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PASTORAL REFLECTION



Generosity is a virtue. Who has been generous to you and me? To whom have we been generous?

Elijah (1 Kings 17:10-16) is on a journey. He receives a command from the Lord to go to Zarephath. Elijah encounters a widow and requests water and bread. The

widow is hesitant to fulfill the prophet's request as she has few supplies and is afraid she will not be able to take care of her son and herself.

The prophet invites her to not be afraid. After she does fulfill the prophet's request, there is enough flour and oil for herself and her son for an entire year.

Generosity given; generosity returned.

When have you and I been afraid to be generous? When have we hoarded and not shared?

In Mark's Gospel story (Mk.12:41-44), we encounter another woman. She is generous in her offering to the treasury in the temple. She gave not out of excess but her poverty. She was generous beyond her means—an example of sacrificial giving and generosity.

How has God, through the love of His Son, been generous to us? Jesus came in the generous poverty and humility of the Incarnation to bring us the gift of our salvation. (Hebrews 9: 24-28)

If we were to write down some of the generous gifts that have come from God and others, what would be on our list? How have we been blessed? How have we tried to be a blessing to others? How have we been generous with our time, talent, and treasure? Who have been examples of generosity in our lives? How do we share generosity with others?

Generosity is a virtue.

In. Page & Poll, Afm

Fr. Page E. Polk, OFM Rector

The Conventual Church of OUR LADY of the ANGELS

	at the Frar	iciscan Renewal Cente	er
Sunday Mass	Saturday	,	4:00 pm
	Sunday	7:30 am; 9:15 am;	11:00 am
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 Wedn	esday 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. Mon. & Tue.	8:00 am - 1:00 pm Closed
	Wed. & Thu. Fri.	10:00 am - 2:00 pm 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 <u>bible.usccb.org/</u>.

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November... and the "Book of Life"

November is customarily a month for remembering those who have died. In November, the natural world starts to move toward winter, and night's darkness comes earlier each day.

During the month of November, you will find our "Book of Life" by the statue of Sts. Francis and Clare, near the Sister Death window. You are invited to inscribe the names of all of your loved ones who have died. We will remember all the names of the people inscribed in this book in our prayers at all the Masses throughout the month of November.

The 5th Annual Casa Creche Festival

December 14–15

Do you have a special nativity set that you'd like to share?

To loan your nativity set for this special event, or be involved in the festival, please email us at

You might want to help set up the displays or be a host for the event, which is open to the public. Christmas is such an important part of the Franciscan story. Let us know how you'd like to

Thanksgiving Day Mass November 28 at 10 am.

For what we have received from God's bounty, we return to the Lord with gratitude! Join in this festive liturgy where the community gives thanks together.

We invite you to bring food for the poor to Mass on this day. This invitation is always open. But on this day, even though the food will not reach the needy in time for Thanksgiving dinner, it will visibly connect this holiday to our service of the poor and can help to replenish the shelves of local food distribution programs after Thanksgiving. Many people bring canned or dry food to Mass for the poor each week—thank you for faithfully and generously remembering our poor brother and sisters in this way!

"Taizé Prayer Around the Cross" 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7 pm.

Join us this Wednesday, November 13

"Taizé prayer" consists of short sung chants, Scripture readings, and periods of silence which give the service a meditative character. The service typically lasts about 35–40 minutes.



Director of Liturgy & Music Assistant Director of Liturgy & Music Executive Assistant to the Liturgy Office

be a part of this fun and unique event.

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Casa Youth Ministry Introduces....

THE ANTIOCH RETREAT Sunday, January 12

Open to All 10th – 12th Graders

Led by a team of youth community members 9 am – 9 pm on Casa Grounds

Contact Vincenzo Torsiello for more details vincenzo@thecasa.org



Visit our online Faith Formation portal: casafaithformation.org

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The Conventual Church of OUR LADY of the ANGELS at the Franciscan Renewal Center

Mass Offerings 10.27.24 \$20,164 10.29.23 \$17,658 Mass Attendance 10.27.24 1,321 10.29.23 2,312



DISCOVER THE VISION

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

Upcoming dates:

December 5	11:00 am	

January 2 11:00 am

Reserve Your Spot Today

online: thecasa.org/ discover-the-vision

phone: 480.355.5631

email: <u>rsvp@thecasa.org</u>

Director of Development Development Manager

ART DOCENT TOURS

"Treasures of Franciscan Art"

Through its commissioned art and architecture, the Conventual Church of Our Lady of the Angels tells the story of Christ through a Franciscan lens. There's so much to discover in its symbolism, natural building materials, and liturgical art glass!

Please visit <u>thecasa.org/art-docent-tours</u> for dates and registration. To request a private tour, email <u>churchtours@thecasa.org</u>

Books and Blessings Gift Shop

Featured Author: George Sabol

Sunday, November 17 after Sunday Masses

Books and Blessings is hosting their featured author event for George Sabol's new novel, "Bartimaeus, the Blind Beggar of Jericho." Proceeds from this event's book sales will go toward supporting the Guaymas Mission.

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FAITH FORMATION — FAITH IN ACTION MINISTRIES— Visit: linktr.ee/socialconcerns

Register now for this online (virtual) course



Franciscan Advent Conversations with Padre Pio

Two Monday Evenings in Advent December 9 & 16 | 6:30 – 8 pm | \$10 *Humility. Simplicity. Charity.*

Take time to pause from the "holiday hustle and bustle" and to absorb the beauty of the Advent journey. The sessions include contemplative prayer, Scripture and conversation. This program turns to early 20th century Capuchin Friar and priest *Saint Padre Pio for insight and encouragement.

Register online on at <u>frc.retreatportal.com</u>. You can also register at the Lobby Guest Services Desk. **Registration closes on Sunday, December 8 at 7 pm.** See FIA *LinkTree* for detailed Flyer: <u>https://tr.ee/</u> <u>zAyaijvcl9</u>

*We will be using the 2024 Advent pocket booklet published by Franciscan Media.

Tabling after Mass today

The Casa Habitat for Humanity Ministry



We need community members to help build our 24th Habitat Home.

Stop by our table after Mass this weekend to find out more.

We will build alongside St Patrick's Community. No experience is required to be a Habitat volunteer builder. Contact: <u>thecasahabitat@thecasa.org</u>. Visit FIA LinkTree for ministry flyer/details.

Habitat: Build a House and Change Lives.



Express Your Solidarity

Special Collection on November 23–24 for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)

More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to "break the cycle of poverty" and identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities.

When you support CCHD, you help local communities across the country innovate and work together to solve their own unique challenges.

You are essential to its success. Thank You.

Place your donation in an envelope and mark it CCHD. Bring it to Mass on Sunday November 24. Learn more about the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development* at <u>www.usccb.org/cchd</u>.



Mark your calendars now.

Plan to Shop Fair Trade for Christmas.

Sunday Morning Only December 8

In the Hospitality area after the morning Masses. Find chocolate and coffee and other local crafts (tba). Great holiday and hostess gifts.

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

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COMMUNITY CONNECTION



For over 73 years, **God has blessed the Franciscan Renewal Center** with a mission of spiritual growth, healing and transformation, and service to others. From the friars to the staff and the countless faithful who have come for retreats, church, conferences, or simply for peace, **the Casa has become a place where God's love is felt and shared.**

Directed by your input, we see a vision built on four key pillars: Supporting Our Church, Maintaining Our Grounds, Nurturing Our Retreats, and Strengthening Our Ministries. These pillars ensure that the Casa remains a thriving spiritual home, and we are all invited to participate

in this future, each with our own gifts and talents.

How can you be a steward of God's gifts? Perhaps you feel called to serve as a lector, Eucharistic minister, or sacristan during Mass. Maybe you have a green thumb and would like to help care for the beautiful grounds that provide a peaceful space for so many. Or you might sponsor someone in need of spiritual renewal through one of our retreats.

Your faithful support strengthens our ministries, such as faith formation, social justice efforts, spiritual direction, and counseling. These programs are vital to the heart of the Casa, and we cannot sustain them without you.

This year, our Annual Appeal seeks to raise \$510,000 to maintain and grow these vital services. **Will you now join me making a lasting difference?** Every contribution, no matter the size, continues to serve with love and hope that supports a community where all are welcome. — In Christ's peace, Father Page

Annual Appeal 2024

Lifelong and Ongoing...Serving the Casa Community

Gifts can be made:

Online: <u>thecasa.org/donate</u>

Drop off: The Casa's Guest Services Desk

Mail:Franciscan Renewal Center5802 E. Lincoln Dr., Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

For ACH recurring withdrawals, email <u>lora@thecasa.org.</u> An IRA Required Minimum Distribution can be directed to the Franciscan Renewal Center.

Stock wiring instructions: Please contact Christopher Meyer for current details: <u>christopher@thecasa.org</u> or call **480.355.5634**.

If you would like to speak with someone about your gift, please call

480.355.5634.

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Together We Can.

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



RETREAT

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



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

Grief and Loss

December 13 – 15, Friday – Sunday

Timothy Ringgold, *MT-BC* Experience a supportive setting where you will gain new insights into the grief process and discover ways to heal and move forward from this intense and painful period.

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



RETREAT

New Year's

December 30 – January 1, Monday – Wednesday

Peter Pearson, MDiv, ThD Come away for a bit. Pause, breathe, and reflect. Make this ending/beginning an opportunity to live more intentionally.

Fee, incl. meals: \$300 single room; \$150 commuter. 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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RETREAT — NEW!

Living Into the Truth of God's Extravagant Love January 3 – 5, 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



<mark>CLASS</mark> T'ai Chi Mondays: January 6 – February 10 | 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Jake Zinn

Experience the health benefits of the Centuries-old practices of Qigong and T'ai Chi. These exercises engage the body and mind in slow, fluid movement and full breathing.

Fee: \$60 for six-week session. Register: frc.retreatportal.com



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



WORKSHOP — NEW!

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

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COMMUTER RETREAT — NEW!

St. Francis and the Enneagram May 16 – 17, Friday – Saturday

Steve Spilde

Dive into the Enneagram using stories of St. Francis to explore its nine personality types. Join this retreat for reflection and meaningful discussions for all levels.

Fee: \$140 pp incl. dinner on Friday, lunch on Saturday. Register: frc.retreatportal.com

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An Invitation to **Spiritual Growth**

Spiritual Direction Our 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 holy is 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 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

Just Scripture meets the second Saturday of each month on Zoom, 10 - 11:30 am. To register visit the FIA link tree. Contact Kathleen Garast kgarast@aol.com for readings that will be discussed.

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.



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Mass Intentions

Sunday

November 10 - 16, 2024

Gerry Magner Deni	7:30 am 9:15 am 11:00 am
Monday Carol	8:00 am
Tuesday Mike Slivers	8:00 am
Wednesday Carolynn Lewand	8:00 am
Thursday Gail Fagan	8:00 am
Friday Tom Gunn	8:00 am
Saturday Paul Jones	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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