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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Holy Days of Opportunity

As we draw closer to Christmas, our Advent time of watching and waiting offers us a chance to experience two celebrations for the Blessed Mother.

December 8 is the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patronal Feastday of the United States of America, Patron and Queen of the Seraphic Order. On that day, All Franciscans are united in prayer and rejoicing for their vocations under the guidance of Mary.

December 12 is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of All the Americas. These celebrations invite us to a deeper experience of Mary’s role in the Incarnation and as our Mother. Watching and waiting, praying and reflecting, allow us the much-needed time to be free of the Holiday madness and calm us down to find peace in our daily lives.

Making the time to open our hearts and joining the community in prayer creates a stronger foundation of faith. Now, when we come to Christmas, we will have a greater appreciation for the birth of our Savior as he becomes one of us. The gift of the Incarnation is, for believers, more valuable than any gift under the tree.

Peace,

Fr. Peter Kirwin, OFM
**Special Collection this Weekend**

Triennial National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services.

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**R.C.I.A. Rite of Welcome**

At our Masses this weekend, we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance for those who are seeking full initiation into the our Roman Catholic Faith community. This Rite is as much for the existing faith community as it is for those who are entering: we are all called to signs of the Kingdom; we are all called to welcome and encourage catechumens and candidates; and we are all called to pray for them and lead them to deeper faith by our example. In today’s Rite, we also share with them two significant gifts of our faith: the cross and the Bible. May all of us share in the journey of these new candidates. In the weeks ahead, as you come to know who these important people are, please welcome them and pray for them.

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**The Poor Clare Sisters from Texcoco, Mexico**

Once again, we welcome the Poor Clares from Texcoco, Mexico to the Casa community and they ask for your generous support to assist them with meeting the needs of their community of sisters. These Franciscan women live a cloistered life of prayer for the good of the world.

This is a large community of sisters; a few are sick and in need of medical care. And the convent requires maintenance. The economic situation in their area offers little in the way of financial support.

St. Francis promised St. Clare that his friars would always care for the sisters throughout the ages and the friars are happy to be of assistance to them. The sisters do not receive salaries and so depend on the generosity of others.

You can purchase some of their handmade tamales and handcrafts. But part of their charm is to stand and beg. Please consider making a donation to the sisters to help them.

God has blessed the church through the legacy of Sts. Francis and Clare, so now we thank the sisters for their part in continuing the Franciscan message.

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**2nd Annual Casa Creche Festival**

*Dec. 14-15, 2019*

Do you have a special nativity scene that you’d like to share at the festival this year? Our goal is to display 200 nativity sets from many different cultures and traditions. Please email norbert@thecasa.org.

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**Ministers of the Eucharist needed at all Masses**

“Lay ministers” are trained and certified to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion for a period of three years.

Please email us if you are interested at Gwendolyn@thecasa.org. Let us know which Mass you normally attend and are willing to serve.

*Now is the time to prayerfully consider serving in this beautiful ministry.*
Sacrament Preparation Prayer Partners!
Stop by the Hospitality area this weekend and pick up the name of a child to pray for as they prepare for Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist! This year we have 60 students in the program, ranging from Grade 2 all the way to freshmen in High School!

Prayers from the community are an important part of their journey and ours as well!

Watch for the kids wearing their red Confirmation and Eucharist shirts at Mass, say hello and let them know you are praying for them!

FAMILY FAITH ACTIVITIES
32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Nov. 10

REFLECTION: Today, we are looking at the second reading from the letter of Paul to the Thessalonians, rather than the Gospel for the day. Paul came to town and preached. Many Jews and Gentiles believed and a new church was formed. But a group of rowdy Jews stirred up a riot and so Paul had to flee. He writes to encourage them in their new found faith in Jesus. All of us have probably needed encouragement at some time or another. In this reading, we see that God not only loves us, but gives us "...everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace..." There are many ways to experience God's grace, but the sacrament of the Eucharist is one that comes to mind. Receiving Christ, receiving grace, and receiving endurance for the journey! We are loved, we are strengthened, we are guarded and we will endure!

CONVERSATION:
When was a time that someone encouraged you? What happened?

PROCLAMATION/DISCUSSION:
Read: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5.
•What does Paul ask for Jesus to do for our hearts?
•How will God keep you safe from evil?
•What are we called to do?

ACTION:
Pass it on! Create little cards (free download at https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/60703/smile-forward-activities-kids-free-printables) of encouragement to give to anyone needing some extra kindness. You can even put them in random places around the community, church or school for people to find. Who can you encourage today?

PRAYER: Let us pray. O God, You bless us with Your grace and encouragement. Help us to always keep our hearts focused on Your love. Amen.

THE HAPPENINGS FOR FAMILIES
Sunday Nov. 10
Sacrament Preparation Session Eucharist 10:45 am

Sunday Nov. 24
Annual Family Advent Retreat 12:15 – 3:30 pm
RSVP is required

Sunday Dec. 1
Sacrament Preparation Session on the Holy Spirit
Students Only 10:45 am

Sunday Dec. 1
Football and Family Fun afternoon 2 – 5 pm
RSVP required

Weekend of Dec. 14 & 15
Creche Festival Special events for families!
Watch your email for more information.

For Baptisms, Sacramental Preparation and Family Catechesis, contact Patty Tafolla at 480.355.0359 or dcm@thecasa.org; Donna Kinzie at 480.355.0344 or donna@thecasa.org; for Youth Ministry contact James Whitaker at 480.355.0343 or youth@thecasa.org
Apache Fair Trade Crafting Cooperation Immersion Trip

Casa volunteers can share in the history of the Apache people and support their economic development through the Franciscan Renewal Center’s partnership with the Apache Fair Trade Crafting Cooperative (AFTCO). Volunteers serve as “sellers” setting up craft sales at the Casa in conjunction with other community activities, retreats, or outside groups visiting the Casa. If you would like to find out more about this wonderful Casa ministry, consider taking part in the upcoming Immersion Trip on Saturday, November 16, on the San Carlos Apache Reservation. Register on our website or contact us at socialconcerns@thecasa.org.

— 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
10.27.19 $18,679.50
10.28.18 $19,935.50
10.29.17 $25,301.50

We received 269 collection envelopes.

Books and Blessings

Order your pet clocks now! Books and Blessings will be taking orders for "cat," "dog" and "critter" clocks, now through November 17. The clocks will be in by Dec. 1. Stop in to see all the options. Many cat and dog breeds to choose from. Also, choose from cats and dogs all dressed up as characters and careers. All have wagging pendulum tails. We also have several in the store, for immediate purchase. You must see these clocks! (Pink Cloud)

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

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
Bethlehem Hand-Carved Olivewood Religious Items after Masses on November 23 & 24

Ayman Khair, representing about 180 Christian families from Bethlehem, will be in the Hospitality area on the weekend of **November 23 & 24** with a wide and beautiful assortment of nativity sets, rosaries, statues, and Crucifixes.

For decades, these families have been dependent upon sales of their hand-carved religious articles to tourists of the Holy Land. Due to the conflict in the Middle East, the tourism has been cut off. In order to survive, they have turned to Christian communities in the United States to support their work. Supporting these families helps to keep Christians living in the Holy Land.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection to End Poverty November 23 & 24

For over 43 million Americans, there is a thin line between eviction and home, between hunger and health, between unemployment and work, between anxiety and stability. This is the Poverty Line. For a family of four, that line is $24,257 a year. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by funding community programs that encourage independence. You are essential to its success. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes.

Check your donation envelope box for your special collection envelope or place in a blank envelope and bring it back to church on Nov. 23 & 24.

Hunger Action Ministry Fall Service Opportunities

There are two ways to sign up for service: Through email and in person in the Hospitality area today.

- St Mary’s Food Bank Thanksgiving Food Box Giveaway 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 to pack emergency boxes in December. Stop by the Hospitality table for more information and to sign up for either or both of these opportunities, or email hungeraction@thecasa.org.

Immersion Trip to San Carlos Apache Reservation and Mission Saturday, November 16 7:45 am - 9:00 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. Learn about their legacy and the work that continues today.

- Visit the San Carlos Apache Cultural Center.
- Tour of the Catholic church and school.
- Meet Apache Crafters and see live demonstrations.


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 Peek at 2020 Programs

Jan. 19                      Introduction to Nonviolence Leadership Certificate Luncheon
Jan. 30                      Veterans Reconnect Event
Jan. 31                      Introduction to Biblical Archaeology
Feb. 8                       Peace Within & Labyrinth Meditation
March 14                     The Joy of Journaling
March 21                     Franciscan Vision Series: St. Francis, Master of Prayer, Part 2

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 required.

Painting With God
Monday, Nov. 18—Wednesday, Nov. 20 Fr. John Quigley
Putting brush to paper allows your mind and heart to enter creative space within—without embarrassment, judgment or a need to explain.

Fee: $195 per person, includes all materials and lunch each day. Pre-registration required.

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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.

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.

For this evening's Hot Topic Talk, we will also have a panel of professionals in Education and Law Enforcement that will share their views with us to get us started on this discussion.

Fee: $12. Space is limited. 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.

Emmaus Retreat for Grieving Parents
Friday, Dec. 13—Sunday, Dec. 15
Marianne Gouveia & Fr. Peter Kirwin, OFM
Serving the Spiritual Needs of Parents Who Have Lost a Child.

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

Mindful Meditation
Saturday, Dec. 14, 9 am - 3 pm
Debbie Holexa
Fee: $50, Includes lunch. 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. That certainly has been my experience here for over twenty years.

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 gifts at Mass collections, joining the Tau Society, inviting people to our twice-a-month tours, naming the FRC in your trust or will and the annual appeal just this past week kicked off with letters being sent out to you for your help once again. 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

PROTECT YOUR LOVED ONES AND CREATE YOUR LEGACY

YOUR LOVES ONES NEED YOU, BUT WHAT WOULD THEY DO IF YOU WERE NOT THERE?

Just a little planning will give you great peace of mind. A current estate plan can ensure that your wishes are carried out, and also help you leave a lasting personal legacy.

Planning is easy when you use the new online Wills Planner available on our legacy website. The Wills Planner helps you organize your estate planning information before meeting with your attorney. You can even share your secure account information online with your attorney to simplify the process. To get started, visit our legacy website: http://www.frclegacy.org/, and click on “Create Your Plan.” For assistance, contact Mary Dunn: 480.355.0345, or endowment@thecasa.org.
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WHY IS IT
A man wakes up after sleeping
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on an ADVERTISED mattress
and pulls off ADVERTISED pajamas
bathes in an ADVERTISED shower
shaves with an ADVERTISED razor
brushes his teeth
with ADVERTISED toothpaste
washes with ADVERTISED soap
puts on ADVERTISED clothes
drinks a cup
of ADVERTISED coffee
drives to work
in an ADVERTISED car
and then...
refuses to ADVERTISE
believing it doesn’t pay.
Later if business is poor
he ADVERTISES it for sale.
WHY IS IT?
Mass Intentions
November 10, 2019 – November 16, 2019

Sunday  Pro-populo
The Hall Family  7:30 am
Pauline Himebaugh  9:15 am
Allan Baldwin  11:00 am

Monday  Chris French
Chris French  7:00 am

Tuesday  Christine French
Christine French  7:00 am

Wednesday  Carolynn Lewand
Carolynn Lewand  7:00 am

Thursday  Christine French
Christine French  7:00 am

Friday  Nathaniel Robinson
Nathaniel Robinson  7:00 am

Saturday  Luke Robinson
Josephine Robinson  7:00 am
Josephine Robinson  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.

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.