Upcoming at the Casa

Act-Love-Walk Overview: Information & Discernment
See page 8 for more details.
Tuesday, October 1, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

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With Susan Wrubel
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Featured Movie: Chasing Coral
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The Conventual Church of
Our Lady of the Angels
at the Franciscan Renewal Center

Weekend Mass
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:15 am, 11:00 am, 7:00 pm

Daily Mass
Holy Day Masses Monday - Saturday
Reconciliation 7:00 am
as announced please call for appointment
Rosary Tuesday 6:00 pm
Centering Prayer Thursday 7:45 am
Front Desk Hours Monday - Saturday 7:30 am - 7:30 pm
Sunday 7:30 am - 8:30 pm

Books & Blessings Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 6:30 pm
Sunday 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
THE CONVENTUAL CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS

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TAKE A TOUR

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
October 3 11:00 am
October 17 6:00 pm
November 7 11:00 am
November 21 6:00 pm

 Reserve 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

ANGELESS KNOW ONE? BEEN ONE?

The Scriptures for this 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6: 6-11; Luke 16: 190-31) challenge us to be aware of good stewardship and our care for others. God has greatly blessed us; in turn, we are to share those blessings.

While this year the readings and liturgy for Sunday supersedes the readings and liturgy of the Archangel (usually celebrated on September 29), we cannot forget the angels/Archangels. We are probably most familiar with St. Michael (Who Is Like God?); St. Gabriel (Power of God); and St. Raphael (God has healed).

Paragraph 329 of the Catechism of the Roman Catholic Church Instructs us: With their whole being, the angels are servants and messengers of God. Paragraph 350: Angels are spiritual creatures who glorify God without ceasing and who serve His saving plan for other creatures.

Many of us were taught that angels/our guardian angels sit on our shoulders. They protect us; watch over us; help with to make good decisions. Thank goodness for angels.

How often have we said: He/She is an angel? What do we mean by that? Most likely: someone has helped us; been kind to us; brought us a message of love, forgiveness, hope. Perhaps through another person, God has given us a message. Who has been an angel in your life? To whom have you been an angel?

Angels; Messengers of God: Know one? Been one?

Peace,

Fr. Page Polk, OFM
Two major events to celebrate Saint Francis of Assisi this week:

As we have come to know, Saint Francis was a man with keen vision, exquisite sensitivity, a great heart, and a deep conviction of eternal values. Certainly, he was someone deserving of a great celebration of his gift to the world. Please come and join with the friars and celebrate his life and inspiration!

“Transitus” - The memorial of the passing of St. Francis:
Celebrated on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 7 pm in the Church.

Lovers of St. Francis solemnly gather to commemorate a touching event in his remarkable life. It is called the TRANSITUS – that is, his passage from earthly life to everlasting life. Francis died on the evening of October 3, just as the brothers were singing. On this night, we recall some of the legends of Saint Francis while we encourage one another to live lives of praise. The Transitus uniquely celebrates our Franciscan identity by rooting ourselves ritually both in Sacred Scripture and the historical foundations of the brotherhood. Francis is rumored to have had a “sweet tooth”. Lady Jacoba used to bake almond cookies as a gift for him. In fact, she brought them to him the night he died. To celebrate that sweet memory, each year we have a dessert potluck by the poolside after the Transitus service. All are invited to bring something sweet to share!

“The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi”
A Festive Mass celebrated on Friday, October 4, 2019 at 7 pm in the Church.

Special Collection this weekend for the Franciscan Missionary Union

The Franciscan Missionary Union (FMU) provides critical services worldwide and makes a host of Franciscan missionary activities possible. The missionary work of the St. Barbara Province reflects that call. They serve a culturally and ethnically diverse population within the United States but also in other parts of the world, including Russia, Mexico, Peru and the Holy Land. Your contribution supports the efforts of the Franciscans in the work of evangelization, reconciliation and care of the poorest of the poor. Franciscans have been assisted in missionary efforts by people like you who share their spiritual and financial resources through this collection.

As usual, we only take one collection during Mass, so please drop both envelopes (your weekly Casa gift & special collection gift) in the collection basket. If you weren’t prepared to contribute today, you may bring the envelope back next week.

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 begin Tuesdays starting in 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 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.
Faith Formation at Home
Feast Days and Activities for October

Oct. 1 St. Therese of Lisieux
Spend a day doing little things for God and others in honor of the “Little Flower.”

Oct. 2 Guardian Angels
Enjoy some angel food cake, & pray the Guardian Angel prayer.

Oct. 4 St. Francis
Build a bird feeder, take a dog to the park, make your pet a special treat!

October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary
Make a full or single decade Rosary either as a family or individually.

Oct. 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch
Plant some winter wheat to honor this saint known as the “Wheat for Christ.”

Oct. 18 St. Luke
Spend some time looking at the Gospel of Luke and pick out your favorite stories.
Consider picking a religious themed Halloween costume this year!

REFLECTION: What does it mean to be “rich”? Indeed, the rich man in the parable today had all the material wealth that he needed. He probably worked hard to achieve this, perhaps was a good family man, going to synagogue each Sunday, maybe even considered a pillar of society. Yet…as long as the poor man lay uncared for at his feet, the rich man was totally condemned. Why? Because he did not know what justice means. He did not know what love means. He made no move to share what he had at his table. There are two instances where this could have happened. First, he could make sure the poor man had enough to eat and medical treatment. This level of “charity” is good, but not quite the Gospel. In the second level, both could sit at the same table and share with equal dignity. It is not about who is richer, smarter, or healthier, but that each care deeply for the other and their needs. It is interesting that the poor are usually much better at this than the rich, even with limited resources. It makes you wonder who in this world are the really rich, enriched and enriching? (sacredspace)

CONVERSATION: Who can help the poor?

PROCLAMATION/DISCUSSION:
•What does the poor man in the story need?
•Does the rich man notice Lazarus?
•What happens when the rich man dies?
•What happens when the poor man dies?

ACTION: “The Poor Among Us” box. Have your family members think of the needy they’ve seen in the past weeks, then write the names or descriptions of the people on pieces of paper. Do this several times during the next week. Pray for these people and how you can help.

CONCLUDING PRAYER: Loving God, Help us to care for those in need. Amen.
Safety Weekend is coming!

October 26 & 27

Remember the Fire Drills that you did in grade school? Our Safety Sunday Weekend will be similar to that.

The Safety Committee, Staff, Friars and Volunteers are planning the details for the weekend Masses of October 26 & 27.

Please check back in future bulletins and on the Casa website for more details about what will take place.

Thank You Kelly!

Kelly Daly recently completed her term on the Franciscan Renewal Center Board of Directors. Along with her Board service, Kelly also serves on the Board Formation and Governance committee. Kelly and her family have been part of the Casa community for more than a decade and can typically be seen at the Saturday evening Vigil Mass where she serves as a lector. Please help me in thanking Kelly for her many years of devoted service to the Casa.

– Pat Bennier, Director of Volunteer Services

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

Thank you for your stewardship!

Mass Offerings

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We received 252 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

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    10:00 am - 2:00 pm
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.

For more information about our Counseling Ministry, please call 480.948.7460, ext. 134 or email: counseling@thecasa.org
What does our God ask of us?

ACT Justly,

LOVE Tenderly,

WALK Humbly! Micah 6:8

ACT-LOVE-WALK is a justice formation course/program for 8-14 participants. Together the group encounters Franciscan stories and their own stories in connection to issues in our world today. For seven months, participants explore:

- How are we called to live justly in our modern world, its challenges, struggles and joys?
- How are we called to care for the vulnerable?
- How do we grapple with and respond to "the signs of our times?"
- What words might St. Francis have to inspire or challenge us?

The full program starts on October 22.

From a graduate: "With each class as a stop along the way, this is a journey together that takes on a deeper meaning and offers the challenges of transformation."

Find out more: Tuesday, Oct. 1, 6:30-8:30 pm.

Act-Love-Walk, A “Pilgrimage-in-Place”
Overview Session/Information and Discernment
No Fee. Register online or call Amy, at ext. 132.
Request more information at alw@thecasa.org.

Did you know that 1 in 8 Arizona households spend more than 50 percent of their income on housing?

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

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.

There is no fee. Pre-registration is requested and appreciated. Follow this link or visit the website. Walk-ins are welcome.

Interested in building?
Visit the Casa Habitat Ministry in Hospitality after all Masses next weekend, September 28 and 29.
- Sign up for our 13th Casa Habitat Home, with the Fall Build beginning in October.
- Find out more about our event on October 6.
Additional information? Email thecasahabitat@thecasa.org.

Creation Connection Movie Night
Friday, October 18 6-9 pm

Franciscan Spirituality invites us to explore what it means to be brothers and sisters with all of God’s creation. Together, we learn what is ours to do.

The Fall movie, with discussion, is Chasing Coral. Coral reefs around the world are vanishing at an unprecedented rate. A team of divers, photographers and scientists set out on a thrilling ocean adventure to discover why and to reveal the underwater mystery to the world. This elusive story may be out of sight, but the solutions exist all around us.

Fee: $10 includes light dinner. Pre-registration is required. Register at 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
Looking For Something To Do?

Check out the Casa Programs!

Nov. 2          Old World Angel Painting
Nov 2           Popcorn Pizza & Peace Movie Night
Nov. 9          Franciscan Vision Series: Treasure In Heaven Equals Treasure On Earth
Nov. 13 or 14   Reigniting Religion
Nov. 15 - 17    Walking the Footsteps of Thich Nhat Hanh and Thomas Merton
Nov. 18 - 20    Painting With God
Nov. 18 or 19   Practicing the Ways of a Mystic In A Busy Life

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.

Introduction To Centering Prayer

Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 am - 1 pm
Carole Whittaker, PhD and Mary Bencomo, MA

The foundation for developing a personal practice that leads to contemplation.

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

Creation Connection Movie Night

Friday, Oct. 18, 6 - 9 pm
Care for Creation Ministry Team

Movie Title: Chasing Coral.

Fee: $10 includes a light dinner, movie and discussion. Pre-registration required.

Franciscan Vision Series: St. Francis and the Psalms

Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 - 11 am
Fr. Garrett Galvin, OFM

Since Francis is often portrayed as preaching to animals and remembered for his Canticle of Creation, it may come as a surprise that there is such a large focus on the psalms in his writings. Yet, we would do well to see how frequently Christ turns to the psalms. Francis follows his example. We are invited to do the same.

Fee: $95 per person, Pre-registration required.

Science & Faith

Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 am - 12 pm
Paul Mueller, SJ

Fee: $30 with lunch at 12 pm. Register with The Vatican Observatoy for $45. Pre-registration required.

The Vatican Observatory

Saturday, Oct. 19, 12 pm - 3 pm
Paul Mueller, SJ

Fee: $30 with lunch at 12 pm. Register with Science & Faith for $45. 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
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.

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

Come learn about and experience the beautiful sound of the Native American Flute.

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.

Habitat: A Chance to Thrive
Sunday, Oct. 6, Offered twice:
10:30 - 11:15 am & 12:15 - 1pm
The Casa Habitat for Humanity Ministry

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

Young Adult Symposium
Saturday, Oct. 12, 8 am - 5 pm
Maureen Day & John Roberto
This session explores ministry with young adults in two ways.

Fee: $10.
Pre-registration required.

Sharing the Journey
Sunday, Oct. 13, 4:30 - 6:30 pm
Bishop Eduardo Nevares, Fr. Sean Carroll, SJ, & Br. David Buer, OFM

Free event. Pre-Registration is helpful.

Embracing a Spirituality of Imperfection: Following the Example of Henri Nouwen
Monday, Oct. 14—Wednesday, Oct. 16
Wil Hernandez

Fee: Commuter $135, Single room $250, Double occupancy $150 per person. Fees include meals. Pre-registration required. Please call 480.948.7460 ext. 132 or register online.

The Way of Henri Nouwen
Friday, Oct. 18—Sunday, Oct. 20
Wil Hernandez

Fee: Commuter $135, Single room $250, Double occupancy $150 per person. Fees include meals. Pre-registration required. Please call 480.948.7460 ext. 132 or register online.

Twelve Gifts For Living
Friday, Oct. 25—Sunday, Oct. 27
Charlene Costanzo

Fee: $135, commuter includes meals; with lodging, single, $250; double, $150 per person. Pre-registration required.

Lady Jacoba's Gift: A Franciscan Approach to Dying and Death
Saturday, Oct. 26, 9 am - 3 pm
Darleen Pryds

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

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

Fee: $35 includes lunch.
Pre-registration required.
Endowment Gifts

Supporting the endowment initiative here at the Casa has brought me so many gifts. I am grateful. Working with Casa volunteers and staff, I would never have had the chance to meet, I hear their stories and see how Christ is working in their lives while feeling their love of this place. We start each of our endowment meetings by sharing moments of grace, which gives me a chance to get to know others in our ministry even better.

My greatest joy, however, comes from helping people share their stories here in this Vision Corner. To help turn their story into a written word, we talk about their personal experience and their journey of deciding to leave a legacy to the Franciscan Renewal Center. As I listen and scribble my notes, I’m always touched by the passion and commitment of those who have chosen to leave a part of themselves to this special place we love. Hearing the personal faith journey of our fellow community members is one of the greatest gifts I receive from our endowment work. Thank you.

If you have questions about our endowment initiative or the LaVerna Legacy Society, or if you would like to share your story here, please contact Mary Dunn at 480.355.0345 or endowment@thecasa.org.

—Anna Thomasson

Join the La Verna Legacy Society
Where all are welcome!

Your legacy is important.

That's why you take time to plan and provide for the people and causes that mean the most to you. If you've included the Casa in your will, trust, or other legacy gift, please let us know. We want to honor you with membership in the La Verna Legacy Society, and more importantly, we want to make sure you're thanked today and your legacy is honored tomorrow.

Contact Mary Dunn, 480.355.0345, or endowment@thecasa.org.
Mass Intentions
September 29 – October 5, 2019

Sunday
Pro-Populo
Robert Bonesky 9:15 am
Lavonne Joy Sanders 11:00 am
Edward Theopolis Jacox 7:00 pm

Monday
Larry Schwietz 7:00 am

Tuesday
Deanna Thomas 7:00 am

Wednesday
Claire Zwickl 7:00 am

Thursday
Peter Igras 7:00 am

Friday
Friars intention 7:00 am

Saturday
Mary Hanley 7:00 am
Deanna M. Thomas 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.

**Service Pilgrimage to Guaymas, Mexico**

**November 21-24, 2019**

Please plan on joining us on a Service Pilgrimage to the Franciscan Mission in Guaymas, Mexico!

**Sign-Up Today!**

For additional information, please visit: www.CasaFranciscanaOutreach.org/servicepilgrimage

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