Upcoming at the Casa

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No fee for this overview session.
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With The Casa Habitat for Humanity Ministry
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Introduction To Centering Prayer
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The Conventual Church of
Our Lady of the Angels
at the Franciscan Renewal Center

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DISCOVER THE VISION
Friars and staff will take you on a one-hour, behind-the-scenes tour of the Casa's unique services and ministries.

Thursdays
September 19  6:00 pm
October 3    11:00 am
October 17   6:00 pm
November 7   11:00 am

Reserved your spot today:
online: thecasa.org/discover-vision/
phone: 480.355.5631
email: rsvp@thecasa.org

CHURCH ART & ARCHITECTURE
Special Summer Schedule
Tours for Families, Friends, and Groups by request one week in advance.

To schedule a summer tour:
phone: 480.948.7460 (Front Desk)
email: churchtours@thecasa.org

TAKE A TOUR
the Angelus

The Angelus is a Marian devotion that calls to mind the Incarnation three times per day with the ringing of the Our Lady of the Angels church bells at 8 am, 12 pm, and 6 pm. The name comes from the Latin words to the prayer which begin "Angelus Domini..." "The Angel of the Lord...".

The first three verses are prayed while the lower-toned bell rings:

1. "The angel of the Lord declared to Mary and she conceived by the Holy Spirit." Then the "Hail Mary" is prayed. The next verse is...
2. "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to Your word." The "Hail Mary" is prayed again. The next verse is...
3. "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." The "Hail Mary" is prayed a third time.

The final verse is offered while the higher-toned bell starts to ring:

4. "Pray for us O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ."

A final prayer is offered as follows:
"Pour forth, we beseech You O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection through Christ our Lord, Amen."

The prayer was developed by Franciscans in the area of Arezzo, Tuscany in the 14th century and soon was spread by the friars all over the world. The prayer reminds us of the Gospel message at the beginning of the Incarnation and recalls the passion and resurrection of Christ. It's a short way to offer prayer every day while being reminded of the greatest act of God, the Incarnation.

We invite you to use this prayer, which has been offered all over the world for many centuries.
**Infant baptisms today ... a reminder ...**

At every Mass, we recall our baptisms...
- each time we make the sign of the cross
- whenever we enter a church and make the sign of the cross with holy water
- as we are sprinkled with holy water at Mass
- when we profess our faith with the Creed
- when we join in the Prayers of the Faithful

Do you know the date of your baptism?  
Do you know where you were baptized?  
Do you know who baptized you?  
Do you remember your Godparents?  
Are there any photos of your baptism?

**Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?**

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 are also seeking community members 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.

**The 2nd Annual Casa Creche Festival**

(The planning has begun!)

Last December we had over 50 “creches” (nativity scenes) on display.  This delightful collection of diverse and interesting sets were on loan from members of the Casa Choir.  This year, we will display nativity sets from as many different cultures and traditions as possible.  If you would like to be involved in the festival, please email Rosa@thecasa.org.  Perhaps you would like to loan us your special nativity set for the display ... or maybe you’d like to volunteer for the event ... and possibly you would enjoy the planning.

Christmas is such an important part of the Franciscan story; we intend to celebrate it really well this year!

**Special Collection this weekend for the Catholic University**

This weekend, we are participating in the national collection for *The Catholic University of America*, which is the national university of the Catholic Church, located in Washington, D.C.  This collection underwrites scholarships to assist financially deserving students in completing their education at CUA in over 50 disciplines.  Founded in 1887, CUA offers students an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere that is grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition.

**Why do we join in these collections?**

We demonstrate our care and concern for the larger Church, of which we are a part.  Offering what we can to the special collections is a reminder that we, as Catholics, belong to a worldwide Church and how we can help others is a way to say thank you to God for the kindness we have been shown.

Upcoming special collections:

- **Sep. 28 & 29**  Franciscan Missionary Union
- **Oct. 19 & 20**  Mission Sunday
- **Nov. 23 & 24**  Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- **Dec. 7 & 8**  Retired Religious Fund
- **Dec. 28 & 29**  Franciscan Missionary Union
- **Jan. 18 & 19**  Gospel of Life
September Blessings!

Congratulations to our newly baptized children and their families!

Stella Jane, daughter of Katie & William French
Joan Harper, daughter of Angela & Michael Locher
Stevie Grace, daughter of Brittany & Kevin McKitrick

Family Faith Activities Sept. 15th
24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

REFLECTION: Why would a shepherd leave the 99 sheep to find the 1 that was lost? What is one sheep in the big picture, the other 99 are ok. It could be raining or cold out there in the fields. The shepherd is probably tired and hungry. But he does not rest. He goes out to find the one lost sheep.

What amazing love this shows. This is the love of Christ the Good Shepherd. No matter how lost we might be or how far from God we have strayed, He never quits, but continues to look for us—not to punish but to love and heal and forgive—no matter where we wander or what we do in our lives.

Amazing love, freely given; all we need to do is accept.

CONVERSATION: Have you ever found something that you lost? How did you feel?

PROCLAMATION/DISCUSSION:
Read: Luke 15:1-10

• Why does Jesus welcome sinners?
• What stories does Jesus tell?
• What do these stories tell us about God?

ACTION: Food and love! People who feel loved and accepted can grow. Plan a family meal that celebrates God’s love. Ask each family member to write a note to every other member, thanking them for a time they have shared love or forgiveness. Younger children can be helped to draw a picture of a heart or other symbol of love. Share these notes during your dinner.

PRAYER: Let us pray. God our Father, You want us to live as Your children. Help us to ask for forgiveness when we make choices that turn against You. Amen.

For more info about Baptisms, Sacramental Preparation and Family Catechesis, please contact Patty Tafolla at 480.355.0359 or dcm@thecasa.org, or Donna Kinzie at 480.948.7460 or donna@thecasa.org
Safe Environment - for NEW VOLUNTEERS

The mission of our Safe Environment Training is to prevent sexual, physical or emotional abuse of children and young people through continued education, building awareness and maintaining a commitment to keeping all children and young people safe.

Every employee, volunteer and member of the clergy is required to be compliant with up-to-date Safe Environment Training. But the information is also available to anyone who would like to be part of the solution to prevent abuse. This is accomplished by initially taking a foundation class in person and then annually watching a video online.

If you have never been to a class before, we have two upcoming foundation classes here at the Casa on September 24 at 6 pm and October 30 at 3 pm. To register for one:

- Go to thecasa.org.
- Click on “SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING” found at the top.
- Register for a new account.
- Follow and answer all prompts under “Start Curriculum.”
- At the end you will sign up for a live foundation training.

— Pat Bennier, Director of Volunteer Services

Thank you for your stewardship!

Mass Offerings

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We received 240 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

For more information about our Counseling Ministry, please call 480.948.7460, ext. 134 or email: counseling@thecasa.org

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

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 - Friday 10 am - 2 pm
Saturday 10 am - 6:30 pm
Sunday 8:30 am - 2 pm and 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Please stop by. We look forward to serving you!
Visit us online at Booksandblessingsgiftshop.com
**FAITH IN ACTION MINISTRIES**

**Habitat: A Chance to Thrive**  
**Sunday, October 6**  
**10:30 to 11:15 am, repeated from 12:15 to 1 pm**

Did you know that 1 in 8 Arizona households spend more than 50 percent of their income on housing? Discover how Habitat Central AZ affects the Heart of the Valley as it strengthens families and builds foundations. For more than 40 years, Habitat has been making safe, decent and affordable housing a reality, one family at a time. Join us to learn more. **Pre-registration is requested and appreciated.** Follow this link or visit the website.

There is no fee. Walk-ins are welcome. Need additional information? Email thecasahabitat@thecasa.org.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Sharing the Journey: Migrant Realities on the Southern Border**  
**Sunday, October 13, 2019**  
**4:30 - 6:30 pm**

With Bishop Eduardo Nevares, Fr. Sean Carroll, SJ from Kino Border Initiative, Br. David Buer, OFM

Come and learn the stories of migrants and the Catholic leaders who have been working with them, and discover what God is calling each of us to do. This event is a collaboration with the Valley Interfaith Project (VIP). Light refreshments will be provided. Fr. Sean will also be the homilist at the 7 pm Mass. See FRC Programs Calendar for more information and to register for this free event.

**Apache Fair Trade Ministry**

The mission of this ministry is to increase understanding and cooperation between the San Carlos Apache people and the Casa community while bringing economic benefit to those who have a hard time getting their handcrafted items beyond the reservation. The ministry sells beautiful woven baskets, jewelry, and rosaries, etc. Fall sales will take place in front of the dining room in Palm Court between 11 am - 1:30 pm on:

- **September 21 and 28, October 19 and 26, and November 16.**

Come out and shop on these days and consider joining the ministry to sell the items.

Contact AFTCO@thecasa.org for more information.

**You can help!**

* **VISIT** the Hunger Action Ministry (HAM) table in the Hospitality area to sign up to donate food items, or make monetary donations toward our project Casa Food-for-a-Meal Bags. Find us in hospitality today. This is your last chance to sign up to help. Please sign up because we need still need hundreds of food items! If you missed the table in Hospitality, then please go directly to Sign-Up Genius to select your food item donation. Follow this link.

* **ATTEND** Hunger Action Sunday “Through our Hands” Event on September 22 at 12:15 pm with speaker Yolanda Soto from Borderlands Produce Rescue. Visit the Casa Events web page for registration information or follow this link: HAM9/22.

**For information** visit Hunger Action Ministry (HAM) webpage or contact hungeraction@thecasa.org.

Contact us at 480.948.7460  
Patti Sills-Trausch at x130 or socialconcerns@thecasa.org, Laura Libertore at x156 or laura@thecasa.org or Bonnie Wasniewski at x155 or bonnie@thecasa.org
Retreats in October and November

Oct. 14 - 16    Embracing a Spirituality of Imperfection: Following the Example of Henri Nouwen
Oct. 18 - 20    The Way of Henri Nouwen: Befriending Tension in Our Journey
Oct. 31 - Nov. 8    St. Bonaventure’s Journey Into God
Nov. 15 - 17    Walking the Footsteps of Thich Nhat Hahn and Thomas Merton

Care for the Caregiver
Begins Monday, Sept. 16
1 - 2:30 pm
David Samora

A free 10-week video / discussion series called “Finding Meaning and Hope” based on the book “Loving Someone Who Has Dementia” by Dr. Pauline Boss, PhD.

Fee: There is no fee.
Pre-registration required.
Dates include: Sept. 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, & 18.

World Peace Day
Saturday, Sept. 21, 9 am - 2 pm
The Peace Day Aerial Photo will conclude with an Interfaith Prayer, the presentation of the Casa Peace Award, and Dances of Universal Peace.

Hunger Action Workshop: Through Our Hands
Sunday, Sept. 22, 12:15 - 3 pm
Yolanda Soto

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.

Retirement and Conscious Aging
Friday, Sept. 27—Sunday, Sept. 29
Jim Briggs

Making Room for the Spirit as We Grow Older
Discover how to see life after retirement as a blessing and how to live differently and more contemplatively.

Fee: Commuter $135, Single room $250, Double occupancy $150 per person. Fees include meals. Pre-

registration required. Please call Amy at 480.948.7460 ext. 132 or register online.

Act-Love-Walk Overview:
Information & Discernment
Tuesday, Oct. 1, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Overview session is for the course: ACT Justly, LOVE Tenderly, WALK Humbly! (Micah 6:8) Justice Formation in the Franciscan Way.

No fee for this Overview session. Registration in advance is appreciated. Walk-ins are welcome.

Young Adult Symposium
Saturday, Oct. 12, 8 am - 5 pm
Maureen Day & John Roberto
Special Event on Young Adults.

Fee: $10.
Pre-registration required.

For more information or to register for any of these programs please visit thecasa.org or call 480.948.7460 ext. 132
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*The Casa Habitat for Humanity Ministry*

Discover how Habitat Central AZ affects the Heart of the Valley as it strengthens families and builds foundations.

**Fee:** There is no fee. 
Registration in advance is requested and appreciated. Walk-ins are welcome.

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**Introduction To Centering Prayer**  
**Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 am - 1 pm**  
Carole Whittaker, PhD and Mary Bencomo, MA

Receive information on the practice of Centering Prayer and enjoy the opportunity to sit in silence.

**Fee:** $35, snacks and refreshments provided; lunch is not included. Pre-registration required.

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**Science & Faith**  
**Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 am - 12 pm**  
Paul Mueller, SJ

Since Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, we need to be concerned not only with what is True in science and in faith but also with what that means for us – for our Way of Life. Fr. Mueller’s approach will be both academic and pastoral.

**Fee:** $30 with lunch at 12 pm. Register with Science & Faith for $45. Pre-registration required.

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**The Vatican Observatory**  
**Saturday, Oct. 19, 12 pm - 3 pm**  
Paul Mueller, SJ

Learn about the particular history of the Vatican Observatory: Why does the Pope have an observatory? What are its activities and contributions, historically and in the present day? We will discuss several modern discoveries in astronomy and astrophysics, and reflect on what they could mean for faith and for human life.

**Fee:** $30 with lunch at 12 pm. Register with Science & Faith for $45. Pre-registration required.

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**Envisioning a Beautiful World**  
**Saturday, Oct. 26, 9 am - 12 pm**  
Laura Libertore

Join Laura as we explore the key themes and principles of Catholic Social Teaching as they apply to peacemaking, the common good and how they shape our call to lives of love and service in the world.

**Fee:** $35 includes lunch. Pre-registration required.

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**Old World Angel Painting Workshop**  
**Saturday, Nov. 2, 9 am - 4:30 pm**  
Lisa Fitzgibbons

You’ll learn techniques in painting, texture, aging and gold leaf, while creating a beautiful little icon inspired by the lost art of ancient monasteries.

**Fee:** $75, including lunch and all materials. Pre-registration required.

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**Popcorn, Pizza & Peace**  
**Saturday, Nov. 2, 6 - 9 pm**  
Albert Celoza

Movie title: “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?”

**Fee:** $10 per person includes pizza, refreshments, popcorn, movie and discussion. Pre-registration required.

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**Reigniting Religion**  
**Wednesday, Nov. 13, 7 - 9 pm**  
Program repeated on Nov. 14, Thursday, 10 am - Noon  
Tom Stella

**Fee:** $20 per person. Pre-registration required.

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**Practicing the Ways of a Mystic in a Busy Life**  
**Monday, Nov. 18, 7 - 9 pm**  
Program repeated on Nov. 19, Tuesday, 10 am - Noon  
Jerry Braza

**Fee:** $20 per person. Pre-registration required.

For more information or to register for any of these programs please visit thecasa.org or call 480.948.7460 ext. 132
What does the Casa mean for you?

Many times, I hear people ponder whether the Franciscan Renewal Center is a church with a retreat center or a retreat center with a church. It conjures up a great dialog, and I don’t believe there is a clear answer. The Casa is an anomaly for many reasons and has always been on a journey of evolving and discovering its identity as an organization. Since our beginning in 1951, the Casa has been the spiritual home for hundreds of thousands of people. It has been called a lifesaver and a healing respite, along with many other descriptions of blessings. It’s where some have met their spouse; it’s where many have found or deepened their connection with God.

It is important that all of us, who claim this community and place as our safe harbor of goodness, sustain the Casa's current and future viability, with the means available to us. We are blessed with an incredible community that generously supports the Casa’s ministries, programs and outreach!

The Franciscans took a huge risk sending their brothers here 68 years ago to launch the experiment we call Casa de Paz y Bien. The Casa invents and reinvents herself generationally with a contemporary way of connecting with guests, visitors, volunteers, staff and those seeking a place to belong. Thank you for supporting this through your means at Mass collections, joining the Tau Society, inviting people to our twice-a-month tours, our annual appeal and naming the FRC in your trust or will. Because of you, continued opportunities for renewal within a context of Franciscan spirituality, theology and charism is, in a distinctive way, changing society for the good.

In our societal culture of contempt, we need what the Casa provides now, more than ever. Thanks for being part of this tremendous experiment we affectionately call the Casa.

— Charlie Brown, General Manager

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

A Tax-wise Opportunity

If you are beginning to think about taxes and end-of-year giving, here’s a tax-wise opportunity to consider. Each year, IRA owners age 70 1/2 and older must take a required minimum distribution (RMD). Ordinarily, your RMD is reported as income and included on your tax return along with other taxable income. However, you can transfer your RMD to the Casa and get these benefits:

- Satisfy your obligation to take a distribution from your IRA;
- Lower your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions;
- Reduce your income taxes; and
- Best of all, support your favorite ministry or the area of greatest need at the Casa. Your RMD can be used for pledge payments, liturgical gifts, endowment, or a program that holds special meaning for you. (Be sure to check with your tax advisor to see if this works well for your circumstances.)

Your gift can be made simply by notifying your IRA plan custodian of your intent to make a transfer of your RMD to the Casa. For more information on RMDs, or how to make an IRA rollover gift, please visit our legacy website: http://www.frclegacy.org/, or contact Mary Dunn, 480.355.0345, endowment@thecasa.org. We’re here for you!
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
September 15 – September 21, 2019

Sunday Pro-Populo 7:30 am
Lawrence Rose 9:15 am
Thomas Brown 11:00 am
Kate Dickholtz 7:00 pm

Monday Stanley Czekaj 7:00 am
Tuesday Jarrett F. Gesuale 7:00 am
Wednesday Marie Schwietz 7:00 am
Thursday Lucette Tarro 7:00 am
Friday Alice Monillas 7:00 am
Saturday Deanna M. Thomas 7:00 am
Joan Madler 5:00 pm

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.

Why donate blood? Our blood supply comes from donors like you. It takes about one hour of your time. When you give blood, it gives someone another smile, another hug, another chance. It is the gift of life. Please make your appointment to donate blood on Sunday, September 22, 2019: www.bloodhero.com, sponsor code: Franciscan, or stop by the Front Desk before or after all Masses or during the week.

About the Franciscan Renewal Center

The Franciscan Renewal Center began in 1951 as a place for retreat programs. Affectionately known as the “Casa de Paz y Bien” or simply “the Casa.” It is today a Catholic renewal center, offering opportunities for spiritual growth, healing and transformation and service to others.

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

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