: frc.retreatportal.com



RETREAT

St. Bonaventure's Journey Into God

October 31 – November 8

Fr. André Cirino, OFM & Josef Raischl, OFS

This 8-day retreat opens with a presentation on the life of St. Bonaventure to provide context for reflection on his work. 2024 is the last year planned for this amazing retreat.

Fee, incl meals: \$1,250 single room; \$950 double room per person; \$800 commuter.



RETREAT

Your Spiritual Legacy

November 8 – 10, Friday – Sunday

Mary Dunn and Alanna Mack

Deep in your soul is the story that wants to be told. In our weekend of guided reflections, we will help you open yourself to that story and discover the treasure that lies within.

Fee, incl. meals: \$300 single room; \$150 commuter. Register: frc.retreatportal.com

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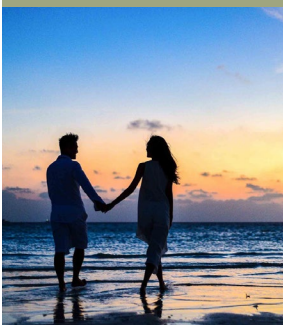
In Search of Boundless Compassion

November 15 – 17, Friday – Sunday

Ruth Baker and Karia Lee Basta

Gift yourself by spending a weekend walking through the portal of Boundless Compassion using Joyce Rupp's insights as a guide.

Fee, incl. meals: \$300 single room; \$150 commuter. Register: frc.retreatportal.com



RETREAT

Marriage: It's Not for the Faint of Heart

November 22 – 24, Friday – Sunday

Erica Tatum-Sheade, LCSW and Ryan Sheade, LCSW

Join married therapists Ryan and Erica for a three-day retreat designed to help strengthen communication, respect, intimacy, and understanding in your marriage.

Fee pp, incl. meals: \$175 double; \$150 commuter. Register: frc.retreatportal.com



RETREAT

Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 11 – 13, Wednesday – Friday

Arasely Rios

Find a new devotion to Jesus through Mary. This retreat shares the miracle of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Fee, incl. meals: \$325 single room; \$175 commuter. Register: frc.retreatportal.com



ICONOGRAPHY RETREAT

A Brush with God

December 12 – 15, Thursday – Sunday

Peter Pearson, MDiv, ThD

Saint Lucy, whose name literally means "light," is one of the early martyrs of the Church of Rome. We will walk through the process of creating our own Saint Lucy icons.

Fee, incl. meals: \$600 single room; \$400 commuter. Register: frc.retreatportal.com



RETREAT

Befriending Our Belovedness

Saturday, February 15 | 9 am – 4 pm

Diane Millis, Ph.D

It's easy to forget who we are and who we were created to be. This retreat is designed for all those who are seeking to claim their identity as God's beloved.

Fee, incl. lunch: \$100 per person. Register: frc.retreatportal.com

To see all of our upcoming programs and to register, visit frc.retreatportal.com. Registrations can also be made by visiting or calling our Guest Services Desk, or by emailing lora@thecasa.org.



An Invitation to Spiritual Growth

Our Spiritual Direction Ministry offers one-on-one listening and support for finding God in our lives and deepening that relationship.

Spiritual direction or companionship is not counseling, it is holy listening and discernment

of God's voice in our lives. To set up an appointment with one of our directors, contact Cathy Olds, Coordinator of the Spiritual Direction Ministry, at spiritualdirection@thecasa.org

Faith Sharing Groups at the Casa

Centering Prayer meets Wednesdays at 8:45 am in the Meditation Chapel. SpiritualDirection@thecasa.org

Contemplation in the Desert gathers in the Healing Garden on Mondays at 7 am. CareforCreation@thecasa.org

Cornerstone Contemplative Meditation meets Wednesdays, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, in the Spiritual Direction room between the Guadalupe and Tekakwitha conference rooms.

Interfaith Healing Prayer Group meets Fridays following 8 am Mass in the back of the church. Send prayer requests to HealingPrayers@thecasa.org.

Men in Spirit. Christian men meet on the first Saturday of the month at 8 am for breakfast in the dining room, followed by discussion. Zoom available. MeninSpirit@thecasa.org

Rosary Group meets Tuesdays at 6 pm in the Meditation Chapel and on Zoom. Requests for meeting information, Zoom link, and prayer intentions, contact: Rosary@thecasa.org.

The Order of Secular Franciscans (OFS) Peace Fraternity meets on the second Sunday of the month. This Canonical Order of the Catholic Church is open to lay Catholics. Contact: John Elder, OFS, at johnelder@gmail.com or 480.580.7750.

Mass Intentions September 29 – October 5, 2024

Sunday	
<i>Rachel Muha + RTR Center</i>	7:30 am
<i>Albert Savage</i>	9:15 am
<i>Theresa Gilewski</i>	11:00 am
Monday	
<i>Olivia Chornopysky</i>	8:00 am
Tuesday	
<i>Gary F. Kovarik</i>	8:00 am
Wednesday	
<i>David Paul Peters</i>	8:00 am
Thursday	
<i>Theresa Kontos</i>	8:00 am
Friday	
<i>Francisco Valdivieso</i>	8:00 am
Saturday	
<i>Irma Rios</i>	4:00 pm

The intentions listed here will be the intentions of the priest and will not be announced to the gathered assembly.

About the Franciscan Renewal Center

The Franciscan Renewal Center (“the Casa”) is a place for spiritual growth, healing, and community that is open to everyone, regardless of faith. Activities at the Casa include:

- Weekday (Mon. – Fri.) and Weekend Masses at Our Lady of the Angels Church
- Meetings and conferences for religious and nonprofit groups
- Therapy, counseling, and support groups
- Education, retreats, and events
- Family faith formation and Young Adult ministry
- Volunteer ministries, including those in service of the poor and vulnerable
- Spiritual direction

The Franciscan Renewal Center was founded as a Catholic retreat, called Casa de Paz y Bien (the Casa), by the Order of Friars Minor in 1951. It remains an active religious community that seeks to follow in the footsteps of Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi. The Casa works cooperatively with the Diocese of Phoenix.



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