

September 15, 2024

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

RENEWAL

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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.

Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis **Tuesday, September 17** **Mass at 8 am**

Understanding the Stigmata of St. Francis is complex, and even more so, as we consider its meaning to us 800 years after it happened.

Franciscans the world over are *celebrating* the five wounds — celebrating the pain and suffering that we know accompanies what is considered a great grace or gift. And it remains awkward (and even a bit weird) if we remain fixated on the wounds that appeared on Francis's body.

This feast day actually has little to do with these wounds, as such. What we see when we take a closer look (beyond artist's renderings of some event), is not a question of the wounds that

appeared on the outside of his body, but rather to look to the interior life of a Christian disciple who wished nothing more than to follow in the footprints of Christ.

At the heart of the celebration of the Stigmata is a recognition that what appeared externally on Francis' body was reflective of his interior conformity to the lived example of Jesus Christ. The bodily representation of what only God can typically see — a baptized man who lived as fully as he could bearing the resemblance of Christ.

All of us are invited to look within, to see how each of us bears the “marks” of Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We may not receive the marks in the form of five wounds, but we certainly make visible the presence of Christ in other ways.

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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.casafaitform.org/global-celebration-young-people>
For questions contact 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.

How to Read the Bible

Learning to use "head & heart"
as a means of interpretation



- Offered as a precursor to possibly joining a bible study group.
- Learn how to read the bible in a contemplative and intelligent way.

Wednesdays: 9/18, 9/25, 10/2

7-8 PM in the Liturgy Room

Contact: fred@thecasa.org

Visit our online Faith Formation portal: [casafaitform.org](https://www.casafaitform.org)

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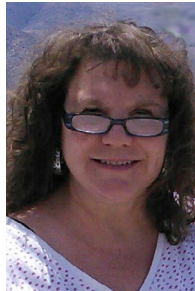
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DISCOVER THE VISION

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

phone: 480.355.5631

email: rsvp@thecasa.org

Annual Peace Pole Blessing



Friday, September 20 | 8:45 am

Come and pray with us at the peace pole next to Piper hall after Mass on Friday, September 20.



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

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Do you have election season excitement? Or burnout? Do you wonder how faith and civic responsibility intersect?

Attend the conclusion to our FIA Fall Series,
**Formation of Conscience and
Our Baptismal Call in the World:**

Ballot Propositions: Filling in the Bubbles



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

We cannot uphold an ideal of holiness that would ignore injustice in a world where some revel, spend with abandon and live only for the latest consumer goods, even as others look on from afar, living their entire lives in abject poverty.

— Rejoice and Be Glad, Pope Francis, par. 101

Before you “fill in your bubbles” to mail your ballot or head to a polling station, we invite you to come learn more about the Arizona ballot propositions. We will answer questions such as, “What does it mean if I vote ‘For’ this ballot proposition? ‘Against’ this proposition?”

Questions? Email vipvolunteers@thecasa.org.

Flyer & registration link on FIA LinkTree.

September: Hunger Action Month

Email hungeraction@thecasa.org
for additional information.



Taizé Prayer Service: September 25 at 7 pm (church). All are welcome.

Donate. Casa Fall Food Drive: Sunday Morning, October 13. Bring shelf stable, non-perishable items for St. Vincent de Paul. Volunteer to help out, Email the HAM ministry.

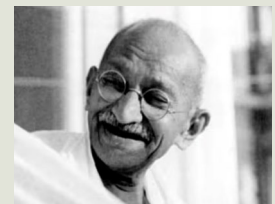
Service Project(s): Sign-up for service on FIA LinkTree

- (Sunnyslope), Desert Mission Food Bank, Wednesdays, September 18 and October 16 from 8:45 – 11 am. Sort and bag food, prepare senior and student supplemental bags, distribute food.
- St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP), Monday, October 7 from 8:45 – Noon, main kitchen. Help plate the 1,000 daily meals sent to the homeless shelters. 14–16 yrs old accompanied by an adult.

Your Involvement Matters

(Find detailed flyer on FIA LinkTree)

Potluck, Popcorn and Peace Movie Matinee



Saturday, September 21
12:30 – 3:30 pm, Fee \$10

Featured Film: “Ahimsa Gandhi: The Power of the Powerless.” Details here: <https://tr.ee/iB7ti8IzQC>

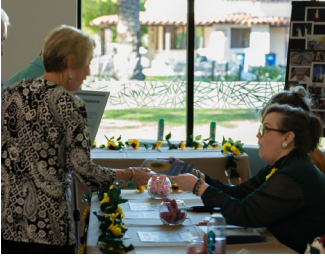
Celebrate World Peace Day: Registered participants are asked to bring a potluck item to share for our “Peace Potluck Table.” Share a dish meaningful for you. Share a recipe if you wish.

*Register now on Programs Portal.
Registration closes on Thursday, Sept. 19 at 6 pm.*

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

COMMUNITY CONNECTION



We continue to strengthen our volunteer systems. At the end of August, we totaled about 475 regular, active volunteers at the Casa in nearly 60 unique ministries. While the demographic leans toward retired people, ages vary greatly with a handful of the volunteers being minors. We also have a wide span of experience and skills. This is what we need to keep this place stable and vibrant.

Our newer volunteer ministries include:

Faith Formation Administrative Ministry: different positions to help with: recording meetings, creating digital flyers, and video editing.

Flatware Rolling Club: supporting Kitchen Crew by assembling silverware packets.

Global Celebrations for Young People: planning and hosting large day-long gatherings.

Handy-person/DIYer: completing odd jobs for our facilities (seeking an experienced, mechanically inclined person).

Irrigation Inspection Ministry: supporting Groundskeeper and Casa Gardeners by adjusting irrigation systems for the plants.

Newcomer Ministry: currently re-forming, this ministry is recruiting hosts and hostesses to attend a table after each Mass, informing newcomers of Casa programs and events. (Requires pre-reading every bulletin to stay up to date.)

Safety Inspector: updating first aid kits, inspecting campus for concerns, safety training, etc.

Guest Ambassadors: supporting the Guest Services Desk in the lobby by moving around the grounds to welcome people to larger retreats and conferences.

In-Person Volunteer Handbook (Re-)Orientations: Thurs. Sept. 19, 11 am–12 pm | Thurs. Oct. 17, 11 am–12 pm
Please e-mail me to reserve your space: jenifer@thecasa.org

— Jenifer Tull-Gauger, SHRM-CP
Human Resources Manager

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

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OUR LADY of the ANGELS
at the Franciscan Renewal Center

Mass Offerings

9.1.24 \$16,956
9.3.23 \$19,130

Mass Attendance

9.1.24 1,080
9.3.23 1,029

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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.



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.



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. Lodging is not available for this workshop.



RETREAT

St. Bonaventure's Journey Into God

October 31 – November 8

Fr. André Cirino, OFM & Josef Raischl, OFS

This 8-day retreat opens with a presentation on the life of St. Bonaventure to provide context for reflection on his work. 2024 is the last year planned for this amazing retreat.

Fee, incl meals: \$1,250 single room; \$950 double room per person; \$800 commuter.



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.

Fee, incl. meals: \$300 single room; \$150 commuter.

To see all of our upcoming programs and to register, visit thecasa.org/programs and click on Programs Portal. Registrations can also be made by visiting or calling our Guest Services Desk, or by emailing lora@thecasa.org.



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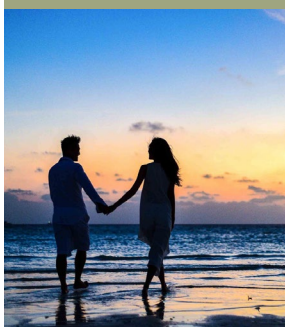
In Search of Boundless Compassion

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.



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 per person, incl. meals: \$175 double room; \$150 commuter.



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.



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.



RETREAT

Befriending Our Belovedness

Saturday, February 15 | 9 am – 4 pm

Diane Millis, Ph.D

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.

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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

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. 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.

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 johnelder@gmail.com or 480.580.7750.

Mass Intentions September 15 – 21, 2024

Sunday	
<i>Mildred V Polk</i>	7:30 am
<i>Margie Lukanob</i>	9:15 am
<i>Marie T Kovarik</i>	11:00 am
Monday	
<i>Stanley Czekaj</i>	8:00 am
Tuesday	
<i>Teresa Mendoza Vargas</i>	8:00 am
Wednesday	
<i>Margaret Polk Green</i>	8:00 am
Thursday	
<i>Margarita Garcia Sims</i>	8:00 am
Friday	
<i>Ann Powers</i>	8:00 am
Saturday	
<i>Donna Coletti and Nevio Murljadic</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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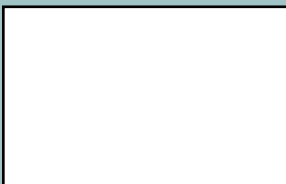
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