Upcoming at the Casa

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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

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Holy Day Masses
Reconciliation
Rosary
Centering Prayer
Front Desk Hours
Books & Blessings
Monday - Saturday as announced
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Let's Celebrate the Word of God

“He opened their minds to understand Scripture” (Lk 24).

In an Apostolic letter titled “Aperuit Illis” Pope Francis named January 26, 2020 as the first Word of God Sunday. Thereafter, every 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time will mark the Word of God Sunday.

We approach Sacred Scriptures with awareness that it contains great teachings and is the book of the Lord's people. Through the action of the Holy Spirit, human words are understood as the inspired Word of God. With Word of God Sunday, Pope Francis calls each of us to renew our devotion to, and celebration of, Scripture. We are invited “to hold the word of God in our hands every day as much as possible so that it becomes our prayer.”

The Casa provides opportunities to help us all grow in faith through the Scriptures, such as:

- Homilies that bring the Word to life and liturgies that inspire us to act.
- The St John's Bible and docents who can lead us into a vision of the Word of God.
- Classes or retreats that explore Lectio Divina, Women in Scripture, and Biblical Archaeology.
- The hosted Bible study presented by Kevin Saunders, on Wednesdays at 10:30 am.

The Casa offers Just Scripture on the second Sunday of every month from 9 - 10:30 am. Just Scripture is for everyone. We read and listen how God speaks to each of us through Scripture. We listen to what others have heard. We share from a perspective of Franciscan values. We live Scripture, we pray with Scripture and we invite God to enter us through the Word.

St Jerome (c. 350) said “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.” Jesus speaks to everyone within the Scriptures and asks that we “hear his voice and open the doors of our minds and hearts.” Pope Francis' invites us, invites you, to celebrate the Word of God. How will you do so?

[Quotes from Aperuit Illis]

Peace,

Laura Liberatore, Program/Ministry Coordinator
The Charity and Development Appeal
February 8 and 9

The Diocesan Charity & Development Appeal (CDA) is the annual fundraising effort to support more than seventy charities, ministries and apostolates for the Diocese of Phoenix. The CDA has been in place since 1970. Once a year, we are asked to make a commitment to support the work being done beyond the boundary of any one parish or community. The CDA is an opportunity for us to work together to assist those in the larger community who need our care and support.

Please take some time to prayerfully discern your gift to the CDA. For information on the CDA and those we help in our community, please visit www.dphx.org/cda. The website contains more information about the CDA as well as offers the opportunity to make your gift online.

If you are interested in stories of hope from the CDA, keep an eye out for The Catholic Sun, arriving in your mailbox monthly. Your gift to the CDA is a way to partner with others in our community to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, comfort the sick, counsel the doubtful, and comfort the afflicted.

Other upcoming special collections in 2020:

- Lent
- Mar. 21 & 22: San Carlos and San Solano Missions
- Apr. 10: Catholic Relief Services
- Apr. 25 & 26: Good Friday Holy Land collection
- May 16 & 17: Catholic Home Missions
- June 27 & 28: Catholic Communications
- July 11 & 12: Peter’s Pence
- July 11 & 12: Native American and Black Missions
- Aug. 8 & 9: Special Needs in Africa, Latin America and Eastern Europe
- Sep. 19 & 20: The Catholic University
- Oct. 17 & 18: Mission Sunday

Mass with the Anointing of the Sick
Saturday, February 1 at 10:30 am

All are welcome to attend this special Mass.

When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God’s will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit’s gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age.

Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone in good spirits? He should sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. (James 5:13-20)

Planning for the 3rd Annual Casa Creche Festival for 2020 has begun

Last December, we had over 175 “creches” (nativity scenes) on display for our 2nd Annual event. We had a wonderful collection of diverse and interesting sets on loan from members of the Casa community. This next year, we hope to display even more sets from as many different cultures and traditions as possible. If you would like to be involved in the festival, please email norbert@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 helping to plan this special holiday experience. This is such an important part of the Franciscan story. Come join the team as they plan an extraordinary event that is sure to become a local Phoenix destination holiday experience!
Kids at Mass—Making it work for your family

- Educate your kids about the liturgy.
- Read & discuss the Scripture readings in advance.
- Do a liturgical scavenger hunt—ask your kids to pay attention to certain elements of the Mass: color of vestments, etc.
- Unpack the Mass—talk about what you just experienced.
- Sit up front—so that little ones can see what is going on.
- Explain what is going on—point out key moments—"Now we’re going to hear God speak to us."
- Invite participation.
- Give them something appropriate to look at—Holy Card or a favorite stuffed animal that can participate in Mass too.
- Consequences—small reward for children who meet certain minimum standards of behavior.
- Introduce your child to the priest, lectors and musicians.
- Play Mass at home.
- Give older children a missal to follow along with.
- Encourage them to serve in appropriate liturgical ministries.
- Finally…pray for help and don’t expect perfection. Remember that the very work of managing children at Mass is a prayer in itself.

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**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

**Jan. 26 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**REFLECTION:** Behold the Lamb of God! John the Baptist wastes no time pointing out who Jesus is to the crowds. He looked like an ordinary man, but John knew because of the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove that this was the man that Israel was waiting for. Had John not pointed Him out, the crowd would think this was an ordinary man waiting to be baptized. Even though Jesus is the Son of God and the Messiah, would you recognize him today? We look for Jesus in church, in our families, in religious education and we find him there! But can we see Him in all those around us—those with whom we disagree, those who are a different color or nationality, those who are cast offs from society? Sometimes all of us need someone to point Jesus out to us. We, too, have the responsibility to point out Jesus to our children, family and friends. How can anyone “see” until they are shown—the Truth, the Light and the Way.

**CONVERSATION:** Where do you see Jesus?

**PROCLAMATION/DISCUSSION:** Who do you say Jesus is?

Read John 1:29-34.

What names are given to Jesus?

What does John say about Jesus’ baptism?

How does Jesus baptize?

**ACTION:** Ask everyone to share something they know about Jesus—sharing as many details as possible as to what they have witnessed about Jesus (He loves us, He takes care of us, He heals us, He protects us, etc.). Have the family act out an Eyewitness News account about spotting Jesus and sharing the news of who He is. Use your phone to videotape.

**CONCLUDING PRAYER:**

O God, thank you for loving us and for sending your Son Jesus to become one of us. Help us to live as followers of Jesus. Amen.
**Casa Franciscana Outreach**

Casa Franciscana Outreach (CFO) of the St. Barbara Provinces supports the Casa Franciscana Mission in Guaymas, Mexico. Its purpose is to raise funds in support of the Mission and its programs as it continues to address the rudimentary needs of the poor.

The CFO embraces service to the poor and promotes justice, peace and care of creation in the joyful and prophetic spirit of St. Francis. This happens every day in Guaymas through the efforts of our friars and the volunteers of the CFO. Learn more about this important ministry and some upcoming ways that you can get involved at info@theoutreach.org.

— Pat Bennier, Director of Volunteer Services

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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.

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

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**Thank you for your stewardship!**

**Mass Offerings**

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**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

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

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Celebrate WORD of GOD Sunday All Year
Participate in Just Scripture on the
Second Sunday of each month

How does God’s Word speak to you?

1600 years ago, St Jerome said “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.” At Just Scripture you are invited to “to let yourselves be nourished” by God’s Word, and live fully your relationship with God and others. Just Scripture involves:
- Sharing from a perspective of Franciscan values
- Biblical issues of justice/mercy
- An interactive process: a deeply personal and collective experience.

No previous study of Scripture is needed.

For more information, contact: kgarast@aol.com
Provide your contact information and you will receive the monthly invitation, readings and meeting location.

The next Just Scripture is February 9, from 9 - 10:30 am in the Ventura Room in Piper Hall—All are Welcome!

Hunger Action Ministry in the Hospitality Area next weekend, Feb. 1 & 2

Look for the orange Hunger Action Ministry t-shirts at the table along with information about the movie night (below) and about upcoming spring service projects and the Lenten Course on Food Insecurity. In addition, you can sign up for service projects at Desert Mission Food Bank on February 10 and March 20.

The Casa Habitat Ministry needs builders at 7:30 am for Saturday, February 15, March 14 and March 28. Wear closed-toe shoes, and regular work clothes in layers. The construction crew must be at least 16 years old. To build, email: thecasahabitat@thecasa.org.

Details on the thecasa.org FIA Ministry pages.

Register Now:
Hunger Is No Game
Friday Night, Feb. 21
6 - 9 pm, $10

Dinner, Movie and Conversation with Local Legislators

With over 40 million people in the U.S. struggling to put food on their tables, how do we translate biblical justice, Gospel values into our present day Christian civic life? Let’s explore this together.

This movie night includes a light dinner, a short movie about hunger issues and remarks by local legislators about Federal, State and local hunger issues. There will be a Q&A with all attendees. We as citizens can help alleviate hunger in Arizona through the legislative process. To register, visit frc.retreatportal.com.

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.
Introduction to Biblical Archaeology
Friday, Jan. 31, 9 am - Noon
Kathy Feld

Step into the physical world of the Bible and Jesus’ time through Biblical Archaeology. Come discover what the Franciscans began 800 years ago and continue today. Journey with Kathy in the class from Dan to the Negev Desert with stops at fascinating archaeological sites along the way. Discover the culture, living conditions, writings, language and politics of Jesus’ time through Biblical Archeology. With these tools, the Bible comes alive!

Fee: $45 per person, includes lunch. Pre-registration is required.

Franciscan Vision Series:
Laiy as Co-Creators of the Franciscan Tradition:
Finding Faith as a Lay Franciscan
Saturday, Feb. 8, 9 - 11 am
Darleen Pryds, PhD

Lay Franciscans can often be forgotten, but they are actually the majority of Franciscan practitioners. Explore the rich variety of ways in which laity have followed the Franciscan Charism from its inception.

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

Balancing Body, Mind & Spirit
Saturday, Feb. 1, 9 am - 4 pm
Don Fiore

Learn how to strengthen your body through easy physical movements and good nutrition, and sharpen your mind with Feng Shui principles in this all-day workshop.

Fee: $60 per person, includes lunch. Pre-registration is required.

Peace Within & Walking Labyrinth Meditation
Saturday, Feb. 8, 9 am - 3 pm
Kebba Buckley Button

This class introduces meditation methods, breath techniques, and finger and hand holds, plus development of your personal meditation space.

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

Hunger Is No Game
Friday, Feb. 21, 6 - 9 pm
Casa Hunger Action Ministry

Hunger Is No Game: in the United States, over 40 million people, including 7 million children, live in households that struggle to put food on the table. The evening will begin with a light dinner, a short movie about hunger issues, and remarks by local legislators about Federal, State and local hunger issues.

This also includes a Q&A with all attendees. How do we translate biblical justice and Gospel values into our present day Christian civic life? We as citizens can help alleviate hunger in Arizona through the legislative process:
- Discover the current bills about hunger and food insecurity in the legislature.
- How we move the legislature to act on hunger issues?
- How do I rise up and act: constituent involvement?
- Links for learning.
- What can I do beyond legislative action?

Fee: $10 includes light dinner. Pre-registration is required.

For more information or to register for any of these programs please visit thecasa.org or call 480.948.7460 ext. 132
Jesus As Prophet in Christian-Muslim Dialogue
Offered Twice:
Thursday, Feb. 20, 10 - 11:30 am
Thursday, Feb. 20, 7 - 8:30 pm
Fr. Steven McMichael, OFM Conv.

Jesus has been seen as the obstacle to the relationship between Christians and Jews. This presentation focuses on how in contemporary scriptural studies and theology challenge this belief. Jesus’ role as prophet may be a bridge to a more profound relationship between Christians and Muslims.

Fee: $20 per person daytime or evening sessions. Pre-registration is required.

God's Mercy: Reflections
Offered Twice:
Friday, Feb. 21, 10 - 11:30 am
Friday, Feb. 21, 7 - 8:30 pm
Fr. Steven McMichael, OFM Conv.

God’s mercy has been the subject of the papacy in recent years, especially that of Pope Francis. The concept of mercy also appeared in medieval theology and spirituality. This presentation focuses on how God’s mercy appears in the works of such women as Hadewijch, Angela of Foligno, and Catherine of Siena.

Fee: $20 per person daytime or evening sessions. Pre-registration is required.

Spirit & Life: New Spiritual Insights of the Writings of St. Francis of Assisi
Saturday, Feb. 22, 9 - 11:30 am
Fr. Steven McMichael, OFM Conv.

The Writings of Francis are the focus of several recent studies among Italian Franciscan scholars. This presentation brings to light the fruits of this writing on Francis’ two “Chartula” (parchments) that are in Assisi and Spoleto (that contain the Praises of God and the Blessing for Brother Leo), and the Canticle of Creatures. One will see that these writings of Francis can still convey to us “Spirit and Life.”

Fee: $25 per person. Pre-registration is required.

Special Pricing!
Attend all three Fr. Steven McMichael workshops for $60.

Holy Week 2020
Saturday, Apr. 4—Sunday, Apr. 12
Holy Week Retreat, Part 1

The peaceful, prayerful surroundings of the Casa only add to your Holy Week of renewal. Commuters are welcome and may share in lunch and dinner for a fee per meal. For the most complete retreat experience, book one of the Casa’s peaceful lodging rooms with private bath. Massages are available at additional cost, paid directly to the masseuse, on Monday and Tuesday only.

Spiritual Directors are available Monday through Thursday, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, by appointment. Sign-up sheets for these optional services will be in the presentation room.

Commuter Fees: No fee for sessions. For lunch, $10; dinner, $15. 48-hour advance registration for meals.

Lodging, including meals: $100
Single, $80 double, per night, per person, Sunday night through Wednesday night. Stay as many nights as you wish within this span.
Pre-registration is required.

Holy Week Retreat, Part 2

On Holy Thursday we commemorate Jesus’ example of washing the Feet of the disciples, the Last Supper, and the institution of the Holy Eucharist, then prayer in the Garden of Olives. On Good Friday, we remember Golgotha, carrying the cross, a Suffering Savior and a Sorrowful Mother, and death by crucifixion. Holy Saturday is the eve of New Birth. We let Holy Scripture tell our story as we welcome our new Church members with Baptism and Faith Promises. Then we celebrate "Christ has risen, truly He has risen!"

Fee: With lodging, $375 single; $230 double per person. Pre-registration is required.
Another Mustard Seed Story...

I spend a lot of time speaking with various members of the community, and though the conversations are different in nature, they have a common theme—someone came to the Casa by invitation or by chance, and though nothing externally had changed, everything was suddenly different. They had a feeling that they were exactly where they were supposed to be and decided to get involved financially and/or via volunteerism.

My personal story is really the same, although I did not intend to stay here as long as I have. I didn’t think that I even needed another place to belong for I was already part of another very large community and I certainly wasn’t signing up to take the plunge, aka RCIA. I met a friar who was in residence here—Father Larry Dolan—and a relationship began. From that little ‘mustard seed’, that friar continued to ‘cultivate’ me and my relationship with the Casa. He never stopped believing that I needed to be here and the Casa ended up in all our conversations from 2001 to 2008. I came to believe that he knew something that I did not know and I trusted him. So here it is 2020, I am a practicing Catholic and find myself doing just as he did twenty years ago with me—I meet someone who is thinking about RCIA (or maybe not just as I was with Father Larry) and I begin to cultivate our relationship. After all, little mustard seeds have been known to grow into very strong plants. Stop me when you see me and I’ll introduce you to a few!

—Sarah Privéé, Major Gifts Officer and former Mustard Seed, 480-355-0357

Legacy Made Simple

Have you been thinking about making the Casa a part of your legacy but need to find a way to keep it simple? If so, a beneficiary designation of assets you own may be just the solution.

Consider – Life insurance

You likely purchased life insurance to protect your family’s financial security in the event something happened to you. Perhaps circumstances have changed, and your family no longer needs as much financial protection. With a simple change of beneficiary form, you can designate the Casa to receive a percentage of the death benefit on your policy. Unlike changing your will or trust, there is no cost to changing the beneficiary of your life insurance. And, we can help with the paperwork so it takes very little of your time!

Retirement assets

Qualified retirement accounts such as IRAs, 401(k) and 403(b) plans, can also be used to make a simple legacy gift. You can designate the Casa to receive a percentage of the assets, or a specific asset, in your retirement account by completing a beneficiary designation form provided by your plan administrator.

To learn more about the benefits and options for making a beneficiary designation, please look for our Legacy Made Simple card in the narthex of the church or the lobby. You can also learn more by visiting our legacy website: http://www.frclegacy.org/, or contacting Mary Dunn, 480.355.0345, mdunn@thecasa.org.
Consider Remembering Your Parish in Your Will.
For further information, please call the Parish Office.

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A man wakes up after sleeping under an ADVERTISED blanket 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?
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** Tuesdays, 6 pm in the Meditation Chapel to share our prayer intentions, and those of the community.

**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.

**Contemplative Prayer** Thursdays, 7:45 am in the Meditation Chapel. All are welcome.

**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.

**Interfaith Healing Prayers** Fridays, following 7 am Mass. Room varies—please contact Front Desk or healingprayer@thecasa.org. 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.

"Reform your lives! The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Are you being called to proclaim the coming of the Kingdom as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at 602.354.2005 or dphx.org/vocations.

The Casa Franciscana Outreach is having a pilgrimage to our Franciscan mission in Guaymas, Sonora, on Feb. 20-23, 2020 (Thurs. - Sun.). Friday will be a day of experiencing the mission and its service to the people of Guaymas. On Saturday, we will learn more about the mission, we will also help the mission staff in taking much needed food and supplies to home bound poorest of the poor. Saturday evening, we will attend Mass in San Carlos. There is much to experience, and feel the presence of God in a few unforgettable days.

**Upcoming Special Collections**

- **Feb. 8, 9:** Charity & Development Appeal (CDA)
- **Feb. 28 & 29:** Almsgiving
- **Mar. 21 & 22:** Catholic Relief Services

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**Mass Intentions**

**January 26, 2020 – February 1, 2020**

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For weekly readings, please visit usccb.org.

**Mass Intentions for Next Week**

**Sunday:** Benefactors FMU; Pro-populo; Theron Jackson; Rick Guzman.  
**Monday:** Fred Bernard.  
**Tuesday:** Rodger Remington.  
**Wednesday:** Margaret Mary Bartoni.  
**Thursday:** Nancy Hardy.  
**Friday:** Joe Conchos.  
**Saturday:** Sean Tessmer; Teresita Mendez Conchos.

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.