

September 4, 2022

Twenty - third Sunday in Ordinary Time

RENEWAL

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Walking out of Church today, are you inspired by the second reading (Paul's letter to Philemon, a leader in the Colossian church) asking that the "good you do be voluntary and not something forced."

(Philem. 1:14) Is your heart open to the message "I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works." (James 2:18) These are challenging words. The challenge lies in the relationship between faith and works: a genuine, living faith will produce good works willingly. When we do good works, we honor God.

As Mass ends, we are sent forth into the world and asked (not forced) to make a difference! As had Sts. Francis and Clare, we have opportunities to open our hearts and not only hear but also follow God's call.

September is Hunger Action Month, and the Hunger Action Ministry (HAM) is one example of a team of people whose hearts are touched by the hunger seen in our state. Because of this, HAM volunteers are motivated to act. HAM's opportunities are your opportunities: visit the after-Mass tables in the hospitality area next weekend, attend the Taizé service on September 14, sign-up to volunteer on September 20 at St Mary's Food Bank, pray the Hunger and Mercy rosary on September 27, contribute to the Casa Food Drive in October. Join the ministry leadership team. The Hunger Action Ministry believes that every small act of kindness makes a difference when done voluntarily.

Peace & Good

Laura Libertore
Co-Manager Faith in Action

The Conventual Church of
OUR LADY of the ANGELS

at the Franciscan Renewal Center

Sunday Mass **Saturday** **4:00 pm**

Sunday 7:30 am; 9:15 am; 11:00 am

Daily Mass **Monday – Friday** **8:00 am**

Sat. 4 pm, Sun. 9:15 am, and Tuesday – Friday Daily Mass also available on [YouTube.com/theCasaFRC](https://www.youtube.com/theCasaFRC)

Taizé Prayer **2nd & 4th Wednesday** **7:00 pm**

Reconciliation **Saturday** **2:00 - 3:00 pm**

Guest Services Desk **Sun. - Sat.** **6:00 am - 7:30 pm**

Bookstore **Sunday** **8:00 am - 1:00 pm**
Monday & Tuesday **Closed**
Wed. - Fri. **10:00 am - 2:00 pm**
Saturday **11:00 am - 5:30 pm**

Please see pg. 10 for this week's Mass Intentions.

For weekly readings, visit bible.usccb.org/.

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"Taizé Prayer Around the Cross" Every Wednesday at 7pm.

The service lasts about 35–40 minutes and consists of short chants repeated over and over and periods of silence which give it a meditative character. These short refrains express basic realities of faith, and gradually penetrate the whole being. All are welcome!



"Can we rest in our goodness as we look to the divine goodness of others? Can we abide in His love as we love the loveliness of others? God who is good, sees our goodness. God who is love, admires our loveliness. Long before we adored the Lord, God adored us. You're adorable. Yes, you are. But in the eyes of God, so is all of creation and all of humanity ... even the jerks. God peers into the depths of their hearts and adores them, too.

In our eucharistic renewal here and across our nation, I'm wondering if we can make a concerted effort to spend an equal amount of time adoring our God in each other as we do in our tabernacles.

So, be good ... and be at rest with that. Be love ... and abide in that. But, be good with others and be love for others ... even the jerks."

Bishop John Dolan, Bishop of Phoenix
(an excerpt from the homily at his
Mass of Installation, August 2, 2022)

Labor Day – September 5, 2022

The Casa will be closed on Labor Day,
Monday September 5, 2022.
There will be no daily mass that day.

Prayer for Labor Day

On this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor—in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living.

*We thank you, Lord,
for the gift and opportunity of work;
may our efforts always be pure of heart,
for the good of others
and the glory of your name.*

*We lift up to you all
who long for just employment
and those who work to defend the rights and
needs of workers everywhere.*

*May those of us who are now retired always
remember that we still make a valuable
contribution to our Church and our world
by our prayers and deeds of charity.*

*May our working and our resting
all give praise to you until the day we share
together in eternal rest with all our departed in
your Kingdom as you live and reign
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever. Amen.*

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Gospel Reflection for Parents

A great way to drive home the point of this Sunday's gospel to your family would be to provide your children with a list of things that they are responsible for interspersed with things that they like to do—for example, make their beds, take out the garbage, go to the park, do homework, watch television, have a snack, feed the cat. The list should reflect their responsibilities and favorite recreations. Tell them to pretend that company is coming and ask which of the things listed should be done first. The teachable moment here is to explain that this is called setting priorities.

After listening to the gospel together, ask your kids what Jesus says is the most important thing for them to do. Jesus tells us that the number-one priority is to follow him. But just as it is not always easy to do the things we are supposed to do before doing the fun things, it is not always easy to be a follower of Jesus. Yet when we put Jesus first, we will be truly happy.

(adapted from *Sunday Connection* - Loyala Press)




Youth Ministry Kickoff

RSVP HERE



Saturday, September 17
After the 4 pm Mass
Guadalupe Rm. & Pool

We have some spectacular events planned for Youth Ministry this year. Plus, we are making it family friendly and easier to attend! If you have youth in 4th through 12th grade, bring the whole family to come and see what we have planned for this year, meet other youth ministry families, have dinner together, and swim!

CONNECT WITH FAMILY FAITH FORMATION










Did you miss our live registration event?

You still have time to register your family for the 2022/2023 faith formation program year!

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www.familyfaithformation.online/register

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Sacrament Preparation
Youth Ministry

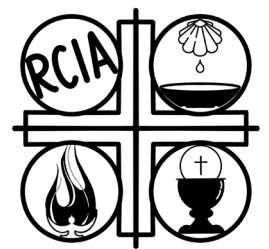
*Wondering how God might be calling you?
Curious about the Catholic faith?
Looking for a place of belonging and community?*

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Join us to explore the answers to these questions and discover what the Catholic faith has to offer.

Sessions begin September 15.

Contact Patty Tafolla: dcm@thecasa.org



For Sacrament Preparation, contact Patty Tafolla at dcm@thecasa.org;
for Family Catechesis & Infant Baptism, contact Donna Kinzie at donna@thecasa.org;
for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, contact Cheryl Hentz at chentz@thecasa.org.

COURTYARD CONVOS

Embracing Church and Parish Life

OLA YA



Friday,
September 9
6:30 pm - 9 pm



YOUNG FAMILY MINISTRY



Did you know we have a ministry for families with young children - birth to 5 years? Want to meet other young families in our church community? Sign up for our Flocknote newsletters to receive information about events and ways we are walking with our families.



GET CONNECTED WITH OLA YA



For Young Adult Ministry, contact Cheryl Hentz at chentz@thecasa.org



DISCOVER THE VISION

An introduction to the Casa's mission and ministries.

Thursdays

September 1	11:00 am <i>In person</i>
October 6	11:00 am <i>In person</i>
October 20	4:30 pm <i>Virtual</i>
November 3	11:00 am <i>In person</i>

Reserve Your Spot Today

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FRANCISCAN SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AT THE CASA

Sunday Lecture Series | 9 - 10:30 am
in the San Damiano Auditorium

Oct. 9

Fr. Garrett Galvin
Genesis 1 is the Key
to the Bible

Nov. 13

Fr. Joe Chinnici
To be announced

Dec. 11

Maureen Day, Ph.D.
Accompanying Young
Adult Catholics

Jan. 8

Br. Bill Short
To be announced

Feb. 12

Darlene Pryds
To be announced

No fee or registration req'd. Visit: frc.retreatportal.com

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*As the days begin to shorten,
Let your light shine!*



Just Scripture

Virtual Conversation: September 10

How does God speak to you through Scripture?

We consider Biblical issues of justice and mercy that impact our world today and talk about how the Sunday readings connect with daily life.

Discussed from a perspective of Franciscan values, *Just Scripture* occurs on Zoom on the second Saturday of each month from 10 - 11:30 am. *To register, please visit our LinkTree* (in footer below).

The session is free. No previous study of Scripture is needed. Contact Kathleen Garast kgarast@aol.com for the Scripture readings that will be discussed. *All are welcome.*

Matthew 25 Ministry



Serve asylum seekers this fall by joining the Matthew 25 ministry!

Matthew 25 is looking for volunteers to serve on the **2nd and 4th Mondays of each month** at the Phoenix Welcome Center.

Out of town and can't serve at the Welcome Center? Want to serve? For service inquiries and to learn other ways you can serve our migrants, contact matthew25@thecasa.org.

**September Service Dates:
September 12 & September 26**



**Time to
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**After Mass Sale
Next Saturday and Sunday
September 10 - 11**

Try our delicious, fair-trade, organic, shade-grown, recently roasted (fresh) coffee. The cost of the coffee is \$10 per one-pound bag. Your purchase helps families in the Café Justo Farmers' and Roasters' Cooperative continue to work their ancestral lands and support and educate their extended families.

Anytime: Find the most popular varieties of Café Justo available at these two venues on campus: • The Books and Blessings Gift Shop • The FRC Lobby Guest Services Desk. See page two for "open" hours.

We need you! To join this ministry and become a seller, contact Eileen at casagrounds@thecasa.org.

**Mark your calendars for
World Peace Day
(Wednesday, September 21)**



**SolidariTEA for
Peace at the Border
5:30 - 7 pm**

**Taizé for World Peace
7 - 7:45 pm**

This year's World Peace Day at the Casa will be highlighted by a *special event* with the Elfrida, AZ Friars and a *Taizé Prayer for World Peace* at the Church.

Register for SolidariTEA now:
<https://linktree.com/socialconcerns>

CASA COMMUNITY CELEBRATION Celebrate the Casa's 70th Anniversary

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Tuesday, October 11th, 2022 | 4:00 - 8:00 pm at the
Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale, AZ

Featuring

- Dinner, Music & Dancing
- Historical Displays
- Community Story Gathering
- Family Friendly Activities

Please note: prior RSVP is required to participate.
To sign the virtual anniversary card and RSVP,
visit thecasa.org/celebration or scan the QR code.



Questions?

Email gwendolyn@thecasa.org or call 480.306.4089

We look forward to seeing you at the event!



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All are welcome!



We moved to Phoenix in July 2014 with our daughter Ellie, who was nine months old then and is now almost nine years old. After church shopping, we became members of The Casa a couple of years later. Jenn and I are musicians, so the music at The Casa was the main attraction. We met as undergrads playing liturgical music at Georgetown University and went on to play in or direct ensembles in El Sauz, TX, Syracuse, NY, Tucson, AZ, and Brownsville, TX. Parenthood has resulted in a hiatus from liturgical music--though Jenn has played violin for Taizé services at The Casa--but we can occasionally be seen around the Valley and state with our bluegrass band Of Kith & Kin.

Beyond the music, we've always had strong connections to Franciscan and Jesuit spirituality and a commitment to putting Catholic social teaching into practice, so The Casa felt like a natural home. Jenn and Ellie have been involved with ministry to the hungry and unhoused through St. Vincent de Paul, and I regularly volunteer with asylum seekers at the International Rescue Committee's Welcome Center, along with impersonating St. Francis at Family Catechesis events. If memory serves, we joined the Tau Society to get that fancy ceramic plaque. (Kidding - I think someone helpfully pointed out that we could divide our monthly contribution between the weekly collection and Tau to help sustain The Casa, which sounded like a win-win).

- Jenn and Brendan O'Connor

If you are interested in learning more about the Tau Society or becoming a member, please reach out to Paula Tobin at paula@thecasa.org or 480.355.5631



WEEKEND RETREAT

Boundless Compassion for Self and Others

Friday - Sunday, September 9 - 11

with Ruth Baker and Colleen Shepard

We'll explore "Wisdom of Tenderness," a deeper compassion for the marginalized, grief for all, and compassion for the environment. Prayer, teachings, videos, and music will be used to help you learn in the way that best reaches you. Themes include non-judgment, non-violence, forgiveness, and mindfulness. **Fee, including meals: \$250 single room; \$135 per person commuter. Registration required. Visit: frc.retreatportal.com**



FIVE WEEKLY SESSIONS

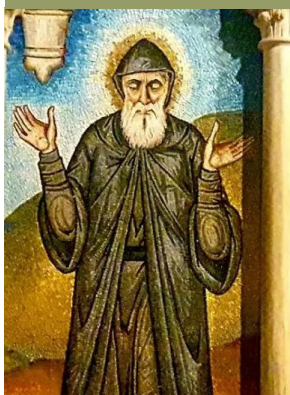
T'ai Chi

September 12 - October 20, Mondays

with Jake Zinn

Experience the health benefits of the Centuries-old practices of Qigong and T'ai Chi. These exercise systems, based on Chinese martial and healing arts, engage the body and mind in slow, fluid movement and relaxed, full breathing. Please join us.

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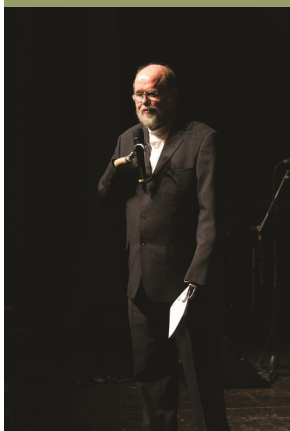
FULL-DAY WORKSHOP

St. Sharbel: Love for the Eucharist, Love for Mary

Saturday, October 8 | 9 am – 4 pm

with Dr. Anne Borik

St. Sharbel is a Maronite Catholic Monk and Hermit from Lebanon. Join this workshop led by Anne Borik and get to know St. Sharbel as we walk through the five virtues (Chaplet of St. Sharbel) of Poverty, Chastity, Obedience, Love for the Eucharist, and Love for Mary. Includes video from his hermitage, powerful testimonials of healing, and a relic to venerate. **Fee: \$45, including lunch. Registration required. Visit: frc.retreatportal.com**



SPECIAL EVENT

A Conversation on World Peace and Our Role as Peacemakers

Monday, October 10 | 7 – 8:30 pm in the San Damiano Auditorium

with Fr. Michael Lapsley, SSM

Fr. Michael has received numerous awards for his work on world peace through the Institute for Healing Memories, headquartered in Cape Town, South Africa. On special invitation, Fr. Lapsley met with Pope Francis at the Vatican to speak about their peace and reconciliation work around the world. This June, Father Lapsley was also awarded the 39th Niwano Peace Prize given by the Tokyo-based Niwano Peace Foundation.

No Fee. Registration required. Visit: frc.retreatportal.com

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WEEKEND RETREAT

Iconography Retreat: A Brush with God

December 8 – 11, Thursday – Sunday

Peter Pearson, M Div

Peter Pearson will lead you through the process of creating this image in the folk style of Byzantine iconography. We'll pray, follow step-by-step instructions, and learn about the history and spirituality of this ancient art form. During this workshop, we'll pray especially for the people of Ukraine. No previous experience or innate talent is required. All materials are provided.

Fee, including meals: \$575 single room; \$350 commuter includes 2 dinners and 1 lunch

Registration required. Visit: frc.retreatportal.com



WEEKEND RETREAT

Men's Retreat: Being at Home in My Own Skin— The Ultimate Gift.

December 9 – 11, Friday – Sunday

Terry Hershey and Dcn. Phil LoCascio

This weekend will give you permission to be at home in your own skin, to embrace authenticity, to find your voice and the fire in your belly. You will find permission to hear the voice of grace, to pause for renewal, and to find safe places to tell your story, knowing that vulnerability is not a weakness but a strength. Please join us.

Fee, including meals: \$250 single room; \$135 commuter Pre-registration required. Please email lora@thecasa.org regarding double rooms.

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WEEKEND RETREAT

Emmaus Retreat for Grieving Parents

Friday - Sunday, December 9 - 11

with Marianne Gouveia and Greg Eckerman

The EMMAUS Ministry for Grieving Parents is a unique ministry that serves the spiritual needs of grieving parents. The retreat is offered by grieving parents who have lost children of their own.

Fee: \$250 includes meals and lodging. \$135 per person commuter. Pre-registration is required. For details and registration, visit: frc.retreatportal.com

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*Blessing
of the Animals*
Saturday, October 8
9 – 11 am in Palm Court



Spiritual Direction Ministry

An Invitation to Spiritual Growth

The times we live in can leave us uncertain and asking where God might be during challenges. Our Spiritual Direction Ministry offers one-on-one listening and support for finding God in our lives and deepening that relationship. Spiritual direction or companionship is not counseling, it is holy listening and discernment of God's voice in our lives. To set up an appointment with one of our directors, contact Cathy Olds, Coordinator of the Spiritual Direction Ministry, at spiritualdirection@thecasa.org

Faith Sharing & Prayer Groups at the Casa

Men in Spirit. This faith sharing group of Christian men meets every other Saturday via Zoom for discussion, study, lectures and guidance. Contact Al Sapia-Bosch 602.748.6149, Chuck Jirauch 480.290.9687. MenInSpirit@thecasa.org

Prayer Partners petition prayers and prays for our human family. Send requests to: CasaPrayerPartners@thecasa.org.

Rosary Group Tuesdays on Zoom. ID : 622-903-5992 Passcode: 537381 Prayer intentions can be emailed to Elizabeth Marietti at emarietti@cox.net

Centering Prayer meets Wednesdays, 8:45 am in the Meditation Chapel. All are welcome.

Cornerstone Contemplative Meditation will resume in-person meetings September 28. To join our current Monday Zoom meetings from 12 – 1 pm, please contact Joanne to register: Joannemr@cox.net or 602.799.7525.

Interfaith Healing Prayer Group meets every Friday following 8 am Mass in the back of the church. Contact Terri at healingprayer@thecasa.org. All are welcome.

The Order of Secular Franciscans (OFS) Peace Fraternity meets on the second Sunday of the month. This canonical Order of the Catholic Church is open to lay Catholics. Contact: Pat Kennedy, OFS, at 602.284.9343

Mass Intentions September 4 – September 10, 2022

Sunday	
<i>Lillian Radigan</i>	7:30 am
<i>Mary Wachter</i>	9:15 am
<i>Pat Fellores</i>	11:00 am
Monday	
<i>Debbie Malatin</i>	8:00 am
Tuesday	
<i>John & Harriet Kowalski</i>	8:00 am
Wednesday	
<i>Camille Beecher</i>	8:00 am
Thursday	
<i>Betty Holler</i>	8:00 am
Friday	
<i>Claude & Carol Czekaj</i>	8:00 am
Saturday	
<i>50th Wedding Anniversary Judy & George Bruzza</i>	4:00 pm

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

The Franciscan Renewal Center ("the Casa") is a place for spiritual growth, healing, and community that is open to everyone, regardless of faith. Activities at the Casa include:

- Weekday (Tues. - Fri.) and Weekend Masses at Our Lady of the Angels Church
- Meetings and conferences for religious and nonprofit groups
- Therapy, counseling, and support groups
- Education, retreats, and events
- Family faith formation and Young Adult ministry
- Volunteer ministries in service of the poor and vulnerable
- Spiritual direction

The Franciscan Renewal Center was founded as a Catholic retreat, called Casa de Paz y Bien (the Casa), by the Order of Friars Minor in 1951. The Franciscan Renewal Center remains an active religious community that seeks to follow in the footsteps of Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi. The Casa is guided by the Franciscan Friars and works cooperatively with the Diocese of Phoenix.



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