February 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

RENEWAL





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All are welcome.

PASTORAL REFLECTION



Happy Sunday! Today I'm going to focus on Psalm 103, which reveals a profound message of hope through God's unchanging love and mercy. It begins by calling us to praise the Lord and to remember God's goodness and the innumerable benefits God provides. "Bless the

Lord, O my soul; and all my being bless God's holy name" is a reminder for us of the importance of gratitude, which is a source of hope. In reflecting on our blessings, we are reminded of the steadfastness of God's love.

"God pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills, redeems your life from destruction, and crowns you with kindness and compassion." These verses bring hope because they affirm that God extends his restorative forgiveness to us, making us new again no matter what our past transgressions or mistakes. God's mercy is unending, offering a chance to start over.

"As far as the east is from the west, so far has the Lord put our transgressions from us." God's grace is shown especially in this passage, as we are truly not repaid according to our sins. Instead, our sins are removed from us as far as possible, and we are granted another opportunity to begin anew, free from the weight of guilt.

In Psalm 103 we find hope in God's boundless mercy and forgiveness, and we are once again assured of God's constant love, regardless of our own circumstance.

May the hope found in God's love bless you today and always!

Richard Guerra Assistant Director of Liturgy & Music 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

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 Visit the website for a	2:00 - 3:00 pm additional times in Lent
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
	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 Jubilee Year of Hope official logo

The logo features four figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners

of the earth to embrace each other, symbolizing solidarity and fraternity among all people. The figure at the front holds the cross, not only a sign of faith but also of hope, which remains vital, especially in moments of great need. Beneath the figures are rough waves, symbolizing life's challenges, reminding us that our journey is often not smooth, and that hope is needed to navigate difficult circumstances. The cross is elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In martitime jargon the "anchor of hope" refers to the reserve anchor used by vessles involved in emergency manuvers to stabilize the ship during storms. The image emphasizes that the pilgrim's journey is not an individual one, but a communal effort, leading us closer to the cross. The cross itself bends down toward humanity, stretching out to offer its presence and the security of hope, never leaving us alone in our struggles. At the bottom of the logo is the motto: Pilgrims Of Hope.

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

Join us this Wednesday, February 26

"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.

What do you hope for?

As we celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope — called for by Pope Francis—we are reminded that we're all "pilgrims" on a journey of optimism and faith. The Pope's call invites us to renew our hope in God's promises. It also challenges us to be beacons of hope to others, especially in challenging times. This Jubilee Year offers us a time to reflect on the possibilities that lie ahead and to embrace the light of hope that guides us.

Write down your hopes

You are invited to take a moment to write down something for which you hope—whether it's a personal dream, a vision for the future, or a change you wish to see in the world. We will collect your writings of hope, believing that our shared hope will inspire even more hope in each of us.

Once you've written down your hopes, we invite you to place them into the new receptacle that is standing in the narthex of the church, where they will all be kept throughout this Jubilee Year as a symbol of our shared journey of hope. You'll see the new white pedestal with a clear container on top installed just for this purpose.



Together, let's answer the Pope's call and support one another as pilgrims of hope.



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FAITH FORMATION — GENERATIONAL MINISTRIES





2025 Domestic & International Service-Immersion Programs

Casa Faith Formation (CFF) now offers and promotes service and immersion (S&I) opportunities! These programs are interwoven into all CFF ministries (except Family Ministry). They consist of one-day to multiple-day experiences that cultivate a *spirit of solidarity* among all participants. Invited to participate are community members and all other friends of the Casa: from teenagers on up to senior citizens. Like St. Francis, we believe that all who make up the Church today are sent out in *Mission*.

These programs are centered around:

Eucharist | The Gospel | Franciscan Values | The Mission Work of the Church

Here is the calendar for our upcoming S&I opportunities:

- We are excited to partner with *Here For Kids International* for their international programs! For more information and to register, visit <u>hereforkids.org/service</u>.
- March 13–16: Casa Franciscana Guaymas Pilgrimage
- May 2–4: Building a Culture of Encounter: Border Immersion w/ Frontera de Cristo
 Registration is now live! Deadline is Wednesday, April 9. Register now on frc.retreatportal.com.
- July: Appalachia Help Weeks
 - Contact fred@thecasa.org for more information.
- October 2–5: Casa Franciscana Guaymas Pilgrimage
- December (date TBD): San Solano Missions Immersion

This calendar may be updated based on how these programs develop.

More Information: casafaithformation.org/s-i

Questions?

Email Victor at victor@thecasa.org or Fred at fred@thecasa.org.

Visit our online Faith Formation portal: casafaithformation.org

FAITH FORMATION



Building a Culture of Encounter

Border Immersion

Friday–Sunday, May 2–4 | Fee: \$150 | Register Now: frc.retreatportal.com

Journey with our community partners *Frontera de Cristo* and the *Café Justo* fair-trade cooperative. We will pray with our brothers and sisters in Douglas-Agua Prieta and encounter the political-economic connections at the border. We will also experience the migrant's journey in the Sonoran Desert, learn about the ethics of fair trade by visiting the coffee-roasting house of *Café Justo* in Agua Prieta and more.

Teens (16+) are welcome to participate, but must email Victor at wictor@thecasa.org to schedule a meeting.

Registration deadline is Wednesday, April 9.



DISCOVER THE VISION

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

1st Thursdays of the Month

Upcoming dates:

March 6 11:00 am

April 3 11:00 am

Reserve Your Spot Today

online: thecasa.org/discover-the-vision

phone: 480.355.5631

email: rsvp@thecasa.org

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Visit our website: booksandblessingsgiftshop.com

Register for the 16th Annual Nun Run Saturday, March 1



The Poor Clares invite you to participate in the 2025 Nun Run. They are offering a 10K Run, 5K

Run/Walk, 1 Mile Walk. Registration is \$40 for adults and \$15 for children 18 and under.

To register, visit: desertnunrun.com

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The Casa Habitat for Humanity Ministry



We need your help to build our 25th Habitat Home.

Stop by our table on March 1 & 2 after Mass and learn what it means to be a builder/volunteer with the Casa Habitat Ministry:

- What does building a house involve?
- What kind of skills can you learn?
- How much fun can you have with other members of our church community?

This Lent we will co-sponsor a home with the *Caritas Catholic Coalition* of builders.

No experience is required to be a Habitat volunteer builder.

Our designated Spring build dates:

March 1 Lot 35021: Drywall

March 22 Lot 35021: Doors & Trim

March 29 Lot 35021: Prep for Interior Paint,

Paint Garage

To sign up: email thecasahabitat@thecasa.org.

You must be at least 16 years old to volunteer.

No experience is required to be a Habitat volunteer builder.

Visit *FIA LinkTree* for ministry flyer/details.

Habitat: Build a House and Change Lives.

Two Mondays, mid-Lent, Virtual program on Zoom March 31 & April 7, 6:30 – 8:15 pm, Fee \$10



Franciscan Lenten Conversations: "Not by Bread Alone" by Daniel Horan

Register Now on the FRC Portal Registration remains open until March 29.

This program is offered in mid-Lent as a time to pause and reflect on our spiritual journeys. "Not by Bread Alone," daily reflections pocket booklet, offers an invitation to engage with Scripture and remember that Lent is always tied to the joy of Easter and the hope of the resurrection.

Please note, the booklet is exclusive to registered participants. To receive your booklet *before* Lent begins: please register by Friday, February 28.

Lenten Food Drive (for)



Society of St. Vincent de Paul Saturday & Sunday, March 15–16 After All Masses

Donate shelf-stable items to help keep their food bank shelves filled. See flyer for list of items. No glass jars.

Flyer with all the details for 4 pm Saturday Mass collection and Sunday Morning (all) Masses collection found on FIA LinkTree, here https://tr.ee/7Qi1HK0vvz.

Hold your own local mini-food drive with neighbors or family, etc., information found here: https://tr.ee/4hC7sdjtcV

We need volunteers for the Food Drive. To volunteer, contact hungeraction@thecasa.org.

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

COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Answer Christ's Call to Give This Lent

As part of our Catholic call to almsgiving, we are invited to share our blessings with those in need, especially during this sacred Season of Lent. Our Lady of the Angels Church offers three meaningful ways to give:

Honor Their Service—Support Veteran Scholarships: Veterans have given much in service to our country, often carrying both visible and invisible wounds. The Casa Veterans Ministry provides a welcoming space for service members, veterans, and their families to find healing, faith, and community. Through retreats and workshops, they experience spiritual renewal and

strength. Veteran Scholarships ensure that cost never prevents them from receiving the healing they deserve. Extend God's Mercy—Support the Casa Emergency Response Fund: Every day, individuals and families in crisis turn to the Casa for immediate assistance. Whether facing homelessness, hunger, or financial distress, they find compassionate care through the Casa Emergency Response Fund. Rooted in the Gospel call to love our neighbors, this fund provides temporary aid such as food cards, gas cards, and emergency assistance to those in urgent need.

Share a Meal, Share God's Love—Support St. Mary's Food Bank: During our Simple Soup meals, we reflect on Jesus' example of being bread for and with others. By supporting St. Mary's Food Bank, you help provide food for struggling families, children, and seniors. Your generosity ensures no one in our community goes hungry. Almsgiving is more than giving—it is an act of faith. This Lent, let us be Christ's hands and heart in the world, bringing relief, hope, and renewal to those in need. Pick up your Lenten envelope after Mass and return at Mass April 12–13 or donate online today at thecasa.org/Lent and make a difference.

—Christopher Meyer Director of Development

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**



THE FRANCISCAN VISION LECTURE SERIES

Sunday, March 9, 9 – 10:30 am | Guadalupe Room "A Franciscan Vision of Lent: Springtime for the Soul" with Sr. Mary Beth Ingham, CSJ For more information and a listing of future programs, visit: frc.retreatportal.com

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



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: \$75 per person. Register: <u>frc.retreatportal.com</u>



WORKSHOP SERIES

Enneagram Intelligence Centers

Wednesdays: March 5, 12, and 19 | 6:30 - 8 pm

Sharon Hornbeck

Explore the Enneagram's three intelligence centers—Head, Heart, & Gut—understanding their roles and how integrating them fosters personal growth and awareness.

Fee: \$75 for all three workshops. Register: frc.retreatportal.com



WORKSHOP SERIES

Protecting Our Own Well Being in Challenging Times

Saturdays: Mar 8, Apr 5, May 3, Jun 7 | 9 am - Noon

Wayne Tormala

Workshops designed to build knowledge and skills for sustainable life balance and awakened decision-making amidst the many distractions and stressors in life.

Fee: \$75 per workshop. Registration Details: 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

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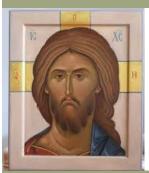
Your Spiritual Legacy

April 4 – 6, 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



ICONOGRAPHY RETREAT

A Brush with God

April 10 - April 13, Thursday - Sunday

Peter Pearson, MDiv, ThD

We will walk through the ancient process of creating an icon of the face of Christ, using this image which was created by a contemporary master as our guide. No experience required.

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



RETREAT

Emmaus Retreat for Grieving Parents

April 25 – 27, Friday – Sunday

Marianne Gouveia and Greg Eckerman

We provide an opportunity for parents to gather in a sacred, warm, and compassionate space with others who know their pain. All faiths are welcome.

Fee, incl. meals: \$250 single room; \$135 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



RETREAT

Grief and Loss

June 6 – 8, Friday – Sunday

Timothy Ringgold, MT-BC

This retreat provides a supportive setting where you will gain new insights into the grief process and discover ways to heal from this intense and painful period.

Fee, incl. meals: \$250 single room; \$135 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>.



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 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**

Singles40plus Group is for widows, widowers, and divorced individuals 40 or older. For more information email us at **Singles40plus@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 February 23 – March 1, 2025

Sunday

Sunday Mary C. Sheehan Edward Felix Jr. Joseph Gelinas	7:30 am 9:15 am 11:00 am
Monday Jayne Matvey	8:00 am
Tuesday Jody Schnabel	8:00 am
Wednesday Wayne Godsey	8:00 am
Thursday Mary Carmody	8:00 am
Friday Ed Mell	8:00 am
Saturday Bill Borger	4:00 pm

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

Mass intentions for 2026 are now being accepted.

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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