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August 18, 2019       Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Upcoming at the Casa

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The Conventual Church of
Our Lady of the Angels
at the Franciscan Renewal Center

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The Healing Power of Kindness

The healing power of kindness is amazing, but not many of us realize it. In that we live in a rather divided polarized society, as today’s Gospel tells us, it becomes easier for us to embrace cynicism and fear, pick sides, and ridicule those with whom we disagree. Kindness and civility have a rough time surviving in that sort of environment.

The fact is that different actions bring different results: an act of anger will bring hatred and violence, an act of kindness will bring love and compassion in which healing can take place. Kindness brings out the best in people to whom we offer it. Kindness becomes a way of letting others know that they are important and that we care about them.

A certain senior lady always went to a branch post office in her town because the postal employees there were friendly. She went there to buy stamps just before Christmas one year and the lines were particularly quite long. Someone pointed out that there was no need to wait in line for such a long time because there was a stamp machine in the lobby. “I know,” said the elderly woman, “but the machine won’t ask me about my arthritis.”

Indeed, just a small act of kindness can have a big positive impact on the world, our nation, our church community, and certainly within our very own family. For sure, kindness has a positive effect on everyone we encounter.

Peace and Good,

Deacon Hervé
The NEW Casa Hand Bell Choir is starting in September

The new Casa Hand Bell Choir will be open to anyone age 12 and up. Adults and teens are all welcome. This is an intergenerational opportunity; a great thing for kids and parents to do. (Or parents and grandparents, too!)

No experience is necessary. Reading music helps, but is not required. You will learn all that you need to know.

Rehearsals will be every Monday from 5 - 6 pm in the new liturgy and music room, starting Monday, Sept. 9 through May.

Next weekend, we will have ringers playing at our Masses ... afterward, you can ring the bells yourselves and give it a try.

Sign-up next week!

Are you seeking full initiation into the Roman Catholic church? If so, then you are invited to explore “A Journey in Faith: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).” The RCIA is the sacramental formation process that prepares individuals for living the Christian life in the Roman Catholic community and tradition.

The RCIA sessions will begin on Tuesdays, starting the first week of October from 7 - 9 pm. The first four “inquiry sessions” are open, and you are encouraged to attend all four sessions, but are welcome to begin attending anytime during those four weeks. These inquiry sessions are designed to help you discern whether or not you want to continue on this Journey in Faith through full initiation into the Roman Catholic Church at Easter. Please call Kathleen Garast at 480.483.3803 for more information. You can also email us at rcia@thecasa.org.

Seeking Sponsors for the RCIA

We will also be seeking community members from the Our Lady of the Angels Church to walk with these individuals as Sponsors on this Journey in Faith. Sponsor training will begin in October as well. For more information, call Jeff Rochford at 602.369.7882.

Has your contact information changed?

If you have moved, changed phone numbers or email addresses, or any other major change has taken place, please let us know. To update any information, please contact Rosa at 480.948.7460 ext. 121 or rosa@thecasa.org.
REFLECTION: How do we reconcile today's Gospel with Jesus as the Prince of Peace? Shouldn't we, as disciples, live a peaceful lifestyle, without pain or struggle? Indeed, this is the way we should live, but when we take the Gospel message seriously and live it in a bold fashion, there are those who will not agree with our beliefs and values. Sometimes, these people include our own family and friends. Faith in Christ, service of the poor, and working for justice are hallmarks of discipleship. When we stand on the side of the persecuted and marginalized, we should not be surprised to face persecution and marginalization ourselves. Jesus, Himself, met with persecution, up to death on a cross. Yet, even then, He responded with non-violence, forgiveness, and love. May our response during challenge always mirror that of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. (Paraphrased from Living Liturgy 2019, Liturgical Press)

CONVERSATION: Is it important to do the right thing, even if others are angry as a result?

PROCLAMATION/DISCUSSION: Read Luke 12:49-53
What does Jesus say He must still do before His mission is done?
Why do you think Jesus says He brings division? Why will families be divided?

ACTION: Take a large sheet of paper and label it, “Family.” Brainstorm all the words or ideas that describe the strengths and good qualities of a family. Suggest ideas of things that families do to stay strong together. Discuss what things might divide families? How can we help our own and other families be strong? Take the ideas and write a family code or mission statement.

CONCLUDING PRAYER: Dear Jesus, You give us courage to be strong and faithful followers. We know it will not always be easy to do the right thing. Thank You for being with us as we try. Amen.
**We’ve been telling you it’s coming and now …  
our new Safe Environment Program is here!**

Easy Steps to set up your Safe Environment renewal:

1. Go to our Casa website [https://thecasa.org/](https://thecasa.org/)
2. Click on "SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING" found at the top.
3. Please do not create a new account. Users with previous training: Your historical records have been uploaded to the platform so you can complete the Renewal training. To access your profile, click on “Sign in Here” in the upper right corner of the page.
4. Use the format: FirstName.LastName.frc for your username, and enter 1234 for the password. You will be prompted to set a more secure password. Once you have set a new password, you will be asked to log in again with the new password.
5. Contact the Safe Environment team or your ministry leader if you need help with knowing what your username is.
6. Your main learning dashboard will show you both the required and optional training.
7. Click Start Curriculum under "RENEWAL TRAINING." Follow all prompts, watch the video until the end, mark all the agreements, and you will receive a thumbs up.

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**Thank you for your stewardship!**

**Mass Offerings**

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We received 243 collection envelopes.

**SUPPORT GROUPS**

No appointments required. All Are Welcome.

**Monday:**

6:30 - 8 pm: Divorce/Separation/Relationship Endings

**Tuesday:**

5:30 - 7 pm: Grieving the Loss of a Loved One

6:30 - 8 pm: Depression and Anxiety

**Wednesday:**

6:30 - 8 pm: Addiction & Family

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For volunteer opportunities, contact Pat Bennier at volunteer@thecasa.org or 480.355.0361

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**Books and Blessings**

*bookstore & spiritual boutique at the Casa*

Featuring original art, gifts, jewelry, statuary, greeting cards and books that feed the heart and soul. Located in the Capistrano building.

Monday - Wednesday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Thursday - Saturday 10:00 am - 6:30 pm

Sunday 8:30 am - 2:00 pm and 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Please stop by. We look forward to serving you!

Visit us online at [Booksandblessingsgiftshop.com](http://Booksandblessingsgiftshop.com)

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For more information about our Counseling Ministry, please call 480.948.7460, ext. 134 or email: counseling@thecasa.org
English as a Second Language
New and Returning Volunteer Meetings

The English as a Second Language Ministry is in need of teachers and teacher aides to work at sites around the valley. Each site has an experienced teacher leading the ESL sessions. Additional volunteers are needed to work one-on-one with students, and to learn how to lead sessions.

Come to the ESL New Volunteer Information session on Tuesday, August 20 from 6:30 - 8 pm in the Serra Room in Piper Hall.

Plan also to attend the Curriculum Review and Sharing meeting on Saturday, August 24 from 9 - 11:30 am in the Serra Room in Piper Hall. This session is for all ESL volunteers.

For more information, contact Patti Sills-Trausch.

Apache Fair Trade Cooperative

Apache Fair Trade Ministry
Sales and Orientation Meeting

Calling all potential and returning sellers for Apache Fair Trade Crafts. There will be an important meeting on Wednesday, August 28 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm to set the fall selling schedule, review new inventory and accounting practices, and to provide an orientation for new volunteers. We will meet in the Serra Room in Piper Hall. The first half of the meeting will be to set the sales schedule and review new policies. Following that session, we will hold a new volunteer orientation. Selling the Apache crafts is a fun and rewarding ministry. Bring your calendars.

Hunger Action is in the Hospitality area starting this weekend!

September is Hunger Action Month

This year, we have a new project that involves the assembly of Casa Food-for-a-Meal Bags for the Desert Mission Food Bank.

YOU CAN HELP:

Visit the Hunger Action Ministry (HAM) tables in the Hospitality area to find out more and to sign up to donate food items or make monetary donations to the Casa Food-for-a-Meal Bags. A complete list of items to donate can be found at the tables in the Hospitality area. Through Sign-Up Genius, HAM will offer the number of items needed and will track donated items.

Find HAM in the Hospitality area these weekends: Aug. 17/18, Aug. 24/25 and Sept. 7/8, Sept. 14/15.

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For more information about Faith in Action Ministries, contact Patti Sills-Trausch at 480.355.0348 or socialconcerns@thecasa.org; Laura Libertore at 480.355.5645 or laura@thecasa.org.
2019 Fall Retreats

September 6 - 8    Boundless Compassion Retreat
September 13 - 15  St. Francis Repairs the Church
September 27-29    Retirement and Conscious Aging Retreat
October 14-16      Embracing a Spirituality of Imperfection:
                    Following the Example of Henri Nouwen
October 18 - 20    The Way of Henri Nouwen: Befriending Tension in Our Journey
October 25 - 27    Twelve Gifts for Living (A Healing, Well-Being and Peace Retreat)
Oct. 31 - Nov. 8   St. Bonaventure’s Journey Into God Retreat

Spiritual Spa Weekend
Mother / Daughter
Friday, Aug. 23—Sunday, Aug. 25
The weekend is for mothers & their daughters who are high school age and younger.

Fee: $125 for mom, $25 for each daughter sharing the same room with mom, includes all meals. Please call to register 480.948.7460.

Optional Amenity Fees:
Massage: 25 min. session $25; 50 min. session $50
Gentle Touch: 25 min. session $25.
Reflexology: 25 min. session $25.

Mindful Meditation
Saturday, Sep. 7, 9 am - 3 pm
Debbie Holexa
Learn how to become aware of our inner critic and how to cultivate kindness to our inner selves.

Fee: $50, Includes lunch.
Pre-registration required.

Meditation in Movement:
Kouk Sun Do
Tuesday, Sep. 10, 9 - 11 am
Jung Ai Kim
A program to train our body, mind

The Rosary: Discover the Treasure
Saturday, Sep. 14, 9 am - 12 pm
Elizabeth Marietti and James Peck
This seminar reaches out to those seeking to learn the spiritual depth of the Rosary with the guidance of Saint John Paul II, who implored the Church to rediscover “a prayer so easy and yet so rich.”

Fee: $20, includes all materials.
Pre-registration required.

For more information or to register for any of these programs, visit thecasa.org or call 480.948.7460 ext. 132
Women in Diversity
Sunday, August 25 and every fourth Sunday of the month until December 27, 2020, 2 - 4 pm
Shirley Cunningham

Grow in community and friendship with women from different faiths and other differences.

Fee: First meeting you attend is free. $10 per meeting after the first one you attend.

Hermit, Preacher, Wanderer: Songs and Stories from the Road Concert
Friday, Sep. 13, 7 - 9 pm
Fr. Cyprian Consiglio

Fr. Cyprian Consiglio, OSB Cam will present a concert evening of songs and stories.

Fee: $20 per person. Tickets can be purchased online or at the front desk. For online purchases, tickets can be picked up at the front desk, or at will call the day of the concert.

Kids, 17 and under are free.

World Peace Day
Saturday, Sep. 21, 9 am - 2 pm
Sign up to be a part of the Peace Day Aerial Photo which will conclude with an Interfaith Prayer and the Presentation of the Casa Peace Award.

Hunger Action Workshop: Through Our Hands
Sunday, Sep. 22, 12:15 - 3 pm
Paul Mueller, SJ

Come and see another way that we can love and serve others.

Please register online. Fee: $10, includes a simple lunch, which is provided by the Hunger Action Ministry and workshop with Yolanda Soto, followed by assembling the Casa Food-for-a-Meal Bags for distribution.

Sign-in/check-in for the workshop in Palm Court outside Fr. Owen.

Compassionate Communication (Daytime)
Thursdays, Sep. 26, Oct. 3, 10, & 17, 10 am – 12 pm
Christine Dove

Gain an understanding of a process that can aid us in navigating through difficult situations.

Fee: $70 for four sessions.
Pre-registration required.

Reach for the Stars
Begins Wednesday, Oct. 2
7 - 8:30 pm
Susan Wrubel

Improve flexibility and body strength by using gentle stretching and allow stress and worry to slip away while being underneath the beautiful sky of stars!

Fee: $40.
Pre-registration required.
Four October evenings on 2, 9, 16 & 23

Native American Flute Journey Extended
Saturday, Oct. 5, 9 am - 3 pm
Hank Molder

The sound of the Native American flute has the power to soothe and heal. Playing the flute is a wonderful means of relaxation. Expanded class to include return to the classroom after lunch for practice and review information on flute music.

Fee per person: $70, lunch included.
Pre-registration required. Limited seating only.

Flute is hand-made: $50. Purchase in class and pay directly to presenter.

Who Am I? I Am Grieving
Thursday, Oct. 17, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Marcy Moore, MPS

This series will include reflection, meditation, and journaling in order to examine your inner thoughts and feelings and provide a place for healing.

Fee: $40 per person for 3 classes.
Pre-registration required.

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Kathryn & Jon Allen

Jon and Kathryn Allen’s devotion to The Casa began decades ago. “I’m not even Catholic,” Jon said, “but I knew when I married Kathryn, I wanted a relationship with the Church. After searching, we arrived at the Casa, overwhelmed with the welcoming attitude. Soon, I began volunteering with the Gardeners Group. I couldn’t believe that every time Fr. Peter walked by me tending the roses, he would greet me with, ‘Hello, Jon.’ Likewise, after Sunday Mass, Fr. Joe would offer a ‘Good morning, Jon.’ They showed me that I belonged.”

Kathryn is a cradle Catholic who had her eighth grade retreat at The Casa. She recalled her disappointment when making funeral arrangements for her father at their home parish. “After Last Rites, the parish priest asked whether Dad had made a CDA contribution to determine his funeral eligibility! But, when contacting the Casa, Norbert only asked: ‘What can we do to help?’ My father’s glorious funeral Mass was held at the Casa, and our love for this holy place was indelibly etched in our hearts.”

Jon and Kathryn share the same feelings about being part of this community: “We have ownership of something very special on this earth. Every Sunday, we watch all kinds of people come together to worship: people in pain and poverty, rich and poor. It is extraordinary to us that we all get to come together. We all belong here!”

“We decided to join the La Verna Legacy Society with a planned gift to the Endowment fund because we want to help underwrite the future. Although only one of us physically works with the earth to tend the garden, both of us want to keep this place alive and growing for others.” If you have questions about the endowment fund or La Verna Legacy Society, please contact Mary Dunn at endowment@thecasa.org or 480.355.0345.

For information regarding the RENEWING LIVES initiative, please call 480.355.0357 or email sarah@thecasa.org
Faith Sharing Groups

Casa Prayer Partners Ministry petitions prayers and prays for our human family. Send requests to: CasaPrayerPartners@gmail.com

Casa Rosary Prayer Group meets every Tuesday, 6 pm in the Meditation Chapel to share our prayer intentions, and those of the community. Through the Rosary, we seek to deepen our relationship with Christ and each other as we contemplate with Mary the face of Christ.

Casa Singles Single, Divorced, Widowed — AGES 40+, meets on the 2nd Friday of each month at 7 pm. For more information and to be added to the email list, contact rick@thecasa.org.

Cornerstone at the Casa Meditation Wednesdays 11:30 am in the Spiritual Direction/Cornerstone Center and Mondays 8:30 am in Room B. All are welcome.

Men in Spirit This group of Christian men meets the first Saturday of every month for 7 am Mass, breakfast, then discussion, study, lectures and guidance. Contact: Al Sapia-Bosch or Chuck Jirauch: MenInSpirit@thecasa.org.

The Order of Secular Franciscans (OFS) Peace Fraternity meets at the Casa on the second Sunday of the month from 2 - 4 pm. This canonical Order of the Catholic Church is open to lay Catholics. Contact: Pat Kennedy, OFS, at 602.284.9343.

Nonprofit Meetings and Conferences

Nonprofit organizations are offered an exclusively serene gathering place for meetings, conferences and special events. For more information about hosting your next nonprofit event at the Casa, contact Indra Rodney, Director of Meetings & Conferences at 480.355.5632 or indra@thecasa.org.

Spiritual Direction

A spiritual director/companion is trained to listen and encourage you to explore a closer relationship with God through conversation, listening and prayer. If you are curious about spiritual direction at the Casa, or would like to make an appointment, please contact: Cathy Olds at 480.948.7460, x162 or spiritualdirection@thecasa.org.

Upcoming Special Collections

Sept. 14,15: The Catholic University
Sept. 28,29: Franciscan Missionary Union (Province)
Oct. 19,20: Mission Sunday (Diocese)

Mass Intentions
August 18 – August 24, 2019

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For weekly readings, please visit usccb.org.

Mass Intentions for Next Week


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

In 1951, the Casa de Paz y Bien began as a Catholic retreat center in Scottsdale. Now, as the Franciscan Renewal Center (still affectionately called the Casa) we offer opportunities for spiritual growth, healing and transformation that moves lives into the service of others.

The Casa was founded by and is today an active religious community of the Order of Friars Minor — part of the worldwide Franciscan family, following the footsteps of Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi. The Casa is a wholly owned entity of the Franciscan Friars Province of Saint Barbara, based in Oakland, California, that works cooperatively with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix.

Activities at the Casa include daily Mass, Sunday services, private retreats, gathering space for non-profit groups, as well as volunteer ministries that assist the poor or vulnerable, empower individuals to improve their circumstances, care for the environment, and build community fellowship. Discover more at thecasa.org or call 480.948.7460.