

September 22, 2024

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# RENEWAL

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## PASTORAL REFLECTION



Today marks the start of fall, though the warm weather makes it feel otherwise. As we experience this transition, tensions in the world also remain high, and many of us yearn for a period of calm.

Today's readings emphasize the harms of self-centeredness. In the first reading, selfish people plot violence against a just individual. The second reading warns that jealousy and selfishness lead to conflicts and wars.

Jesus, while his disciples argue about who is the greatest, instead focuses on those who are overlooked and vulnerable. He teaches that those who seem the weakest can offer the greatest lessons in being Christ-like.

In the world, power often overshadows justice, and the needy are neglected. But as we interiorize the mandate to be "servant of all" and strive to be good leaders in the pattern of Jesus, we must turn to those of lowest status, embrace them, and bring them into the midst of the circle.

St. Francis frequently reflected on what he perceived as his own self-centered tendencies and sought to be like Jesus through prayer and meditation.

As the seasons change, we too can transform ourselves. Let us reflect, as St. Francis did, on our own personal selfishness. In the second reading, James gives us examples of "wisdom from above... first of all, it is pure, peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace."

Norbert Zwickl  
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 <a href="https://www.youtube.com/theCasaFRC">YouTube.com/theCasaFRC</a>		
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/](http://bible.usccb.org/).

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# 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.*

### **“The Transitus”**

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

Each year, lovers of St. Francis from all over the world gather to commemorate a touching event in his remarkable life. It is called the *TRANSITUS* — that is, his passage (or transition) from earthly life to everlasting life. Francis died on the evening of October 3, just as the brothers were singing.

The Transitus uniquely celebrates our Franciscan identity by rooting ourselves ritually both in sacred Scripture and the historical foundations of the *brotherhood*. Saint Francis is rumored to have had a “sweet tooth”...Lady Jacoba used to bake almond cookies as a gift for him. In fact, she brought them to him the night he died. To celebrate that sweet memory, each year we have

a dessert potluck by the Casa poolside after the Transitus service. All are invited to bring something sweet to share!

### **In two weeks, we will celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis**

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 on the following Sunday:

**At all Masses the weekend of  
October 5 and 6, 2024**

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# YOUNG ADULT SUMMIT

Catholic Young Adult Conference



GCYP Young Adult Summit  
Saturday, October 5, 2024  
12 - 8:30 pm  
On the FRC Grounds  
GenZ and Millennials older than 18  
Registration required  
\$20 per person



For all event details, visit  
<https://www.casafaitformation.org/global-celebration-young-people>  
For questions contact [cheryl@thecasa.org](mailto:cheryl@thecasa.org)

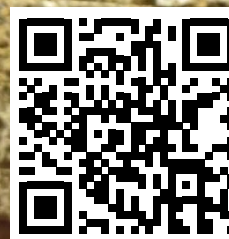
**Event opens at 11 am | Young Adult Mass at noon**  
**Breakout Speakers | Prayer Experiences | Exhibitors**

Join us for a day-long retreat for young adults that provides opportunities to grow in faith, build community and friendships, and learn ways to be doers of the Word! Open to all young adults throughout Phoenix area.

## ADULT BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, EUCHARIST



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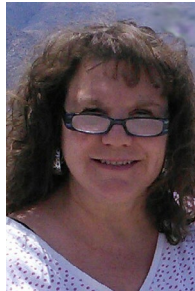
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### DISCOVER THE VISION

*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](http://thecasa.org/discover-the-vision)

**phone:** 480.355.5631

**email:** [rsvp@thecasa.org](mailto: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](http://vitalant.org) (Blood Drive Code: franciscan). For questions contact Vitalant at 877-258-4825.

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## Ballot Propositions: *Filling in the Bubbles*

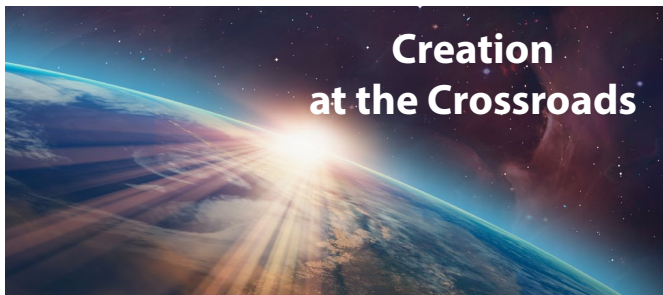
Thursday, September 26  
6:30 – 8:30 pm  
San Damiano Auditorium



### Last Chance to Register!

Questions? Email [vipvolunteers@thecasa.org](mailto:vipvolunteers@thecasa.org).

**Flyer & registration link on FIA LinkTree.**



**January 4, 2025 – March 16, 2025**

**Fee: \$100**

10-week faith-sharing program by RENEW International involving small groups learning and reflecting on *Laudato Si'*. Gatherings will take place in homes, on Zoom, or at the Casa.

*Portal registration opens on October 7*

Questions can be directed to [careforcreation@thecasa.org](mailto:careforcreation@thecasa.org).

## September:

### Hunger Action Month

#### Your Involvement Matters

*(Find detailed info on FIA LinkTree)*



**Taizé Prayer Service, September 25 at 7 pm** in the OLA Church. Join us to pray for those who are hungry and to pray for opportunities to resolve hunger issues. *All are welcome.*

**Donate. Casa Fall Food Drive, Sunday Morning, October 13.** Bring shelf stable, non-perishable items for St. Vincent de Paul pantries.

**Did You Know?** In the U.S., 47 million people experience food insecurity; of which 14 million are children. In our state, 960,000 Arizonans experience food insecurity, including 294,000 children.

The *St. Vincent de Paul Society* and *Desert Mission* are respected organizations striving to meet the needs of the food insecurity in our community. The *Hunger Action Ministry (HAM)* is proud to be able to assist these organizations in fulfilling their goals.

Join us at our service projects, every month, with these organizations. Email [hungeraction@thecasa.org](mailto:hungeraction@thecasa.org)

## Creation Connection Movie Night

*Will Trees Save Our Planet?*



**Register Now at [frc.retreatportal.com](http://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](http://linktr.ee/socialconcerns)

## COMMUNITY CONNECTION



I moved on Good Friday this year. The movers departed; we grabbed a quick lunch and rushed to the Casa for the Good Friday service. This is one not to miss even on your moving day! The staff and volunteers do such an excellent job preparing and executing a beautiful service! Likewise, the friars here are exceptional and animated in their faith. They bring good humor to their homilies while delivering messages that call us to examine our behaviors and consciences, and thereby to take our faith into action.

Currently, I'm the Chair of the Care for Creation (C4C) ministry. Like the friars and the Good Friday service planners, C4C exists because of dedicated, spiritual people. C4C has demonstrated every time that different ways of thinking and accomplishing tasks, as well as diverse opinions, are crucial. We have coordinated various community programs such as programs on sustainability education and our biannual Creation Connection Movie Nights, all animated by Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* and the friars. Our next Creation Connection Movie Night is on Friday, October 25: registration is now live.

Stay tuned for details coming soon about our RENEW International program, Creation at the Crossroads! Program registration opens on October 7. The program's goal is to involve the whole community in faith—sharing, listening to, and learning from each other and driving our values to be our best selves to protect and preserve the wonderful creation that God gave us.

— Lisa Lawing

### **Therapy, Support, and Counseling Ministry (TSCM)** [thecasa.org/tscm](http://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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*at the Franciscan Renewal Center*

#### **Mass Offerings**

9.8.24 \$21,020

9.10.23 \$15,823

#### **Mass Attendance**

9.8.24 1,151

9.10.23 1,029



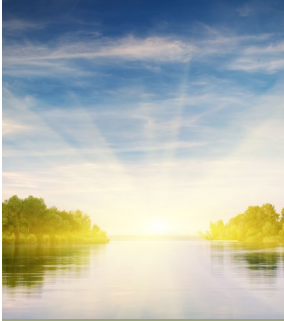
**Franciscan School of Theology**  
at the UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

### 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://frc.retreatportal.com)**



**WORKSHOP**

**Christian Parenting**  
**October 26 & 27, Saturday & Sunday**

*Elizabeth Jacobs, PhD*

This workshop is part "Psych 101 for Parents" and part "Spiritual Development" to help us answer the question, "How in God's name are we going to raise these children?"

**Fee, incl. lunch: \$150 per person. Register: [frc.retreatportal.com](http://frc.retreatportal.com)**



**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.

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**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://frc.retreatportal.com)**



**RETREAT**

**New Year's**

**December 30 – January 1, Monday – Wednesday**

*Peter Pearson, M.Div, Th.D*

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](http://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.

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](mailto:spiritualdirection@thecasa.org)

### Faith Sharing Groups at the Casa

**Centering Prayer** meets Wednesdays at 8:45 am in the Meditation Chapel. [SpiritualDirection@thecasa.org](mailto:SpiritualDirection@thecasa.org)

**Contemplation in the Desert** gathers in the Healing Garden on Mondays at 7 am. [CareforCreation@thecasa.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:johncelder@gmail.com) or 480.580.7750.

### Mass Intentions September 22 – 28, 2024

<b>Sunday</b>	
<i>Richard Virduzio</i>	7:30 am
<i>Donna Barker</i>	9:15 am
<i>Michael Curless</i>	11:00 am
<b>Monday</b>	
<i>Keith Davis</i>	8:00 am
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<i>Mike Loll</i>	8:00 am
<b>Wednesday</b>	
<i>Janet Haas</i>	8:00 am
<b>Thursday</b>	
<i>James C. Kovarik</i>	8:00 am
<b>Friday</b>	
<i>Tim English</i>	8:00 am
<b>Saturday</b>	
<i>Sue Vernon</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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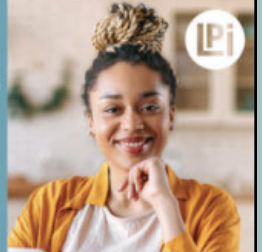


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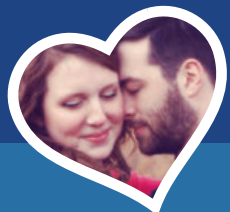


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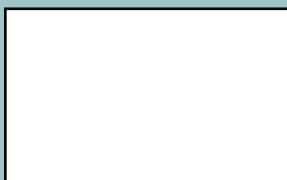
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