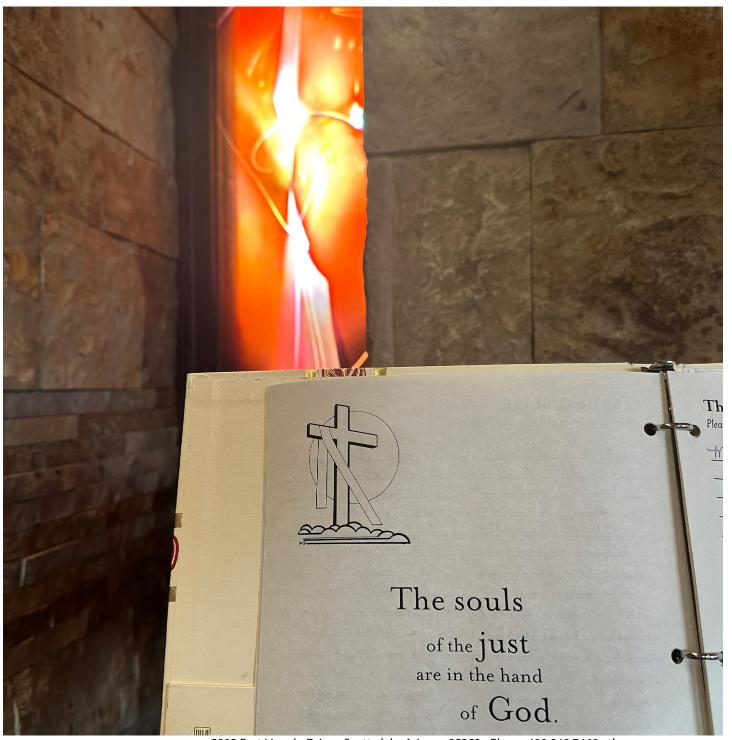
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#### PASTORAL REFLECTION



We are at the end of the liturgical year again with the Gospel's colorful description of the end times. Jesus reminds us that all things must come to an end, including our own lives. Death is extremely difficult to face, either our own or that of our loved ones. Confronting our own

mortality is a scary endeavor.

Several years ago, I discovered the spiritual practice of Memento Mori. It is a Latin phrase which means "remember you must die." Essentially, it is about living a life of meaning, purpose, and gratitude within the context of the limited time we have been given here on earth. It is about dying to our false self and unhealthy attachments. Since then, it has shaped the way that I view each precious day that I get to better myself and spend meaningful time with others. It has also given me a sense of joyful expectation of what we will experience and who we will again be with after death. Even St. Francis recognized this and welcomed Sister Death!

As I prepared for this reflection, I was reminded of one of my favorite scenes from Lord of the Rings. I leave you with wise words from Gandalf the White. "PIPPIN: I didn't think it would end this way.

GANDALF: End? No, the journey doesn't end here. Death is just another path, one that we all must take. The grey rain-curtain of this world rolls back, and all turns to silver glass, and then you see it.

PIPPIN: What? Gandalf? See what?

GANDALF: White shores, and beyond, a far green

country under a swift sunrise. PIPPIN: Well, that isn't so bad. GANDALF: No. No, it isn't."

— J.R.R. Tolkien, The Lord of the Rings

Cheryl Hentz, Young Adult Minister

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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 Wed	lnesday 7:00 pm
Reconciliation	Saturday	2:00 - 3:00 pm
<b>Guest Services</b>	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 <u>bible.usccb.org/</u>.

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## 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 brothers and sisters in this way!



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

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 be a part of this fun and unique event.

## **Our Art & Environment Ministry**

This ministry is working behind the scenes in preparation for Advent and Christmas, planning to enhance our surroundings for these important celebrations. This includes the church as well as the Palm Court for our Christmas Eve 4 pm Mass outdoors.

This ministry is not a weekly commitment, but the workdays are specific and can sometimes be physically strenuous. There is a need for people with physical strength—climbing ladders, setting up 9' and 12' Christmas trees, as well as crafting skills like decorating, sewing, flower arranging, etc. If you would like to participate, please email norbert@thecasa.org.

# Special Collection Next Week Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next weekend is the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops.

The CCHD is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families, and communities. The CCHD offers a hand up, not a handout.

To make a contribution online or for more information, follow this link: <u>tinyurl.com/muj355rj</u>

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# WHOLE COMMUNITY SUNDAY

November 24 in the Liturgy Room 10:30 am – 12 pm

Information:

casafaithformation.org/whole-community-sunday



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.

Upcoming dates:

December 5 11:00 am January 2 11:00 am

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online: thecasa.org/discover-the-vision
phone: 480.355.5631
email: rsvp@thecasa.org



### FRANCISCAN ZOOM LECTURES

Thursday, December 12, 7 pm on Zoom

"In the Footsteps of Francis and Clare of Assisi" with John Kruse

To register, visit: www.fst.edu/events

# Therapy, Support, and Counseling Ministry

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

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## Franciscan **Advent Conversations** with Padre Pio

Two Monday Evenings in Advent December 9 & 16 | 6:30 - 8 pm | \$10

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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 frc.retreatportal.com. 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: https://tr.ee/ zAyaijvcl9

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

### Creation at the Crossroads

January 4 – March 16

**Fee:** \$100



A small-group faith-sharing program spanning over 10 weeks in January through March. Groups gather in homes, on Zoom, or at the Casa. Registration deadline is Wednesday, December 11 at 5 pm.

> **Questions?** Please email <u>careforcreation@thecasa.org</u>.

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

### **Mark Your Calendars Now.**

Plan to Shop Fair Trade for Christmas.

## **Fair Trade Sale Sunday Morning Only** December 8

In the Hospitality area after the morning Masses

Find Divine Chocolate and Café Justo coffee and other local crafts (TBA).

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## **Casa Advent Blanket Collection**

Benefitting André House of Arizona's guests experiencing homelessness. We are in need of volunteers to make this drive happen.



#### Can You Help?

We are currently looking for volunteers to serve on the below dates after Mass:

- December 14-15
- December 21-22

For more information or to sign up as a Collection Volunteer, visit the **FIA LinkTree**.

Questions? Email Victor at victor@thecasa.org or call 480.306.4027.

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

#### **COMMUNITY CONNECTION**



I love walking the Casa grounds. Depending on the month, you can hear the sound of woodpeckers hammering into trees. My favorite, the hummingbirds. Hummingbirds fly in all directions and at times, hover. When plant diving their wings beat 200 times per second. Hummingbirds are known to fly alone for 500 miles. Very hard working, always contributing, at times not easy to spot when pollenating. As a result, the Casa has a range of colorful blooms.

Hummingbirds tend to remind me of the Casa volunteers who at times travel a great distance, bringing a diverse range of interesting talent and skills, with the shared goal of supporting the

Franciscan Renewal Center. We could not do without our Casa volunteers. Consider volunteering here at the Franciscan Renewal Center. If you have as little as one hour per week you could create faith-related crafts, wrap silverware, pull weeds, or people watch while counting the number of attendees at Mass. Perhaps you're a winter visitor or a student who has returned for the summer.

Your gift of time could be useful at any point year-round. Maybe you have a special interest or are looking for additional purpose? There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are variety of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them to everyone (1 Corinthians 12:4–6). To inquire about volunteering at the Casa call 480.355.0350 or email Jenifer@casa.org.

—Christina Doss, Casa Volunteer

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Mail: Franciscan Renewal Center

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For ACH recurring withdrawals, email <a href="mailto:lora@thecasa.org">lora@thecasa.org</a>.

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**Stock wiring instructions:** Please contact Christopher Meyer for current details: **christopher@thecasa.org** 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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EDUCATION, RETREATS, AND EVENTS — Pre-registration required.



**ICONOGRAPHY RETREAT** 

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



#### RETREAT

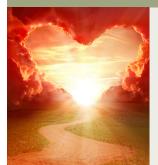
New Year's

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



#### **RETREAT**

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



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T'ai Chi

Mondays: January 6 - February 10 | 6:30 - 7:30 pm

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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



#### 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

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.



#### **MEET THE AUTHOR — NEW!**

## 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 reader's 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



#### **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



#### **RETREAT** — **NEW!**

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



#### **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: \$140 pp incl. dinner on Friday, lunch on Saturday. 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>.

# Spiritual Direction Training in the Franciscan Tradition

In collaboration with the Franciscan Spirituality Center in Portland, Oregon, the Spiritual Direction Ministry of the Franciscan Renewal Center invites anyone interested in deepening their understanding of spiritual direction and Franciscan spirituality to join us in this new program.

This two-year program includes: online and inperson learning at the Casa one Saturday a month beginning February 2025; group learning with a local cohort; faculty and local mentors practiced in spiritual direction and supervision.

A written application, three references, a spiritual reflection and/or autobiography, interview and \$35

application fee as well as ongoing spiritual direction are required for each candidate.

Contact Cathy Olds spiritualdirection@thecasa.org 480.948.7460, ext. 162

#### 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 7 am. <u>CareforCreation@thecasa.org</u>

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

**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 November 17 – 23, 2024

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Sunday	
Lucy Badia	7:30 am
Paul Jones	9:15 am
Mark Garvan	11:00 am
<b>Monday</b> Rick Hinkley	8:00 am
<b>Tuesday</b> Andy Ray	8:00 am
Wednesday Cathy & Jim Duggan	8:00 am
Thursday Jerry & Evelyn Zygowicz	8:00 am
<b>Friday</b> Michael Ray	8:00 am
<b>Saturday</b> Thomas H. Wright	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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