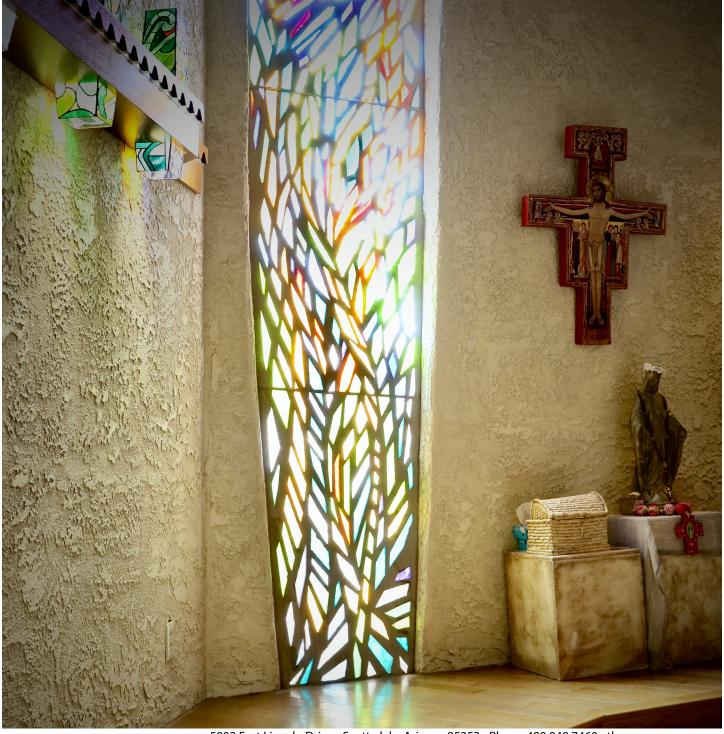
January 26, 2025 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

RENEWAL

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PASTORAL REFLECTION



The Gospel reading this week tells us a story of Jesus standing up in his hometown synagogue and reading a passage from the prophet Isaiah. We are told that he deliberately searched for a particular passage within the scroll that was handed to him. Then, after reading it, he says

to everyone that "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

Make no mistake, Jesus was unveiling his Mission Statement. His mission is to bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed, and a year of abolishing debts to everyone. And of course, we know that this is also our mission today as Christ's Body.

But how often do we think of ourselves as the poor, the captive, the blind, the oppressed, and the indebted? It seems that most of us (including myself) have a much easier time accepting the role of being the servant than the one being served. It seems that most of us would much rather serve the Lord by serving others than have the Lord serve us through the compassion of others (remember Peter at the washing of the feet).

As much as it is true that we, as disciples of Jesus must join Him in His mission, we must also recognize that we are the recipients as well, otherwise we exclude ourselves from Jesus' ministry. We are all poor, all captives, all blind, all oppressed, and all indebted in some way. Are we willing to be ministered to?

Fred T. Menulclass

Fred Mercadante
Director of Faith Formation

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 Prayer2nd & 4th Wednesday7:00 pmReconciliationSaturday2:00 - 3:00 pmVisit 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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Blessing of the newly renovated lodging rooms in Rose Court, roadways, and parking lot

Sunday, January 26 at 12:30 pm

Join us after the 11 am Mass as we give thanks and bless the newly renovated lodging rooms in the Rose Court, as well as the improved roadways, parking lot and beautiful landscaping.

Take this opportunity to tour the improved rooms, appreciate the enhancements, and meet the dedicated workers who persevered through the summer heat to complete the project. We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to the generosity of the Diane and Bruce Halle Foundation whose financial gift made these renovations possible, and to the York family for their generosity with the landscaping improvements, as well.

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

All are welcome to attend this special Mass.

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.

Bringing Holy Communion to Those Who Aren't Able to Come to Church

Pastoral Ministers are available to visit registered members of the Conventual Church of Our Lady of the Angels who are homebound and cannot attend Sunday Mass. Please call the Casa at 480.948.7460 to request a visit. We look forward to your call and the opportunity to serve.

A lay minister will return your call and arrange for a visit. These lay men and women are commissioned to bring Eucharist to those who are unable to attend Mass because of sickness, disability, or aging. These volunteer ministers provide prayer and an opportunity to receive Holy Communion—as well as fellowship time and sharing news from the Casa to help keep us all in communion with one another.

We are very grateful for the dedicated men and women of this beautiful ministry.

We hope everyone feels welcome when they come to Mass at the Casa. But what happens if you get sick, have surgery, or are just no longer able to get here for Mass? How do you still feel connected? What if a family member is stuck at home?

"One of the Corporal Works of Mercy is to visit the sick. When I bring Holy Communion to someone who is homebound, I feel like I am visiting a family member, even though we are not related."

Perhaps you feel called to serve in this ministry. Teams of two visit those who are homebound and bring the Lord to our brothers and sisters when they need Him the most. Contact the liturgy office staff (listed below) to learn more about this ministry.

The 4 Elements Retreat Saturday, February 1

- A Day Hike Retreat
 - Led by a team of young adult & adult community members
 - Witness Talks
 - Small Group Discussion
 - Prayer

-FREE!



More Information and Registration Here!

www.casafaithformation.org/four-elements-retreat





Visit our online Faith Formation portal: casafaithformation.org

FAITH FORMATION





The Friars and Mission staff ask for your suppport to continue the programs that feed, clothe, educate and provide medical care to the children and the poorest of the poor living in Guaymas!

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JANUARY 25-26

After All the Weekend Masses at The Casa



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

Franciscan Renewal Center **BLOOD DRIVE**

Sunday, February 2, 2025

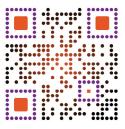
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Gardening Sustainably in the Desert



Topic: **Desert Gardening for Pollinators**

Saturday, February 22 9 am - 12 pm Fee: \$15

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 on <u>frc.retreatportal.com</u>

Questions? Email Care for Creation at: careforcreation@thecasa.org



Hunger Action Winter Service Opportunities

Be part of the feeding and healing of our world.

Sign-up for Service Opportunities on FIA LinkTree

Upcoming Opportunities

- Wednesday, February 12 w/ Desert Mission Food Bank, 8:45 – 11 am.
- Friday, February 21 St Vincent de Paul (kitchen crew, plating meals). 8:45 - 11:30 am.

Last Chance to Sign-Up:

February 1, 9 am - 1 pm, Special Saturday Service at St. Vincent de Paul Phoenix Dining Room. Ages 16+, or ages 14-15 with adults, can volunteer. Volunteers create an experience for guests to feel welcome and part of a family.

Your Involvement Matters

Questions? Email hungeraction@thecasa.org

Save the Date:



Welcome the Stranger Saturday, March 8 1 – 3 pm, Fee: \$10

Sponsored by the Matthew 25 Ministry

Christ challenged us to care for and look after our neighbors -- in particular those we do not know. What issues and obstacles do our migrant neighbors face? Hear from experts in the field on current issues that migrants face coming to the USA, and how we can best "welcome the stranger." Q&A session will follow along with suggested actions to take on after the event.

> More event details to be shared in an upcoming bulletin.

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

COMMUNITY CONNECTION



At the beginning of last year, I joined the Franciscan Renewal Center and researched available volunteer opportunities. I retired in 2021 after twenty years working in conservation education, protection, and restoration of habitat. It was a deeply rewarding career helping educate people about the importance of saving the biodiversity of our Earth's plants, animals, and ecosystems.

I became interested in the Care for Creation ministry because I wanted to connect with likeminded people with my same passions. The *Laudato Si'* movement has been instrumental in renewing my faith and connection with church. The Care for Creation Ministry is helping

grow campus and community awareness for sustainability in our daily lives. The volunteers and energy in the group are amazing as they inspire me to develop ideas together and see real-time, positive impacts in our community.

The Care for Creation Ministry is currently organizing a Gardening Sustainably in the Desert workshop in late February with the Desert Foothills Land Trust titled "Desert Gardening for Pollinators." It will be a great opportunity for everyone to learn about native Sonoran plants and trees that utilize less water and attract native pollinators. Please look for more details in the bulletin or register for this event at frc.retreatportal.com. It will be a great time to meet others and learn to help care for our environment.

As the new year begins, I am excited to continue growth in my Franciscan faith journey with the Casa and its many ministries. I hope that you will find a ministry that expands your heart and touches your soul.

Blessings,Ed Weigand

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, 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: frc.retreatportal.com

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Ryan Sheade, LCSW, Director of Therapy, Support, and Counseling email: counseling@thecasa.org phone: 480.948.7460, ext. 134

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



WORKSHOP SERIES

Protecting Our Own Well Being in Challenging Times Saturdays: Feb 8, 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.

Registration Details: 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



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, incl. lunch: \$75 per person. Register: frc.retreatportal.com



RFTRFAT

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

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>.

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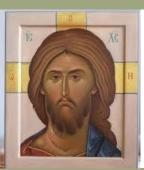
Your Spiritual Legacy

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

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: 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



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>.



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 January 26 – February 1, 2025

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Mary O'Connell	7:30 am
Jessica VanDuyne	9:15 am
Peter Salter	11:00 am

Monday

Heidi Marti Wanner 8:00 am

Tuesday

Beatrice Soqui 8:00 am

Wednesday

Joseph R. Tatarczuk 8:00 am

Thursday

Maurine Tobin 8:00 am

Friday

Julie Guss 8:00 am

Saturday

Patricia McGuire 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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