Upcoming at the Casa

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In Rose Court
Saturday, November 9, 10 am - Noon

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With Tom Stella & Jerry Braza
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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
Monday - Saturday 7:00 am
Holy Day Masses as announced
Reconciliation please call for appointment
Rosary
Tuesday 6:00 pm
Thursday 7:45 am
Centering Prayer
Monday - Saturday 7:30 am - 7:30 pm
Sunday 7:30 am - 8:30 pm
Front Desk Hours
Monday - Saturday 7:30 am - 7:30 pm
Sunday 7:30 am - 8:30 pm

Books & Blessings
Monday - Wednesday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Thursday - Saturday 10:00 am - 6:30 pm
Sunday 8:30 am - 2:00 pm, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
"A Temple Story"

Two guys go into the Temple. Sounds like the beginning of one of those “Two guys go into a bar” jokes. But nothing could be further from the truth.

In the Temple, one was a Pharisee and one was a Tax Collector. To be a tax collector in the first century, you needed to be, first and foremost, greedy, living off of other peoples’ misery and willing to work as an agent for the foreign occupying power, namely the Romans.

So, when the Pharisee stands up and prays, “God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortionist, unjust, adulterer, or even like this tax collector”, he, the Pharisee, is basically telling the truth. The Tax Collector can only bow his head and beg for mercy and forgiveness.

But then comes the twist in the story, for which Jesus is famous, a most unexpected conclusion.

The Tax Collector goes home justified—a complete man, whole before God, heard, loved, accepted, and forgiven.

The Pharisee, on the other hand, ironically, goes home with the same problem he started out with that day, namely his arrogance.

When we turn on the news and hear about the despicable things that people do to each other—to their families, their children, to their fellow human beings—do we say, “I thank God that I am not like other men, and most especially, not like that guy!”

I heard a homilist once, a long time ago, end his homily on this parable of Jesus with a prayer that stated, “I thank God that we, you and I, here in this assembly, are not like the Pharisee in this parable.” He didn’t get it either. The question is: Do we get it?

Peace and Good,

Deacon Hervé
Do you have a special nativity scene that you’d like to share at our 2nd Annual Casa Creche Festival?

(Dec. 14-15, 2019)

Last December, we had over 50 “creches” (nativity scenes) on display. This year, our goal is to display 200 nativity sets from as many different cultures and traditions as possible.

(Tanzanian nativity)

If you would like to loan us your special nativity set for this event, or be involved in the festival, please email Norbert@thecasa.org. Maybe you’d even like to volunteer to help with the event.

(Peruvian nativity)

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

(Russian wooden handcarved nativity)

Let us know if you’d like to help with this fun and very unique event.

November:
The Feasts of All Saints and All Souls and the “Book of Life”

November is traditionally a time for remembering those who have died. Perhaps the custom comes from the fact that November 1 is the Feast of All Saints and November 2 is the Feast of All Souls. In November, the natural world starts to move toward winter, and night’s darkness comes earlier each day.

Feast of All Saints
Fri., Nov. 1, Mass at 7 am and 7 pm

Feast of All Souls
Sat., Nov. 2, Mass at 7 am

During the month of November, you will find our “Book of Life” by the statue of Sts. Francis and Clare, near the Sister Death window. You are welcome to inscribe the names of all of your loved ones who have died. We will remember them in prayer all month.

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

On Saturday, November 9 at 10:30 am in the church, we will have a special “Mass of Remembrance” for all those who have died this 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, as well as the names of other family members from our community who have died this past year.

Bring a picture of your deceased loved one…bring your memories…bring your grief…bring your faith…bring your hope…bring your families and friends—all are welcome.

“Lord, help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with You and our dearly departed for ever.”
(from the Prayer of Commendation, Catholic Funeral Mass)
Family Faith Activities Oct. 27
30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

REFLECTION:
Pharisee = pride. Tax collector = humility. In our society today, it is easy to fall into the trap of having more than the person next door, wearing the correct clothes, putting on a “successful” face and doing the so called “right” things. Is this so wrong? We all brag at times, just look at social media! We also all act humble at other times. Both can be appropriate depending on the context. The context has everything to do with our heart—self-centered or other-centered. Humility is something to be worked on, looking within ourselves and our hearts, examining motives and then going to God for the grace to put Him first. In the words of Francis: “We must never desire to be above others, but, instead, we must be servants and subject to every human creature for God’s sake.” Humility confounds. It can convert. In any event, it is the path of Christ in our world today.

CONVERSATION:
What does it mean to be humble?

PROCLAMATION/DISCUSSION:
Read: Luke 18:9-14
• What story does Jesus tell?
• How does the Pharisee pray?
• How does the tax collector pray?
• What does Jesus teach His followers about prayer?

ACTION:
Prayer Space! Prayer is an important part of this Scripture. With your child(ren), create a prayer space in your home. Allow them to place objects they find appropriate such as candles, the Bible, pictures, fabric, figures and other items. Use the space together every day.

 Define! What the word humble means. Make a family commitment to live as humbly as you can this week.

PRAYER: Let us pray. Dear God, thank You for hearing our prayers. Help us listen to You when we pray. Amen.
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 October 30 at 3 pm and November 21 at 1 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

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 237 collection envelopes.

Books and Blessings

bookstore & spiritual boutique at the Casa

"Meet the Artist," Sue Messmer on Sunday Oct 27, after the Sunday morning Masses. She will be outside the bookstore showcasing her beautiful glass crosses and angels. Stop over to say "hi." They make great gifts.

Winter hours (starting now):
Sunday: 8:30 am - 2 pm and 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm,
Monday - Wednesday: 10 am - 2 pm. Thursday - Saturday: 10 am - 6:30 pm.

For more information about our Counseling Ministry, please call 480.948.7460, ext. 134 or email: counseling@thecasa.org
Immersion Trip to San Carlos Apache Reservation and Mission Church
Saturday, November 16
7:45 am - 9 pm

Spend a day on the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation learning about our longtime connection with these people. Franciscan friars were present there for about 100 years. Come learn about their legacy and the work that continues today.

- Visit the San Carlos Apache Cultural Center.
- Tour the Catholic church and school.
- Listen to stories about Apache ceremonies.
- Meet Apache Crafters and see live demonstrations.

Fee: $75 for transportation, lunch, and dinner. Pre-registration is required. Register at www.thecasa.org.

Questions? Call Patti Sills-Trausch.

Save the Date
Border Immersion Trip
January 18-20, 2020

The Faith in Action Ministry, along with Br. Sam Nasada, are developing a trip to the border area of Douglas, AZ/Agua Prieta, Mexico. This trip will allow Casa community members to meet the Franciscan community in Elfrida, AZ and cross the border to better understand the work being done to support migrants and those who live in Agua Prieta. More information will come in future bulletins.

If you hope to attend, now is the time to get your passport in order.

Hunger Action Ministry
Hunger Action is in Hospitality this weekend.

St Mary’s Food Bank Thanksgiving Food Box Give-Away on Monday, November 25
St Mary’s Food Bank, Pack Emergency Food Boxes on Tuesday, December 10

Individuals are needed to help with the Thanksgiving service project in November and pack emergency boxes in December. Stop by the Hospitality table today for more information and to sign up for either or both of these projects, or email hungeraction@thecasa.org.

ACT Justly, LOVE Tenderly, WALK Humbly
Justice Formation in the Franciscan Way participants begin their seven month "pilgrimage in place."

This weekend, they are involved in their opening retreat. Let us hold them in prayer as they begin this exciting and challenging adventure of reflection, study, prayer and community as they explore the invitation to ACT, LOVE and WALK through Franciscan values.

Pray for them: “In the presence of your Spirit, Lord, may this year’s ACT LOVE WALK group become your body: listening, sharing, caring and praying for one another. In thanksgiving for the gift of faith witnessed through the lives of Sts. Francis and Clare and the rest of our Franciscan Family, help them to share faith; to persevere in the face of adversity or doubt, and to be instruments of your peace. Amen.”

For more information about Faith in Action Ministries, contact us at 480.948.746. Patti Sills-Trausch at x130 or socialconcerns@thecasa.org, or Laura Libertore at x156 or laura@thecasa.org.
A Look at What’s Ahead…

Nov. 18 - 20
Painting With God

Nov. 18 or 19
Practicing the Ways of a Mystic In A Busy Life

Dec. 5 - 8
Brush With God

Dec. 13 - 15
Emmaus Retreat for Grieving Parents

Dec. 14
Mindful Meditation

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.

Part III: Preparing Your Estate Plan
Saturday, Nov. 2, 9:30 - 11 am
Stephanie Bivens, Esq., Certified Elder Law Attorney
This workshop will help you plan for the distribution of your assets at the end of life, and create a meaningful legacy that reflects your values and wishes.

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

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

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

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

Franciscan Vision Series: Treasure in Heaven Equals Treasure on Earth
Saturday, Nov. 9, 9 - 11 am
Fr. Joe Chinnici, OFM
How do we use the resources we have to help others? Money, property, government—all issues which are hotly contested today. Does the Franciscan social tradition have anything to guide us towards an “economics of abundance and an economics of provision”? Come and discover the early Christian roots of the tradition, its basic Gospel commitments, its theory and practice, and its challenge to live an “ethics of sustainability.”

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

Part IV: Planning for End of Life
Saturday, Nov. 9, 9:30 - 11 am
Anne Corssen & Mary Dunn with Hospice of the Valley Team
This workshop will help you prepare for the challenges that often arise in the later years of life and make choices that reflect your values and what matters most to you.

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

Blessing of the Animals
Saturday, Nov. 9, 10 am - Noon
Meet the friars in Rose Court for your pet’s annual blessing.

Fee: Free.

For more information or to register for any of these programs please visit thecasa.org or call 480.948.7460 ext. 132
ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The Art & Text of the Saint John's Bible
Wednesday, Nov 13, 10 - 11 am
Paula White
A talk about the Illuminations of the Bible and also about the text that accompany the Illuminations.

No fee.
Registration is appreciated.

Reigniting Religion
Wednesday, Nov 13, 7 - 9 pm
Program repeated on Nov. 14, Thursday, 10 am - Noon
Tom Stella
Through presentation, reflection, and dialogue, this class will provide an opportunity for participants to look closely at their beliefs, and to discover new and meaningful ways to understand them.

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

Walking the Footsteps of Thich Nhat Hanh & Thomas Merton
Friday, Nov. 15—Sunday, Nov. 17
Tom Stella & Jerry Braza
Through presentation, discussion, meditation, and prayer, we will open ourselves to the teachings of these two great mentors who embodied what they taught.

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

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Saturday, Nov. 16, 7:45 am - 9 pm
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Fee: $75, includes lunch, dinner and transportation.
Pre-registration required.

The Centrality of Christ Retreat
Friday, Nov. 22—Sunday, Nov. 24
Fr. John Quigley
Fr. John will examine the significance of the development of our belief in the Christ as the physical extended love of the Trinity in creation.

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

Fill the Well Concert with Paul Hillebrand
Friday, Dec. 6, 7 - 9 pm
Paul Hillebrand
Most of us are running around with too much to do and are not taking the time to stop and fill our spiritual wells.
"Come, Fill the Well" is a night of prayer, reflection, music, stories, scripture, and inspiration for the whole community in addition to it being a great night for all Liturgical ministers in the Phoenix Diocese to have a night of renewal.

Fee: Free will offering.
Pre-registration is appreciated to ensure seating.

Franciscan Vision Series:
St Francis: Master of Prayer Part 1
Saturday, Dec. 7, 9 - 11 am
Fr. Michael Higgins, TOR
The writings of St. Francis and the legends about the saint demonstrate the important place of prayer in his spiritual journey. This first part of the two-part presentation will explore the depth and richness of the prayers that he composed. As many scholars point out, he truly deserves the title of Master of Prayer.

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

Grief and Loss Retreat
Friday, Dec. 13—Sunday, Dec. 15
Sheila Marchetta, MA; Mauro Pando, MC; and Timothy Ringgold, MT-BC
For anyone feeling the loss of a loved one.

Fee: $135, commuter includes meals; with lodging, single, $250; double, $150 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
I’m excited to be back at the Franciscan Renewal Center working with the Endowment Initiative. Coming back was an easy decision for me since I am so personally invested in the sustainability of this wonderful community. Joining the Endowment Initiative is just natural for me since it is investing in our future.

Little did I know when I enrolled in RCIA some sixteen years ago, that I would be fortunate enough to help create initiatives that have led to a robust Tau Society and a successful capital campaign. Over the years, I, like you, have journeyed through many transitions—beginnings, endings and the spaces in between. Through it all, the Casa has been an anchor. As it sustains me, I want to be sure that it continues, so others, too, can be sustained through all the Casa offers.

I remember meeting Mary Dunn at a Discover the Vision Tour a few years back, after learning of her career as a non-profit executive and legacy specialist, and asking her to join our Endowment Committee. Meeting Mary was just one of the many miracles I have witnessed at the Casa.

At the La Verna appreciation dinner recently, I was surrounded by people loving each other and was reminded of how special this place really is. Today, we have almost 100 La Verna Legacy Society members. I am delighted to be working with Mary again to nurture new and existing relationships, and grow the La Verna Legacy Society to benefit all those who will be touched by the Casa in the coming years.

If you have questions about the Endowment or La Verna Legacy Society, please contact Mary Dunn at endowment@thecasa.org or 480.355.0345.

—Rachel Oesterle, Endowment Team

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!
Your ad could be in this space!
Mass Intentions
October 27, 2019 – November 2, 2019

Sunday  Pro-populo
Paul Gormley  7:30 am
William and Barbara McGarry  9:15 am
Mr. Sean Lee  11:00 am

Monday  Dr. Mario Carlino
7:00 am

Tuesday  Andy and Donna Osiol
7:00 am

Wednesday  Larry Schwietz
7:00 am

Thursday  Karla Koehnemann Coffelt
7:00 am

Friday  Koehnemann and Coffelt Families
7:00 am

Saturday  Teresa Valdivieso
7:00 am
John Pape  5:00 pm

For weekly readings, please visit usccb.org.

Mass Intentions for Next Week

Sunday: Benefactors FMU; Pro-populo; Karla Koehnemann Coffelt; Alice Roman.

Monday: Tom Jappe.

Tuesday: James Quinn.

Wednesday: Suzanne Menelssohn.

Thursday: Karla Coffelt.

Friday: John Wolcott. Saturday: John McLeod; The Morse Family.

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—the 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.