January 19, 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

RENEWAL

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PASTORAL REFLECTION



Dear Holy People of God,

We are entering The Jubilee Year of Hope. It invites us to reimagine the meaning of restoration and renewal through the lens of God's steadfast love and transformative power. The first reading this Sunday paints a vivid picture of God's commitment

to His people: "For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch."

We often associate black with grief and sorrow. It is the color worn at funerals, signaling loss and finality. But with the spiritual symbolism, black is the color of *hope*. Psalm 130 captures this truth beautifully: "Like a watchman wait for the morning, let Israel hope in the Lord." A watchman sits in the deep blackness of the night, waiting expectantly for dawn to break. The blackness of night, though heavy and obscure, carries within it the promise of light. Similarly, in life's darkest seasons, hope begins to stir.

When I created an icon of a saint, starting with a black background. The face, at first veiled in shadow, slowly came to life as I added colors, tones, and highlights. This process became a powerful symbol of hope. From the black—the seeming void—emerged beauty, depth, and radiance. The black was not erased but transformed, becoming the foundation for something luminous.

Let us, therefore, embrace the "black" moments of life with *hope*. Let them remind us of the dawn that always follows night and our God who is tirelessly working to make all things new.

Let us hope in our God!

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

11:00 am - 5:30 pm

Daily Mass Monday - Friday 8:00 am

Sat. 4 pm, Sun. 9:15 am, and Monday – Friday Daily Mass also available on YouTube.com/theCasaFRC

Taizé Prayer 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7:00 pm Reconciliation **Saturday** 2:00 - 3:00 pm Visit the website for additional times in Advent **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. & Tu Closed Wed. & Thu. 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Fri. 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

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

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Tremble Clefs Choir Concert Sunday, January 19 ~ 2 pm

Don't miss this special 90-minute performance featuring singers from across the Phoenix area! The Tremble Clefs Arizona choir, made up of participants with Parkinson's disease, is part of a unique music therapy program. This clinically beneficial program offers vocal and movement exercises that encourage new learning and provide supportive challenges in a welcoming environment. It's an inspiring and heartwarming experience you won't want to miss!

More information about the Tremble Clefs can be found on their website: trembleclefsarizona.org

Welcome to the peaceful, nurturing space of Ordinary Time ...

Today is the second Sunday in Ordinary Time! "Ordinary Time" refers to the numbered weeks of the year, and while it's not a season like Advent or Lent, it has a rhythm of its own. It typically lasts 33 or 34 weeks, depending on when Easter falls and any special feast days that might fall on Sundays. This time of year includes the days between the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and Ash Wednesday, and right after the Baptism of the Lord, we begin the First Week in Ordinary Time, making today the Second Sunday.

The flow of the liturgical seasons mirrors the rhythm of life — a mix of celebrations and quieter seasons of growth. To deepen our spiritual lives and grow in faith, we need to step away from the peaks of Christmas and Easter and spend time in the peaceful, nurturing space of Ordinary Time.

Prayer on the Occasion of the Inauguration

This prayer, from the U.S. edition of the Book of Blessings (no. 1965), is an adaptation of the prayer for the Church and for civil authorities which was composed by Archbishop John Carroll for use on the occasion of the inauguration of George Washington in 1789.

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed your glory to all nations. God of power and might, wisdom and justice, through you authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment is decreed.

Assist with your spirit of counsel and fortitude the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides. May he encourage due respect for virtue and religion. May he execute the laws with justice and mercy. May he seek to restrain crime, vice, and immorality.

Let the light of your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government.

May they seek to preserve peace, promote national happiness, and continue to bring us the blessings of liberty and equality.

We pray for the governor of this state, for the members of the legislature, for judges, elected civil officials, and all others who are entrusted to guard our political welfare. May they be enabled, by your powerful protection, to discharge their duties with honesty and ability.

We likewise commend to your unbounded mercy all citizens of the United States, that we be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your holy law.

May we be preserved in union and that peace which the world cannot give; and, after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

We pray to you, who are Lord and God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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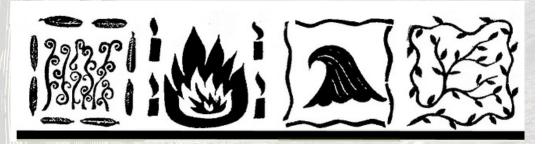
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FAITH FORMATION





The 4 Elements Retreat

- A Day Hike Retreat
- Led by a team of young adult & adult community members
- Witness Talks
- Small Group Discussion
- Prayer







DISCOVER THE VISION

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

1st Thursdays of the Month

Upcoming dates:

February 6 11:00 am

March 6 11:00 am

Reserve Your Spot Today

online: thecasa.org/ discover-the-vision

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To register and view all upcoming tour dates, please visit: thecasa.org/art-docent-tours.

To request a private tour, email churchtours@thecasa.org

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Gardening Sustainably in the Desert

Topic:
Desert Gardening
for Pollinators



Saturday, February 22 9 am – 12 pm Fee: \$15

What pollinators exist in the Sonoran Desert? Want to add color to your garden to attract these critters? Learn about insecticides, herbicides, and invasive plant species that harm our pollinators.

Lunch will be provided at the event.

Register Now on frc.retreatportal.com

Questions? Email Care for Creation at: careforcreation@thecasa.org

Café Justo All-Sellers Meeting

Casa Grounds for Solidarity Ministry Meeting



Wednesday, January 22

On January 22, the Casa Grounds for Solidarity Ministry Sellers Team is meeting to discuss plans for the new year. This would be an opportunity for prospective volunteers to learn behind-thescenes how Café Justo sales are coordinated and to also get an overview of Cafe Justo cooperative.

This meeting is invitation-only. If you are *seriously* interested in volunteering with the Casa Grounds ministry, please email <u>casagrounds@thecasa.org</u> to receive an invitation to this meeting.



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

COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Praise be to God! With heartfelt joy and profound gratitude, I am delighted to share that, through your faith and generosity, we have not only met but exceeded our Annual Appeal goal. **Together, we raised an incredible \$659,486!** This remarkable achievement is a true testament to the Holy Spirit alive and at work within our Casa community. Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication.

Your generosity is more than financial support—it is an act of love, a reflection of Christ's call to care for one another. Because of you, the mission of the Casa will flourish in the year ahead. Our

church will continue to be a place of worship and sacramental grace. Our ministries will serve those in need with greater reach. Our retreats will provide opportunities for spiritual renewal. And our sacred grounds will remain a sanctuary of peace for all who enter.

This extraordinary accomplishment is a witness to the power of a community united in faith. Your gifts are an offering to God, a sign of your commitment to His work here at the Casa. In your giving, you are sharing the light of Christ with others and helping to build His Kingdom here on earth.

Thank you for your unwavering faith and trust in this mission. Together, as one Body in Christ, we are bringing hope, healing, and renewal to a world that so desperately needs it. May our loving God continue to bless you abundantly for your love and devotion.

—In gratitude and faith, Christopher Meyer, Development Director

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.

Ryan Sheade, LCSW, Director of Therapy, Support and Counseling Ministry. **counseling@thecasa.org**



Sunday, February 9, 9 – 10:30 am | Auditorium "The Franciscan Vision of Synodality: Encounter and Conversion" with Keith Warner, OFM

Special Diocesan collection for the "Gospel of Life" appeal

This weekend, we are participating in the diocesan Gospel of Life appeal. Donations help support the Church's mission to uphold the right to life for all people, from conception to natural death.

As is our custom, we have only one collection during the Mass. Please place your envelope in the basket along with your regular offering. Additional envelopes are available in the narthex or at the front desk. To donate online, visit thecasa.org/donate and click the "special collections" button in the lower right corner.

Ryan Sheade, LCSW, Director of Therapy, Support, and Counseling email: counseling@thecasa.org phone: 480.948.7460, ext. 134

EDUCATION, RETREATS, AND EVENTS — Pre-registration required.



WORKSHOP SERIES

Protecting Our Own Well Being in Challenging Times Saturdays: Feb 8, Mar 8, Apr 5, May 3, Jun 7 | 9 am – Noon

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Registration Details: frc.retreatportal.com



RETREAT

Befriending Our Belovedness Saturday, February 15 | 9 am – 4 pm

Diane Millis, PhD

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



MEET THE AUTHOR

Bartimaeus, the Blind Beggar of Jericho Thursday, February 27 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm

George Sabol, OFS

Meet the author and learn about this fascinating new novel! The author will provide a biblical and historical basis of the novel and answer readers' questions.

Fee: \$10 per person. Register: frc.retreatportal.com



WORKSHOP

Introduction to the Enneagram Saturday, March 1 | 9 am - 5 pm

Rev. Andrea Andress

Explore the Enneagram, a tool for understanding motivations behind actions. Enhance self-awareness and personal growth through lectures and group discussions.

Fee, incl. lunch: \$125 per person. Register: frc.retreatportal.com



WORKSHOP

Exploring Scripture with the Enneagram Sunday, March 2 | 1 - 5 pm

Rev. Andrea Andress

Connecting with God through Scripture is a great place to start. The Enneagram is an exceptional tool for gaining insight from reading the Bible.

Fee, incl. lunch: \$75 per person. Register: frc.retreatportal.com

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

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PRESENTATION

The Holy Spirit and the Body of Christ Tuesday, March 25 | Morning and Evening Presentations

Fr. Steven McMichael, OFM, Conv

We will focus on the role of the Holy Spirit in the Eucharist theology of Francis and the importance of the Eucharist in the context of thirteenth-century Italy.

Fee, incl. lunch: \$20 Register: frc.retreatportal.com



PRESENTATION

Greccio and LaVerna

Wednesday, March 26 Morning and Evening Presentations

Fr. Steven McMichael, OFM, Conv

This presentation focuses on the last years of the life of Saint Francis in which Francis celebrated Christmas and the Easter Triduum in a unique way.

Fee, incl. lunch: \$20 Register: frc.retreatportal.com



PRESENTATION

Searching for Common Ground Thursday, March 27 | Morning and Evening Presentations

Fr. Steven McMichael, OFM, Conv

This presentation highlights the similarities and differences between Christians and Muslims regarding the prophets in the history of salvation and revelation.

Fee, incl. lunch: \$20 Register: frc.retreatportal.com



RETREAT

If Only...Making Peace with Our Past to Heal Our Present March 28 – 30, Friday – Sunday

Fr. Charles Wehrley, C.Ss.R.

This retreat will teach us how to fully grieve losses from past mistakes instead of simply replaying them and remaining stuck in regret.

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



RETREAT

Living Into the Truth of God's Extravagant Love April 25 – 27, Friday – Sunday

Roger L. Parks, Psy.D

Join this contemplative retreat to realign your view of God with His true nature. Engage in meditation, prayer, and reflection for a more loving, biblical perspective.

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

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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. To set up an appointment with one of our directors, contact Cathy Olds, Coordinator of the Spiritual

Direction Ministry, at spiritualdirection@thecasa.org

Singles 40 Plus Event Friday, February 7 | 6:30–8 pm

The new Singles40plus group invites widows, widowers, and divorced individuals aged 40 and older to a Potluck Dinner in the Serra Room. Come meet others and enjoy a warm evening of food and fellowship! Organized by Chair Paddy Rasmussen and Co-Chair Bob Hudson. Please RSVP to singles40plus@thecasa.org and let us know if you have any food allergies. We hope to see you there!

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 11 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 **johncelder@gmail.com** or 480.580.7750.

Mass Intentions January 19 – 25, 2025

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| Padraic & Danica O'Rourke | 7:30 am |
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| Celia Nabor | 9:15 am |
| Jan Hoeschler | 11:00 am |

Monday

Virginia Milbert 8:00 am

Tuesday

Jack Carlson 8:00 am

Wednesday

Jan Hoeschler 8:00 am

Thursday

Mary McQuire Winsor 8:00 am

Friday

Kathleen Miller 8:00 am

Saturday

Tom Sadowski 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 is a place for spiritual growth, healing, and community that is open to everyone, regardless of faith. Activities 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 (the Casa) was founded in 1951 by the Order of Friars Minor as a Catholic retreat, called *Casa de Paz y Bien*. 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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