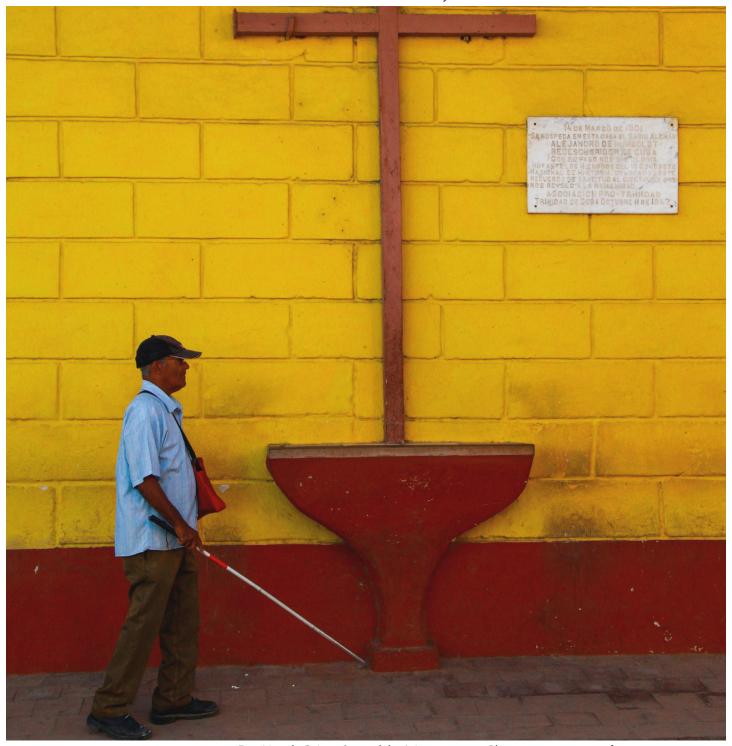
March 19, 2023 The Fourth Sunday of Lent

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PASTORAL REFLECTION



I would say that the 23rd psalm is the most familiar of the psalms. Who hasn't heard, "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want"? I have heard it at Sunday Masses and funerals. In case you didn't know, it's also the lyric to a rap

song by Coolio called "Gangsta's Paradise," and if you have seen the movie Titanic, you can hear the psalm being shared by a priest as the ship goes down. These are just a couple of the contemporary uses of the psalm I have found, and it has become one of my favorites.

The psalm provides insight into the task of the Shepherd in the lives of the sheep. The Shepherd leads the sheep to the green grass, where the water flows. He offers us protection with his staff, and He never leads us to anything that would bring us harm. The only task that the sheep are asked to do is follow Him.

All I am given is one task, and sometimes that task seems difficult. There have been times when I have strayed or I get stuck in a bramble. He assures me that I am worthy of His grace, and He comes to bail me out. As the Lenten season comes to an end, I will make efforts to remember that my loving Shepherd is leading me to all that is good. All I need to do is follow the path that he leads me.

Span

Rosa Rodriguez-Saiz Executive Assistant to the Liturgy Office 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 Monday – Friday Daily Mass also available on YouTube.com/theCasaFRC

Taizé Prayer Friday (During Lent) 7:00 pm

Reconciliation Saturday 2:00 - 3:00 pm

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

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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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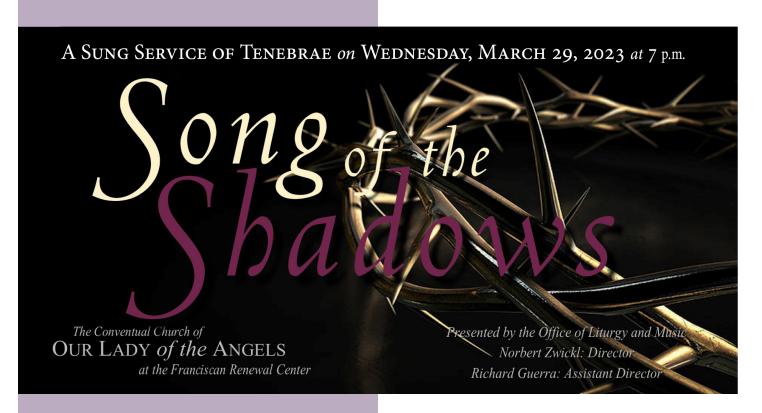
Volunteers are needed for the Palm Sunday and Easter Masses

Volunteers are needed to help during Holy Week. Hospitality is very important to us — that is, offering a sincere welcome and assistance to all who gather here. If you can help with greeting worshipers, handing out worship aids and bulletins, assisting with the collection, and guiding the communion procession, etc., please sign up after Mass. We will be so grateful!

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Fridays in Lent (February 24 – March 31) "Prayer, Fasting, & Almsgiving"

5:30 pm Stations of the Cross (desert walkway)
6 - 7 pm Simple Soup Supper (poolside)
7 pm Taizé Prayer Around the Cross (church)

Lent Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday – 2 pm – 3 pm Monday, March 27, 2023 – 9 am – 10 am Thursday, March 30, 2023 – 1 pm – 2 pm Friday, March 31, 2023 – 4 pm – 5 pm

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FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Lenten Reflection: Man Born Blind

Have you ever played a game with a blindfold? Or, have you ever been on a trust walk, where you are blindfolded and led by another person?

Playing games with a blindfold helps us appreciate the gift of sight. Sight is a double blessing in a culture whose media manipulates visual contents, its patterns, and its timing. A quickly edited, fast moving commercial on television proves the point; your eyes quickly "read" the message.

Through the cure of a person born blind, John's gospel presents sight in a metaphorical sense. Sometimes a person can look, but not see. Here, the blind man received not only the ability to use his eyes but the gift to see the truth.





NEXT SUNDAY!

Family Catechesis Session Four



Prayer:
"To the rosary and beyond!"
SUNDAY, MARCH 26
10:30 AM | COMMUNITY LIFE
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Our online calendar has been updated with all events at the Franciscan Renewal Center that are family friendly! Check out all the things your family can take



part in at the Casa!

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spirituality alongside other young adults.





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We have more opportunities for families with children between the ages of birth and 5 years. Our Young Family Sundays are filled with fun faith activities and fellowship with other families. Tell all the young families you know and see. For more information, contact Cheryl Hentz or sign up for our Flocknotes.





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



DISCOVER THE VISION

A one-hour introduction to the Casa's mission and ministries.

Thursdays

May 4 11:00 am

June 1 11:00 am

11:00 am July 6

Reserve Your Spot Today

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email: rsvp@thecasa.org



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FAST TALK THEOLOGY

Sunday Lecture Series | 9 – 10:30 am in the Saint Francis Room

April 16

Br. Keith Douglass Warner, OFM Pope Francis calls us to be missionary disciples, *in the spirit of Saint Francis*

There is no fee or registration required.

ART DOCENT TOURS

Explore the Art of the Casa Highlights of Franciscan-Inspired Art

First and Third Sunday

12:30 -1:15 pm

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First and Third Wednesday 11:30 am -12:30 pm

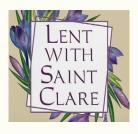
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Clarity with Clare Franciscan Lenten Conversations

March 22 & 29, 6:30 - 8 pm

Wednesday Evenings, On Zoom, Fee \$10 Register Now on FRC Portal or at the Lobby Desk. See FIA LinkTree for flyer wih details.



Almsgving Envelopes Can be Returned on March 26.

During Lent, we are encouraged to connect our practice of fasting with giving alms. This year, the Casa has chosen to direct our alms to the San Solano Franciscan Mission in Topawa and with Janice's Women's Center in Phoenix. We thank you for your generosity. Place your Almsgiving envelope in the collections basket during Mass. You can also donate on the FRC website for the amount in your envelope. Visit www.thecasa.org/donate and click the Donate button at the bottom under "Special Collections."

Lenten Food Drive (Next Sunday Morning) March 26, 7 am -12:45 pm

The recipient of this Food Drive is now the Vista del Camino (VdC) Food Bank in Scottsdale.

Donate shelf-stable items to help fill their depleted food bank shelves. Find the Lenten Food Drive flyer on the FIA LinkTree. Drive locations: FRC-EAST Parking and FRC-WEST Parking Lots. Also a large bin will be available near the Bookstore for you to drop off your donations at the 4pm Saturday Mass.

Want to help out/volunteer for the food drive? Contact hungeraction@thecasa.org.

Popcorn Pizza and Peace Featured Movie: Mission Joy



Friday March 31, 6 – 9 pm, Fee: \$12

Archbishop Desmond Tutu and His Holiness the Dalai Lama - they are opposites in many ways, yet their friendship shows us that our shared humanity is bigger than our differences. Due to pre-ordering of food, registration is required: frc.retreatportal.com. Fee includes film, pizza, popcorn and refreshments.

Poignant, Powerful, Practical & "LOL" Funny

Visit FIA LinkTree for flyer: linktree.com/socialconcerns

Waste Not, Want Not



Friday, March 24 5:45 to 8 pm, Fee: \$12

In the feeding of the five thousand, (Jn 6:12-13), Jesus shows us that God's bounty is not to be wasted and how to steward material things.

Videos from PBS News Hour and the Harvard Law School Food Law and Policy Clinic (FLPC). Speakers: Pam Giannonatti, of Fry's, (response to food waste); Dr. Maricarmen Vizcaino from the College of Health Solutions at ASU will help us understand consumer food waste at home.

Fee includes food, program and resources. (5:30 signin/doors open). Scholarships available.

Registration Required: frc.retreatportal.com. Visit tinyurl.com/2wxs9p2m for details.

Register NOW as the registration link closes on Tuesday, March 21, at 4 pm.

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COMMUNITY CONNECTION



My name is Diane Aruda. I am a Dominican Sister who ministers in Northern California. I was blessed this last September to enter into a privately directed month long spiritual retreat at The Casa. Cathy Olds, who coordinates spiritual direction here at The Casa, was my spiritual companion.

I came to retreat longing for silence, prayer and reflection. From the moment I stepped on these sacred grounds, I was welcomed with warmth, care and support. As the days unfolded, I experienced the beauty of community alive among you, From those who greet everyone in the front lobby to the dining room staff; from all who daily minister in the community to those who staff Casa Programs and those who care for the grounds and variety of rooms, all were attentive, and supportive. Joining the worshipping community was a delight and the Blessed Sacrament chapel, a holy space for prayer.

As I prepared to leave all of you, my heart was filled with gratitude for your kind and generous presence throughout the month. It was a joy to meet Christ among you

and to be welcomed into your community so intent and focused on ministering to one another and to the world.

May you be blessed abundantly for the doing of God's work daily in service. Thank you for your Welcoming Presence!

— Sr. Diane Aruda

If you would like to share your Casa story (250 words), please email jbruzza@thecasa.org

Therapy, Support, and Counseling Ministry (TSCM) thecasa.org/tscm

One-on-One Therapy for 18+

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Grief and Loss Support Group

Second Wednesday of Month | 5:30 – 7 pm Facilitator: Joyce Brimhall, LMSW

Donations for one-on-one therapy and support group sessions are suggested. No one is turned away for lack of funds.

For an immediate crisis, please call 911 or the Maricopa County Crisis Line at 602.222.9444.

Ryan Sheade, LCSW, Director of Therapy, Support and Counseling Ministry. counseling@thecasa.org

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3.5.23 \$26,443

3.6.22 \$31,487

In-Person Mass Attendance

3.5.23 1,489

3.6.22 1,362

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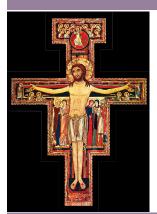
SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Experience, The Saint John's Bible March 20, Monday | 9:30 – 11:30 am

Rev. Dr. John F. Ross and Diane von Arx

Explore the stunning illuminations in the Casa's rare Heritage Edition of The Saint John's Bible. Discover the mission, history, and creation of the original manuscript, as well as the Heritage Edition, and how it is being used to ignite the spiritual imagination of people around the world.

No Fee. No registration is required. Visit <u>frc.retreatportal.com</u> for more information.



WORKSHOP

Reading the Icon of the San Damiano Cross March 30 – March 31, Thursday - Friday | 7 – 9 pm

Fr. Vincent Nguyen, OFM and George Sabol, OFS

Icons are meant to be read, but how is that done? We will provide "readings" of the icon from a scriptural and Franciscan spirituality view. Come and learn about one of the most recognizable Franciscan images. The group will meet from 7 pm to 9 pm Thursday, and Friday.

Fee: \$25 for both evenings Register: frc.retreatportal.com



RETREAT

Holy Week 2023 with Fr. Phillip Chircop, SJ April 1 – April 5, Saturday – Wednesday — PART I April 6 – April 9, Thursday - Sunday — PART II

We will focus on the traditional seven last words of Jesus from the cross and explore how these lasting words can in fact be practices we can engage in if we desire to become authentic artists of the good news, gentle instruments of peace, and sane people in a world that often feels like having gone insane.

For fee information, visit: frc.retreatportal.com



RETREAT

Legacy Retreat

April 15 – April 16, Saturday – Sunday

Mary Dunn and Alanna Mack

Whether you've experienced a Legacy Workshop before, or this will be your first time, we warmly welcome you to join us for our newly expanded Your Story, Your Legacy Retreat. Come join us for a wonderful weekend of self-discovery and soulful conversation that will renew and strengthen you for the journey ahead!

Fee, incl. meals: \$200 single room; \$125 commuter. Register: frc.retreatportal.com

To see all of our upcoming programs and to register, please visit <u>frc.retreatportal.com</u>. Registration can also be made by visiting or calling our Guest Services Desk, or emailing <u>lora@thecasa.org</u>.

EDUCATION, RETREATS, AND EVENTS — Pre-registration required.



RETREAT

A Brush with God Iconography Retreat April 20 – April 23, Thursday - Sunday

Peter Pearson, M Div ThD

We'll be painting "The Holy Face," believed to be directly connected to the Shroud of Turin, which also has an intriguing story. No previous experience or innate talent is required. All materials are provided.

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

Register: frc.retreatportal.com



WORKSHOP

Church Approved Marian Apparition in Wisconsin April 22, Saturday | 9 am - 1 pm

Martha Valukas, OCDS

Come and learn about this unique and holy place. You will be filled with renewed purpose and hope as you reflect upon Mary's message, for She is our Mother, our Queen, and a heavenly visitor sent by God's loving concern for us.

Fee, incl. lunch: \$35. Register: frc.retreatportal.com



8-DAY RETREAT

St. Bonaventure's Journey Into God May 4 – 12, Thursday – Friday

Fr. André Cirino, OFM & Josef Raischl, OFS

Based on St. Bonaventure's masterpiece, "*Itinerarium Mentis in Deum*" — his Journey Into God. Each day is dedicated to a chapter with a balance of instruction, reading, personal/community participation in Eucharistic liturgy, morning/evening prayer.

Fee, including meals: \$1,100 single room; \$850 double room; \$700 commuter.

Pre-registration required. Visit: frc.retreatportal.com



RETREAT

Emmaus Retreat for Grieving Parents

May 19 – 21, Friday – Sunday

Marianne Gouveia & Greg Eckerman

Of all the pains that life can hand us, arguably the most searing is the loss of a child. During this weekend, just as Jesus joined his distraught disciples on the road to Emmaus, we pray for all of our parents and we ask Jesus to join us as we walk the horrendous journey of grieving our loss every day.

Fee, incl. meals: \$250 single room; \$135 commuter. Register: frc.retreatportal.com

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Spiritual Direction Ministry

Our Spiritual Direction Ministry offers one-on-one listening and support for finding God in our lives and deepening that relationship. 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

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

Contemplation in the Desert gathers in the Healing Garden every Monday at 11:30 am – 12:30 pm to appreciate God's natural creations through readings, prayer, silent wandering, and reflection. CareforCreation@thecasa.org

Cornerstone Contemplative Meditation Wednesdays, 11:30 am–12:30pm. We are located in the Spiritual Direction room located behind the East parking lot. Joanne Rapp: joannemr@cox.net

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.

Men in Spirit. Christian men meet on the first Saturday of the month at 8 am for breakfast in the dining room, followed by discussion. Currently, we are discussing "Poverty and Joy, The Franciscan Tradition," by Br. William Short, OFM. Zoom available. Chuck Jirach 480.290.9687. meninspirit@thecasa.org

Prayer Partners petition prayers and prays for our human family. Send requests to: <u>casaprayerpartners@thecasa.org</u>.

Rosary Group Meets Tuesdays at 6 pm in the San Damiano Auditorium and on Zoom. Requests for meeting information and prayer intentions contact Elizabeth Marietti: emarietti@cox.net

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: John Elder, OFS, at johncelder@gmail.com or 480.580.7750.

Mass Intentions March 19 – March 25, 2023

Sunday	
Joseph Mastriarco	7:30 am
Thomas Donkerbrook	9:15 am
Corrine A. Weber	11:00 am

Susan Kelson 8:00 am

Tuesday

Keith Painter 8:00 am

Wednesday

Belinda Raquipiso 8:00 am

Thursday

Rosa Lopez 8:00 am

Friday

Carol Gaa 8:00 am

Saturday

Gloria & Francis Slate Wedding Anniversary 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 (Mon. 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. It 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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