

October 27, 2024

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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QUARANTA GIORNI SUL MONTE LA VERNA

FORTY DAYS ON MOUNT LA VERNA

Two performances:
 St. Barnabas • **Special "Encore" performance:**
 Thursday, November 7, 2024 ~ 7 pm
 St. Mark • 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. While deep in prayer and contemplation, he experienced an extraordinary mystical vision. 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 tells the story of what 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.



Organ Recital featuring **Dr. Curt Sather**

*performing the works
of J.S. Bach*

**Sunday, Nov. 3
2 pm**

(attendance is free)

Curt Sather, a Wisconsin native, began music lessons at age 7 on accordion and organ. He holds degrees in Organ Performance from Arizona State University and the Eastman School of Music. He served 13 years at St. Barnabas on the Desert Episcopal Church in Scottsdale as Organist & Choirmaster and is currently Organist & Director of Music at Trinity Episcopal Church, Wauwatosa, WI. He spent four years in Florence, Italy, as organist at the historic Benedictine

monastery of San Miniato al Monte, performing daily recitals, as well as serving as an organist in the Duomo (Cathedral) of Florence and St. Mark's Anglican Church. He has performed across the USA, Europe, New Zealand, and Australia, recorded several CDs, and taught numerous students. He has performed the complete organ works of J. S. Bach four times, including a 14-week recital series and a 24-hour marathon to celebrate Bach's birthday. Attendance is free to all!

Annual Mass of Remembrance for those who have died this year. Saturday, Nov. 9 at 10:30 am

Each November, we celebrate a special "Mass of Remembrance" for all those who have died in the past year. During this Mass, we will read the names aloud of all the funerals held here at the Casa in the last 12 months. All are welcome!

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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:

November 7 11:00 am

December 5 11:00 am

Reserve Your Spot Today

online: thecasa.org/discover-the-vision

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Mass Offerings

10.13.24 \$17,765

10.15.23 \$18,294

Mass Attendance

10.13.24 1,181

10.15.23 1,223

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Register Now at frc.retreatportal.com

Food Insecurity: Native Americans and Food Sovereignty



Sunday, November 10 | 12:15 – 3 pm | \$15 Fee
Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/ym2jeyfx>

November Is Native American Heritage Month... join the Hunger Action Ministry in exploring food insecurity and the food sovereignty movement among Arizona's Navajo (Diné) Nation living both on reservations and in urban settings.

Doors open at noon. Fee includes light lunch. Link to detailed flyer: <https://tr.ee/-Wi1AgNoQH>

**Registration closes on
Thursday, November 7 at 7 pm**



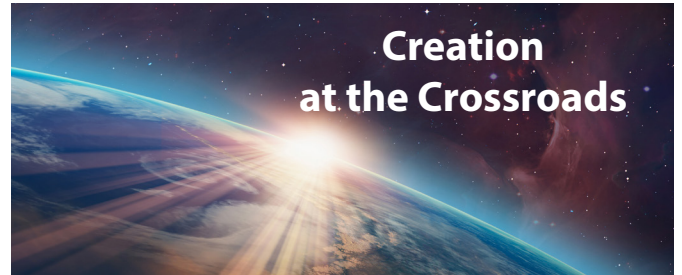
Veterans Day Rosary

Sunday, November 10 | 10:30 – 11:30 am
Br. Anthony Room

A Rosary in remembrance of our Veterans who sacrificed much to protect our freedoms and liberty.

If you would like to submit the name of a beloved Veteran, please visit the Casa Veterans LinkTree at www.linktree.com/casaveterans. Names will also be collected in the Br. Anthony Room on November 10 and after Mass in the Hospitality Area on November 2 – 3.

Questions? Email casaveteransministry@thecasa.org.



Creation at the Crossroads

January 4, 2025 – March 16, 2025
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.

Questions can be directed to careforcreation@thecasa.org

Register Now at frc.retreatportal.com

Hunger Action Ministry

Service Opportunities

Sign-up for Service Opportunities on FIA LinkTree



Serve every month, with these organizations:

- Mondays, November 4 and December 2: *St Vincent de Paul (plating meals)*
- Wednesdays, November 13 and December 11: *Desert Mission Food Bank.*

Save the date: at *St Mary's Food Bank*, 31st annual holiday food distribution. **Possible** service opportunity on Monday, November 25.

- To find out more and if you can help with the Thanksgiving mealbox distribution to thousands of families in need, watch the November 10 Sunday bulletin (and *FIA LinkTree*) to see if HAM has secured any openings for Casa volunteers at this special meal distribution.

Your Involvement Matters

Questions? Email hungeraction@thecasa.org

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

COMMUNITY CONNECTION



During this wonderful season, there are many reasons to give thanks. First, I give thanks for you. You make the Casa a place of renewing lives through spiritual growth, healing and transformation, and heartfelt service to others. Because of you, lives are touched, hearts are opened, and deep connections are made for anyone who walks our grounds or enters our doors. And secondly, I give thanks for the mission that has guided the Franciscan Renewal Center for so many years—a mission that continues to inspire and uplift. Nearly eight decades of gratitude have manifested since the very beginning—because people believed in what the friars were up to and working to develop.

Now, more than ever, we are all called to look toward the future with joy and commitment. As we continue serving this beautiful community, I invite you to walk with me in faith and generosity.

This year, through our Annual Appeal, we aim to raise **\$510,000** to strengthen the pillars that support our mission: **Church, Grounds, Retreats, and Ministries**. These are the heart of what we do, and your support will help them continue to flourish.

I am deeply grateful for you being part of the Casa community. Your compassionate contribution makes a real difference in the lives of so many. And thank you for continuing with me on this sacred journey of lifelong service. **Together, we can ensure the Casa remains a place where God's love shines brightly.**

—With gratitude, Charles Brown, Executive Director

Annual Appeal 2024

Lifelong and Ongoing...Serving the Casa Community

Gifts can be made:

Online: thecasa.org/donate

Drop off: The Casa's Guest Services Desk

Mail: Franciscan Renewal Center
5802 E. Lincoln Dr., Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

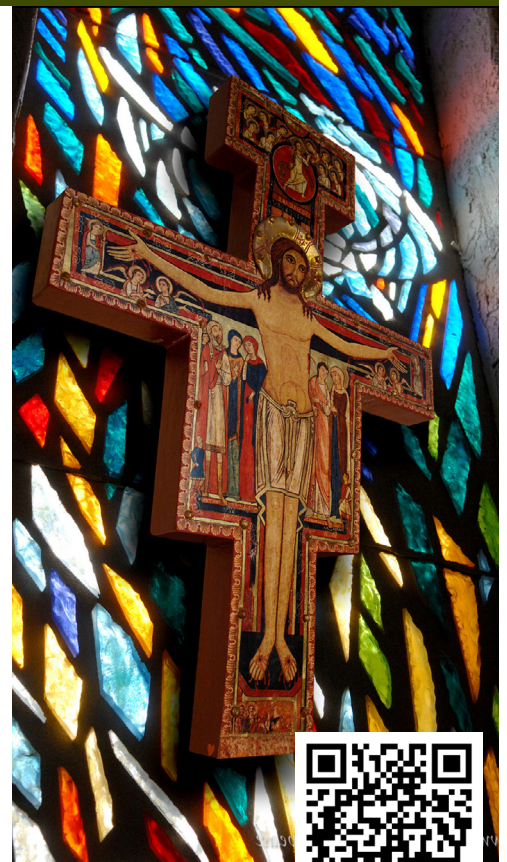
For ACH recurring withdrawals, email lora@thecasa.org.

An IRA Required Minimum Distribution can be directed to the Franciscan Renewal Center.

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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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; \$800 commuter. Register: frc.retreatportal.com



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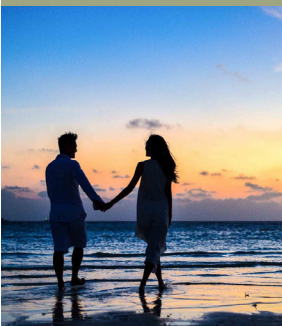
In Search of Boundless Compassion

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. Register: 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



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



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: frc.retreatportal.com

To see all upcoming programs and to register, visit frc.retreatportal.com. Registrations can also be made by visiting or calling our Guest Services Desk, or by emailing lora@thecasa.org.



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



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: frc.retreatportal.com



CLASS

T'ai Chi

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

Jake Zinn

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



PRESENTATION

Greccio and LaVerna

Wednesday, March 26 | Morning and Evening Presentations

Fr. Steven McMichael, OFM, Conv

This presentation focuses on the last years of the life of Saint Francis in which Francis celebrated Christmas and the Easter Triduum in a unique way.

Fee, incl. lunch: \$20 Register: frc.retreatportal.com

To see all upcoming programs and to register, visit frc.retreatportal.com. Registrations can also be made by visiting or calling our Guest Services Desk, or by emailing lora@thecasa.org.



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

Just Scripture meets the second Saturday of each month on Zoom, 10 – 11:30 am. To register visit the FIA link tree. Contact Kathleen Garast kgarast@aol.com for readings that will be discussed.

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 October 27 – November 2, 2024

Sunday

Paul Jones 7:30 am
Patricia Baresel 9:15 am
Raymond York 11:00 am

Monday

Elizabeth and Travis Lorenzen 8:00 am

Tuesday

Andy & Donna Osiol 8:00 am

Wednesday

Anthony Seminaro 8:00 am

Thursday

Karen V Thompson 8:00 am

Friday

Raymond York 8:00 am

Saturday

Anthony Seminaro 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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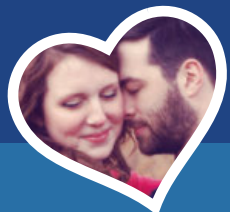
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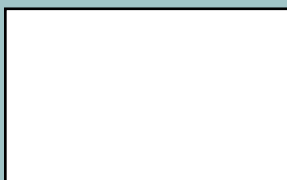
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