2024 Lent and Holy Week Schedule



Fridays in Lent

(February 16 – March 22)

Prayer, Fasting, & Almsgiving*

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

Holy Week Liturgies

PALM SUNDAY MASS — March 24 7:30 am and 10 am. No Saturday Vigil Mass. (outdoors in Palm Court)

HOLY THURSDAY — March 28

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 pm
(inside the church)

GOOD FRIDAY — March 29
Stations of the Cross at 12 noon (outdoors in Palm Court)

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3 pm (inside the church)

HOLY SATURDAY — March 30 The Easter Vigil at 7:30 pm (inside the church)

EASTER SUNDAY — March 31
Masses at 6:45 am, 8:45 am, and 11 am
(outdoors in Palm Court)

*Lenten Almsgiving Envelopes

As a community, our almsgiving this year will go to the *Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program* and *Catholic Charities Manna House*, which serves homeless veterans. Please pick up your envelope in the Narthex; we'll collect them at the end of Lent.





Lent 2024 - Upcoming Programs and Activities sponsored by *Faith in Action* (FIA) *Ministry* at the Franciscan Renewal Center. Look for information in the bulletin, and flyers in the Lobby and possibly the Narthex. Here are some programs and service projects you can participate in to enhance your Lenten experience.



FIA *LinkTree* (online bulletin board to find flyers and signups) https://linktr.ee/socialconcerns

- Saturday, February 24, 9:00 am 2:00 pm, Gardening Sustainably in the Desert (sponsored by Care for Creation Ministry) Care for Creation partners with the Maricopa County Master Naturalist Chapter to bring you gardening workshops focused on growing native herbs and veggies in your home garden. Registration fee is \$15, with lunch available for purchase: https://tinyurl.com/tzr29jb4. Flyer: https://tr.ee/iRRFRSmRWP.
- March 1,5:30 8:30 pm, Popcorn Pizza and Peace Movie Night: Women Being Peacemakers, Becoming Changemakers (sponsored by the Peace Ministry). To celebrate Women's History Month, we are featuring films telling the stories of women overcoming social and cultural barriers that bring new hope and opportunity within their communities. Registration required on the portal or by calling the front desk. \$15 Fee includes film, pizza/popcorn & additional refreshments. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Register here: http://tinyurl.com/jjcfeawr. Flyer: https://tr.ee/dapwITF3BF.
- **Saturday, March 2, 1:00 4:00pm,** *Welcome the Stranger,* (*Sponsored by Matthew 25: Serving Asylum Seekers Ministry*). Christ challenged us to care for and look after our neighbors in particular those we do not know. What issues and obstacles do our migrant neighbors face? Hear from experts in the field on current issues that migrants face coming to the USA and how we can best "welcome the stranger." Q&A session will follow along with suggested actions to act on after the event. Registration is \$10. Register here: https://tinyurl.com/4udeyfdr. Flyer: https://tr.ee/sy8EW4J7L.
- Monday evenings, March 11 and March 18, 6:30-8:15 pm, Franciscan Lenten Conversations: St. (Sister) Marianne Cope (on Zoom). For two Monday evenings in mid-Lent we will take time to pause and reflect on our spiritual journeys. We will use readings from the "Lent 2024 with Saint Marianne Cope Daily Reflections" booklet, published by Franciscan Media. If the weeks have slipped by or if your Lenten practice needs refreshed, take advantage of this opportunity. Our time together will include contemplative prayer, reading scripture and conversation. And perhaps, during this time of prayer, we too will feel Lenten grace. Fee is \$10.00. Link to registration: https://tinyurl.com/mr3c6ux3. Detailed flyer found here: https://tr.ee/e6UYHehJig.

Events/Activities and Service opportunities (also found in the Casa "Renewal" Bulletin)

Every Monday morning in the Healing Garden, 11 am- 12:15 pm. Contemplation in the Desert

(sponsored by the *Casa Care for Creation Ministry*). Shared readings, prayer, silent wandering, and reflection.

The Matthew 25 Serving Asylum Seekers Ministry: every Monday the Casa serves asylum seekers at the Phoenix Welcome Center. For more info, email matthew25@thecasa.org and find out more such as how to be trained to serve at the Welcome Center.

- Casa Habitat Ministry: Help build a house and change lives. Next service opportunities are on
 - o Saturday, February 24.
 - o Saturday, March 2

We build in partnership with St Patrick's Community and the Catholic Caritas Coalition. In the spring we begin to build our 23rd house with the Caritas Coalition. There will be additional build dates that are not yet listed. Please look for notices in the FRC bulletin and your email. To receive emails from Casa Habitat Ministry please make your request to thecasahabitat@thecasa.org.

- Saturday, February 24, 5:30 to 6:30 pm: Faith & Science Night: CREATIO CONTINUA Continuing Creation. Presentation given by Jim Renn, Vatican Observatory Foundation Member. Free event. God's Universal Creative Action begins with Creatio ex Nihilo Creation from Nothing. God's ongoing action in the world continues with Creatio Continua Continuing Creation, where God in an ongoing relationship with Creation sustains and works in and through the Laws of Nature. Creation is not an event, but an ongoing relationship with the Creator who enables and empowers things to be and act on their own as they are.
- **Saturday morning, March 9, 2024, from 10-11:30 am,** *Just Scripture.* Scripture discussed from a perspective of Franciscan values, including compassion and justice. Second Saturday morning each month. Register in advance on the Zoom link https://tinyurl.com/vkh5twxv/.
- Hunger Action Service Opportunities.
 - i. At St Vincent de Paul (SVdP) one Monday a month from 8:45 am to Noon. Each day St. Vincent de Paul, at the main kitchen, prepares more than 1,000 lunches and dinners to be delivered to homeless shelters throughout the community. Casa volunteers will be plating these meals in special individual containers to be counted and delivered to several shelters in the Phoenix area one Monday morning each month.

Next Monday of Service: March 4

After Easter (Mondays): **April 1, and May 6, 2024**Details and signup here: http://tinyurl.com/y3urv856

ii. At *Desert Mission Food Bank*, **one Wednesday a month, from 8:45 am to 11 am**. The demand for food assistance remains high and Desert Mission Food Bank continues to be an important resource in the Sunnyslope community. HAM volunteers sort and bag food items, prepare senior and student supplemental food bags, and help distribute food to waiting clients.

Wednesdays: February 21, March 20

Details and signup here: http://tinyurl.com/fd3m7ee

- March 7–10, 2024, Service Pilgrimage to the Franciscan Mission in Guaymas, Mexico, with Casa Franciscana Outreach. Fee: \$300. All participants must have a valid passport and sign the CFO Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability Forms. Fee includes transportation, lodging, trip meals, basic volunteer travel insurance, supplies, and tools for work projects. Scholarships available. For more information, visitcasafranciscanaoutreach. org/servicemission. Registration closes Thursday, February 22. Flyer found here: https://tr.ee/fD5ZPBu0C1
- Sunday Morning, *March 10, 7:30 am 12:45 pm, Casa Lenten Food Drive for Saint Vincent de Paul. Donate non-perishable, shelf-stable, unexpired items, find details here: https://tr.ee/ataLiu9xs-Collection at two Locations at the Franciscan Renewal Center: Bring items to the END of the first lane of the East-Front Parking Lot or to the West-Front Parking Lot of the Franciscan Renewal Center. *Also a large bin will be available near the bookstore for the 4pm Saturday Mass (March 9).
- Saturday and Sunday, March 9 and 10, after all Masses, the Casa Grounds for Solidarity Ministry will be selling Café Justo coffee. The coffee is \$10.00 per pound. If you'd like to become a seller, stop by the table to find out more.

The following is not a Casa Organized activity with any formal ministry, but Casa Community members help with this effort:

CITRUS GLEANING "We rescue what you won't eat so that others might eat!" **January through May.** Need: people to help glean, as well as people to help drive the citrus to André house. Once delivered their core staff will take care of putting the fruit into the hands of those who need a little fresh citrus! Anyone who is interested, please join my efforts to provide neighborhood citrus to our guests at André House. Last year, with the help of four other gleaners, I delivered over 6,000 lbs of fresh, yummy citrus from over 50 generous neighbors to our brothers & sisters living on the street in 'the zone'. With a little more help, we might make 10,000 lbs. this season! There are about 25 homeowners who've offered their citrus, but I'm always happy to add others to the list – we'll pick through April. Since I'm down at André House a couple times a week, I know the citrus we pick is going into the hands of our hungry brothers & sisters living on the streets.

If you're interested in joining this effort, or if you know people who would like their trees gleaned to help feed our struggling brothers & sisters, reach out to *Tim Hall*, at this email: WhenDidWeSeeYouHungry@gmail.com.



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