February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# RENEWAL





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#### PASTORAL REFLECTION



In Luke's Gospel, noteworthy moments occur after the nets overflow. Peter realizes his unworthiness and recognizes the presence of the Messiah, and this group of laborers/fishermen drop everything and follow Jesus. Undoubtedly significant.

And yet, I wonder if the moments before have an equal impact.

After a long night of fishing with no results, Peter and his partners are washing their nets, exhausted, vulnerable, and disappointed. Along walks Jesus who commandeers their boats so he can teach the crowds. And then he tells them to move to and cast their nets in the deeper waters. Peter responds with, "We have worked hard all night and... nothing."

I can relate to striving, working, and struggling with meager results and the accompanying feelings of uncertainty, self-doubt, and the temptation to flee. But Peter does not turn away and says, OK, if you say so, I'll do it. This action, this moment, transforms his life, and ultimately, in following Jesus, changes the world.

When we least expect it, God asks us, invites us, to trust and do. And we have a choice. To see or not, to react or not, to be open or not. How we respond to these encounters with God is a lifelong process. We too can say, "OK, if you say so, I'll do it," and go out to the deep water in the middle of the day and see what happens. We can take the risk and be part of the story that continues Jesus' ministry and brings hope to the world.

Laura Libertore

Co-Manager Faith in Action

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# 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 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 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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# The Bishops Annual Diocesan Charity & Development Appeal

The Charity & Development Appeal (CDA) supports charities, ministries, and apostolates throughout the Diocese of Phoenix and has been serving our community since 1970. Each year, we are called to make a commitment to support work that extends beyond the boundaries of any single parish or community. The CDA offers us the opportunity to unite in assisting those in the broader community who need our care and compassion.

Last year, the CDA raised \$10.4 million in grants to support 70 organizations across Arizona. These include programs that assist women's health and pregnancy services, the homeless, veterans, the unemployed, the elderly, and many others in need.

The CDA also empowers Catholic-affiliated agencies to continue their missions, such as forming future priests, supporting religious and Catholic education for youth, and offering adult faith formation through the Kino Catechetical Institute, among other vital initiatives.

We invite you to prayerfully consider your gift to this year's CDA. For more information, you can visit www.dphx.org/cda.

# Prayer opportunities during the week

Daily Mass: Monday – Friday at 8 am

#### Rosary: Every Tuesday at 7 pm

We gather weekly in the Meditation Chapel.

### Taizé Prayer: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 7 pm

We gather in the church for this 35–40-minute contemplative prayer service, featuring short, repeated chants and periods of silence.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every Month at 6 pm in the church.

#### The Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Daily 7 am - 7 pm

You are warmly invited to spend time in the peaceful presence of our Lord in this small chapel. This sacred space offers a quiet refuge for prayer, reflection, and drawing closer to the heart of Christ whether you seek comfort, guidance, or a moment of gratitude. Come as you are, even if only for a few minutes, and experience the serenity of being in His loving presence.

#### Sacramental Reconciliation (confessions)

Every Saturday at 2 pm

# Mass with the Anointing of the Sick Saturday, February 22 at 10:30 am

When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. However, the primary effect is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age.



# High School Youth Day! Saturday, February 15 | Starts at 10 am

Join other youth from other parishes in our diocese for our third annual Youth Day at the Casa!



Choose from 7 speakers for two breakout sessions!



Live band!



For more information, contact Cheryl Hentz

Use the QR code to find the day's schedule, all information on the speakers and the link to register





Visit our online Faith Formation portal: casafaithformation.org

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### **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 phone: 480.355.5631

email: rsvp@thecasa.org



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# **Hunger Action Ministry**

# **Service Opportunities**

Sign-up on FIA LinkTree for Service Opportunities



Serve every month, with these organizations:

- Wednesdays, once a month, Desert Mission Food Bank, 8:45 11 am; Feb 12, March 12 and April 9
- Fridays once a month, St Vincent de Paul plating meals in the morning from 8:45 11:30 am; Feb 21, March 21, April 25.

#### **Your Involvement Matters**

Questions? Email hungeraction@thecasa.org

# Save the Date Casa Lenten Food Drive

March 15 and 16, all Masses.

Flyer found here: <a href="https://tr.ee/7Qi1HK0vvz">https://tr.ee/7Qi1HK0vvz</a>.

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



All are Welcome

# Taizé Service for Peace & Nonviolence

A Season for Nonviolence

### Wednesday Night, February 12 at 7 pm.

To launch the *Season for Nonviolence* as a season of awareness and prayer, join with the Casa's Peace Ministry and the Liturgy Department to pray for peace and nonviolence at the Taizé Service.

The Season for Nonviolence marks the 64 days between the anniversaries of the deaths of Mohandas Gandhi on January 30 and Martin Luther King Jr. on April 4. Each year, people around the world participate in the Season for Nonviolence by creating intentional time in their day to reflect on aspects of nonviolence and to try and live in a nonviolent way.

Resource offered by the Gandhi Institute: Practice Nonviolence "64 Ways in 64 Days" <a href="https://tinyurl.com/yc2nxkfd">https://tinyurl.com/yc2nxkfd</a>



# Gardening Sustainably in the Desert Desert Gardening for Pollinators

**Saturday**, February 22, 9 am – 12 pm | Fee: \$20

In the spirit of St. Francis, let's embrace the important Sonoran pollinators that work hard to sustain our ecosystem. 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. *This program is brought to you by the following community partners:* 





Lunch will be provided at the event.

# Register Now at <u>frc.retreatportal.com</u>

Questions?

Email Care for Creation at: <a href="mailto:careforcreation@thecasa.org">careforcreation@thecasa.org</a>

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#### COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Have you recently received a notice from your IRA or retirement account, reminding you that it's time to take your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)? If you're 70½ or older, this milestone might feel like just another financial task—but it's also a chance to make a meaningful difference.

Did you know you can use your RMD to support the mission of the Franciscan Renewal Center while potentially lowering your tax bill? By making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), you can transfer funds directly from your IRA to a charity, like the Casa, without the amount being counted as taxable income. It's a win-win: you meet your RMD requirement, reduce your

tax liability, and support a place that fosters spiritual growth, healing, and community.

When you give to the Casa, you're ensuring that your church, grounds, ministries, and retreats, that you love, can continue to touch lives throughout the year. Whether it's providing a space for renewal, supporting those in need, or sharing the Franciscan spirit, your generosity makes all of this possible.

If you'd like to explore how a QCD can benefit you and the Casa, we're here to help. Please reach out to our Development Office—we'd love to hear from you.

Thank you for considering this special way to give back. Your generosity inspires so much good in our community.

For more information, contact a member of the Development team at 480.355.0345 or development@thecasa.org.

—Christopher Meyer Director of Development

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

One-on-One Therapy for 18+

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**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, February 9, 9 – 10:30 am | Auditorium** "The Franciscan Vision of Synodality: Encounter and

Conversion" with Keith Warner, OFM For more information and a listing of future programs, visit: <a href="frc.retreatportal.com">frc.retreatportal.com</a>

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Ryan Sheade, LCSW, Director of Therapy, Support, and Counseling email: <a href="mailto:counseling@thecasa.org">counseling@thecasa.org</a> phone: 480.948.7460, ext. 134

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



#### **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



#### **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: frc.retreatportal.com



#### **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



#### **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: <a href="frc.retreatportal.com">frc.retreatportal.com</a>

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>.

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



#### **RETREAT**

Holy Week 2025

Part I: April 12 – 16 | Part II: April 17 – April 20

Fr. John Quigley, OFM

Part I: Stay as many nights as you wish between April 12 –16. To register, email lora@

thecasa.org, call 480.948.7460, or visit the Casa's Guest Services Desk.

Part II: The Paschal Triduum. Online registration available.

Register: <u>frc.retreatportal.com</u>



#### 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: <a href="frc.retreatportal.com">frc.retreatportal.com</a>



#### **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



#### **COMMUTER RETREAT**

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



#### RETREAT

# The Spirituality of Interdependence: Forging Peace by Being Franciscan June 15 – 20, Sunday – Friday

Darleen Pryds, Ph.D.

A retreat exploring Franciscan spirituality, focusing on relationality, peacemaking, and faith-based skills to rebuild meaningful relationships in a polarized world.

Fee, incl. meals: \$500 single room; \$275 commuter. Reduced Fee for Religious.

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 <a href="mailto:spiritualdirection@thecasa.org">spiritualdirection@thecasa.org</a>

#### 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 9 – 15, 2025

Sunday	
Hanley Dawson	7:30 am
Marv Harding	9:15 am
Dan Roth	11:00 am

Monday

Mary Osiol 8:00 am

Tuesday

Art Utech 8:00 am

Wednesday

Paul Jones 8:00 am

Thursday

Joseph W. Lovas 8:00 am

**Friday** 

Helen Czekaj 8:00 am

Saturday

Maurine Tobin 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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