January 12, 2025 The Baptism of the Lord RENEWAL

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#### PASTORAL REFLECTION



"In beautiful things Saint Francis saw Beauty itself." –St. Bonaventure

How much can we celebrate at once? 2025 marks both the Jubilee Year of Hope and the 800th Anniversary of St. Francis' poem The Canticle of the Creatures.

Next Sunday, we continue the Casa's "Beauty" Concert Series with a performance by the Arizona Tremble Clef Choir, a group of people with Parkinson's disease, celebrating hope and beauty. Last November, Dr. Curt Sather's organ concert amazed us, and in March, we'll host the Phoenix Boys Choir, with more to come.

"In beautiful things Saint Francis saw Beauty itself. And through God's imprint on creation Francis followed God everywhere...making from all things a ladder by which he could climb up and embrace God—who is utterly desirable." –St. Bonaventure

From a Franciscan perspective, beauty reflects God's creation and draws us into deeper awe of the Creator. St. Francis saw beauty in the simple life, from the birds to the flowers. For Franciscans, beauty is not only physical but found in the harmony and goodness of all creation. It reminds us of God's love and calls us to humility, urging us to see the sacred in the ordinary. Beauty, in this view, invites us to live in gratitude and compassion, recognizing that everything reflects the Creator's infinite goodness.

How can we recognize and embrace beauty in our daily lives this year?

Norbert Zwickl, Director of Liturgy & Music

The Conventual Church of OUR LADY of the ANGELS

	at the Franciscan Ren	ewal Center
Sunday Mass	Saturday	4:00 pm
	Sunday 7:30 am;	9:15 am; 11:00 am
Daily Mass	Monday – Friday	8:00 am
1	:15 am, and Monday - YouTube.com/theCasa	, ,
Taizé Prayer	2nd & 4th Wednes	day 7:00 pm

**Reconciliation** Saturday 2:00 - 3:00 pm Visit the website for additional times in Advent

<b>Guest Services</b>	Sun. – Sat.	6:00 am -7:30 pm
Adoration	1st Friday	6:00 pm
Bookstore	Sun. Mon. & Tu Wed. & Thu. Fri. Sat.	8:00 am - 1:00 pm Closed 10:00 am - 2:00 pm 10:00 am - 6:00 pm 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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#### **Officers of the FRC Board**

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Visit: thecasa.org/frc-board-of-directors for all board members and bios

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#### LITURGY CONNECTION

# All Liturgical Ministers MSP ~ Ministry Scheduler Pro

Now is the time to update your MSP profile with your "unavailable dates" for the upcoming schedule, running from February through May. Keeping your profile current helps the scheduling software accommodate everyone's needs effectively. Please take a moment to update your information in the coming week.

If you need assistance with Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP), call Rosa at the Casa at 480.355.5642 or email her at <u>rosa@thecasa.org</u>. She is available to help and can even give you a private tutorial.

Please review your "My Profile" section and update your "unavailable dates/times." The software can only do its job if everyone's information is kept up to date. You can update your availability as your schedule changes, which also helps with finding substitutes when needed.

# Tremble Clefs Choir Concert Sunday, January 19 ~ 2 pm

Directors: Sun Joo Lee, Kiersten Jungbluth, Meri Zohar present singers from all over the Phoenix area for this special 90-minute performance.

Tremble Clefs Arizona presents music therapy for people with Parkinson's disease. This clinically

beneficial program provides vocal and movement exercises and generates new learning and comfortable challenges in a shared supportive environment. Most groups meet on a weekly basis.



More information about

the Tremble Clefs can be found on their website: <u>https://trembleclefsarizona.org</u>

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# Winter residents—have you registered as members of the Casa community? Or, has your contact information changed?

If you are a resident of Arizona during the winter months, we warmly invite you to consider registering as a member of the Our Lady of the Angels community. The information gathered through our registration form helps us better serve you. You can find the form in the Narthex or ask at the Front Desk.

We also appreciate being kept up to date with any changes to your contact information—whether you move, change phone numbers, or update your email address. This ensures you won't miss any important updates from us!

To update your information, simply call or email any member of the Casa liturgy staff listed below. We're here to assist you!

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FAITH FORMATION — GENERATIONAL MINISTRIES

# WE INVITE All adults and teens seeking baptism, confirmation, first eucharist contact: <u>fred@thecasa.org</u> 480.355.0359

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Visit our online Faith Formation portal: casafaithformation.org

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## FAITH FORMATION



# CASA FRANCISCANA RFA(

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

For more information about the Annual Appeal, please email info@theoutreach.org or visit us at www.casafranciscana.org

"Together We Make A Difference"



# DISCOVER THE VISION

*A* one-hour introduction to the Casa's mission and ministries.

# **1st Thursdays of the Month**

Upcoming dates:

11:00 am February 6

March 6

# 11:00 am

# **Reserve Your Spot Today**

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

email: rsvp@thecasa.org

**Director of Development Development Manager** 

**Christopher Meyer** Paula A Tobin

**Mass Offerings** 12.29.24 \$19,971 12.31.23 \$20,549

Mass Attendance 12.29.24 1,451 12.31.23 1,350

Christmas 2024 \$50,280 Christmas 2023 \$55,967 Mass Attendance

**Mass Offerings** 

Christmas 2024 4,110 Christmas 2023 4,584

christopher@thecasa.org 480.355.5634 paula@thecasa.org

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Featuring Mariachis & the "Folkloric Dancers"

Please join Fr. Martin and the CFO Volunteers

**JANUARY 25-26** 

After All the Weekend Masses at The Casa

# THE FRANCISCAN VISION LECTURE SERIES

Sunday, January 12, 9 – 10:30 am | Auditorium "A Franciscan Vision of the Bible: St. Clare's Spirituality" with Fr. Garrett Galvin, OFM

For more information and a listing of future programs, visit: frc.retreatportal.com

# The Conventual Church of OUR LADY of the ANGELS

at the Franciscan Renewal Center

# FAITH FORMATION — FAITH IN ACTION MINISTRIES — Visit: linktr.ee/socialconcerns



# **Hunger Action Ministry**

Be part of the feeding and healing of our world.

# Special Saturday Service Opportunity

Calling all Casa teens and community members! St. Vincent de Paul Society needs your service!

# Saturday, February 1, 9 am - 1 pm

St. Vincent de Paul Phoenix Dining Room Teens aged 14-15 can volunteer accompanied with an adult chaperone. Teens aged 16+ are welcome to volunteer independently.

Volunteers create an experience for guests to feel welcome and part of a family.

Email <u>hungeraction@thecasa.org</u> to sign up.

# **Gardening Sustainably in the Desert**

Topic: Desert Gardening for Pollinators



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

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.

Lunch will be provided at the event.

## Register Now at frc.retreatportal.com

Questions? Email Care for Creation at: careforcreation@thecasa.org Café Justo All-Sellers Meeting

# **Casa Grounds for Solidarity Ministry Meeting** Wednesday, January 22



On January 22, the Casa Grounds for Solidarity Ministry Sellers Team is meeting to discuss plans for the new year. This would be an opportunity for prospective volunteers to learn behind-the-scenes how Café Justo sales are coordinated and an overview of the operations of the *Café Justo, Inc.* cooperative organization.

This meeting is invitation-only. If you are *seriously* interested in volunteering with the Casa Grounds ministry, please email <u>casagrounds@thecasa.org</u> to receive an invitation to this meeting.

In the meantime, our next coffee sale is this weekend (January 11–12). If you'd like to get some coffee for the new year, this weekend would be a great chance!

Try our delicious, fair-trade, organic, shadegrown, recently roasted (fresh) coffee for only \$10 per 1lb bag! Your purchase helps families in the Café Justo (Just Coffee) Farmers' and Roasters' Cooperative continue to work their ancestral lands and support and educate their extended families.

**Anytime:** Café Justo also available at these two venues on campus: • The *Books and Blessings* Gift Shop • The FRC Lobby *Guest Services Desk* 

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For volunteer opportunities and FIA ev	ents, visit: <u>linktr.ee/soci</u>	alconcerns	
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#### COMMUNITY CONNECTION



#### Volunteer 101

The Casa has hosted many *Survival School—Church Leadership Training* workshops. Much of the curriculum educates paid staff about working with volunteers. An article in the *Survival School* manual lists common sources of motivation at work in people who are

willing to volunteer:

1. The satisfaction of doing a task successfully, responsibly, and with tangible benefit to others.

2. A sense of belonging to the parish enterprise, often providing bonds of friendship, acceptance, and affirmation.

3. A sense of self-worth, importance, influence, or prestige in the parish network.

4. A meaningful outlet for expressing devotion and loyalty to God and to the Church.

#### **Current Volunteer Needs**

Casa Gardener, once a week to help keep the grounds beautiful.

DIY-er/Handy Person, independent odd jobs for campus

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

**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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#### needs.

**Donut Delivery Person**, before Sunday Mass, 6:30–7 am donut delivery.

**Guest Ambassador**, position open to someone available year-round, situating guests arriving for larger events.

Newcomer Table Host/Hostess, after Mass, helping welcome new worshipers.

Safety Inspector, inventory first aid kits, locate safety concerns.

#### **Volunteer Meetings**

We have several Volunteer Handbook (Re-)Orientation meetings this month:

Sat. Jan. 11, 2:30 pm

Tues. Jan. 14, 11 am

Wed. Jan. 22, 5:15 pm

Sun. Jan. 26, 11 am

These take place in person and are about an hour long. You are welcome to join one, whether you are a long-time volunteer, new, or considering volunteering. Reserve a seat with me: 480.355.0350, jenifer@thecasa.org.

-Jenifer Tull-Gauger, SHRM-CP

Human Resources Manager



# **ART DOCENT TOURS**

"Treasures of Franciscan Art"

Through its commissioned art and architecture, the Conventual Church of Our Lady of the Angels tells the story of Christ through a Franciscan lens. There's so much to discover in its symbolism, natural building materials, and liturgical art glass!

To register and view all upcoming tour dates, please visit: <u>thecasa.org/art-docent-tours</u> for dates and registration.

To request a private tour, email churchtours@thecasa.org

#### 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

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



# **MEET THE AUTHOR**

# 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 readers' 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



#### 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

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.



#### 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



## 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



# Searching for Common Ground Thursday, March 27 | Morning and Evening Presentations

Fr. Steven McMichael, OFM, Conv This presentation highlights the similarities and differences between Christians and Muslims regarding the prophets in the history of salvation and revelation.

Fee, incl. lunch: \$20 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: 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 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, holy it is

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 <u>spiritualdirection@thecasa.org</u>

#### 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. <u>MeninSpirit@thecasa.org</u>

**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 **johncelder@gmail.com** or 480.580.7750.

Mass Inte	entions
January 12 -	- 18, 2025

Sunday	
Betty Dickinson	7:30 am
Justine Jennings	9:15 am
Dr. John Corrigan	11:00 am
<b>Monday</b> Edward Kowalewski	8:00 am
Tuesday	
Carole Schwietz	8:00 am
<b>Wednesday</b> Terri Scholl	8:00 am
Thursday	
Carol Bell	8:00 am
Friday	
Carole Schwietz	8:00 am
Saturday	
Paul Dessinger	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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