

January 8, 2023

The Epiphany of the Lord

RENEWAL

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PASTORAL REFLECTION



When I think of Epiphany, I think of the shepherds and the Magi. The shepherds, to whom the news of Christ's birth was first heralded, brought the only gifts they had to offer: their adoration, their love, and

very likely some woolen cloth and milk from their sheep. The Magi, for their part, offered the kinglier gifts of gold, which acknowledged Jesus as King; frankincense, which represented the Godhood of Jesus; and myrrh, which was a symbol of the humanity of the Child of Bethlehem.

How can we offer these same gifts to Jesus? To quote a reflection on Epiphany by Fr. Antony Kadavil, "Let us worship Jesus every day with the gold of our love, the myrrh of our humility, and the frankincense of our adoration. Let us offer God our very selves, promising Him that we will use His blessings to do good for our fellow men."

Finally, in last stanza of the song "In the Bleak Midwinter," we have these words:

"What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would give a lamb. If I were a wise man, I would do my part. What then can I give him? I will give my heart."

May your new year be filled with blessings, and may you find new and wonderful ways to live out Epiphany all the year through!

Richard Guerra
Assistant Director of Liturgy and Music

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
<i>Sat. 4 pm, Sun. 9:15 am, and Monday – Friday Daily Mass also available on YouTube.com/theCasaFRC</i>		
Taizé Prayer	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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Special Diocesan collection next week for the "Gospel of Life" appeal

Next weekend, we will be participating in the diocesan special collection called the Gospel of Life Appeal. Donations help support the Church's mission to uphold the right-to-life of all people from conception to natural death.

For those of you who use our envelope program, you will find an extra envelope for this purpose in your packet. Please place this envelope (along with your envelope for your gift to the Casa) in the collection basket. In case you forget your envelope, you can always find an envelope in the Narthex.

Why do we join in these collections?

Offering what we can to the special collections is a reminder that we, as Catholics, belong to a worldwide Church. And how we can help others is a way to say thank you to God for the kindness we have been shown.

Upcoming special collections in 2023:

- Jan. 15 Gospel of Life
- Feb. 5 Charity & Development Appeal (CDA)
- Mar. 12 Catholic Relief Services
- Apr. 23 Catholic Home Missions
- May 21 Catholic Communications
- July 2 Peter's Pence
- July 16 Native American & Black Mission
- Aug. 14 Church in Africa, Latin America, and Eastern Europe
- Sep. 17 Catholic University
- Oct. 22 Mission Sunday
- Nov. 19 Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)
- Dec. 10 Religious Retirement Fund

The work of Christmas begins ...

Monday, January 9, is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which marks the conclusion of the Christmas season. The Church celebrates the Nativity of Jesus through this feast. There is a brief poem by Howard Thurman that comes to mind as the Christmas season reaches its last day, titled "The Work of Christmas."

*When the song of the angels is stilled.
 When the star in the sky is gone.
 When the kings and princes are home.
 When the shepherds are back with their flock.
 The work of Christmas begins:
 To find the lost, to heal the broken,
 to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,
 to rebuild the nations,
 to bring peace among all people,
 to make music from the heart.*



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FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Reflecting on the Word as a Family - Matthew 2:1-5, 7-11

The Magi were not Jewish, but they came and offered gifts to this child, lowering themselves in adoration before Jesus because they knew who he was. Their gifts give us clues into their mysterious knowledge about Jesus. Gold is a sign of kingship; frankincense is a sign of God's presence; and myrrh, which was used at burials, is a sign of Jesus' forthcoming sacrifice for the whole world. The Epiphany of the Lord is an important feast because it reminds us that Jesus came for all people — then and for all time.

Discussing the Word as a Family

On the way to Mass: I wonder how the Magi felt after traveling for so long, following a star, then finally finding what they were looking for.

On the way home from Mass: Right after Jesus was born, he was adored by poor shepherds. Later, he was adored by wealthy, educated Magi. What does this tell us about Jesus and his mission?

Living the Word as a Family

The Magi came bearing gifts as an offering to the Savior. As a family, put together care packages that you can keep in your car to distribute to anyone in need. Ask your children to help with ideas on what the packages will contain: gift certificates for food? Bottles of water or snack packs? Or blankets and warm gloves? Offer them as gifts to remember that Jesus came for all people.

(Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families)



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Save The Dates!

- *Teaching Mass* with the lovely Fr. Vincent and Cheryl Hentz | Saturday, January 28 | 5:30 pm
- *Faith & Science Night: Searching for Life in Creation* | Saturday, February 4 | 5:30 pm

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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.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



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What is OLA YA (*Our Lady of the Angels Young Adult*)?

We are a Franciscan Catholic ministry that offers a spiritual home for young adults who are seeking a place where they belong and wish to explore and experience their spirituality alongside other young adults.



Save The Dates!

- *Young Family Sunday* | THIS Sunday, January 8 | 10:30 am
- *Courtyard Convos* | Friday, January 13 | 6:30 pm
- *Teaching Mass* with the lovely Fr. Vincent and Cheryl Hentz | Saturday, January 28 | 5:30 pm
- *Faith & Science Night: Searching for Life in Creation* | Saturday, February 4 | 5:30 pm

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

February 2	11:00 am
	<i>In person</i>
March 2	11:00 am
	<i>In person</i>

May 4	11:00 am
	<i>In person</i>

Reserve Your Spot Today

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Franciscan School of Theology
at the UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

FAST TALK THEOLOGY

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

Jan. 8

Br. Bill Short, OFM, Ph.D.

Saint Francis in the Desert:

Reading a Masterwork of Renaissance Art

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
(no tour New Year's Day)

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

Tour Requests

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The Casa Habitat Ministry

A Home is Where the Heart Is

This past year, *Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona* ranked #1 in the country (for families served) amongst 1,100 other Habitat affiliates! The Casa Habitat ministry is privileged to contribute to this outcome. Join us and help impact families who need an affordable, decent place to call home.

Build with Us/ Dates

Start time 7:30 am unless otherwise indicated.

- **Jan 21, 7:30 am** – Wall-Signing Ceremony & Framing
- **February 11** Continue Framing
- **March 11** Roof Framing
- **April 15** Shingling & Drywall Blocking
- **May 13** Continue Drywall
- **June 10** Complete Doors & Trim
- August Dedication

Contact thecasahabitat@thecasa.org for more information or if you are interested in building.

Contemplation in the Desert

Weekly
Nature
Meditation



Mondays, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm
Healing Garden

Through shared readings, prayer, silent wandering, and reflection amongst our beautiful grounds, we will learn to love nature more gently and deeply and appreciate all of God's Creation. We think you will find the hour refreshing each time you come.

All are welcome.



Pope Francis reminds us the Bible belongs "to those called to hear its message and to recognize themselves in its words...it is the book of the Lord's people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity." This year, **WORD OF GOD Sunday** is on January 22.

Just Scripture

Virtual Conversation: January 14
10 – 11:30 am

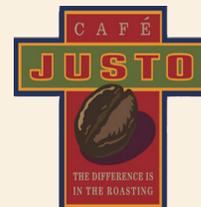
Hear and discuss the message of love, salvation, and unity within the living Word of God.

All are welcome. Sign-up at [FIA LinkTree](#).

Just Scripture occurs on Zoom on the second Saturday of each month from 10 – 11:30 am. 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.

Ring in the New Year!

Café Justo!



After-Mass Sale
January 14 and 15

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.

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Care to Dance? Having been invited to share personal reflections on the Franciscan Renewal Center and Our Lady of the Angels Church, I had to abandon my usual “knee-jerk” refusal. The Holy Spirit softened my heart, and voila! Here's my story about invitations.

Our friends first invited our young family to the Casa in the summer of 1981, after our move to Phoenix from Tucson. Fourteen years later, I returned to the Casa and answered an invitation to sponsor a young man on his journey of faith through the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The next year, I was invited to join the catechist team and for eight years witnessed many conversions and miracles through the RCIA process.

Other invitations followed, and in 2004, Norbert invited me along with another member to co-facilitate the Casa Hospitality Ministry to entertain angels by welcoming others to our vibrant liturgies. Following invitations from Brother Joe, I flew to Rome and Assisi in 2004, and to the Holy Land in 2005, for Franciscan pilgrimages with other Casa friends. Then in 2007, I was asked to facilitate our Pastoral Ministry to the Sick and Homebound with yet another member.

Invitations like these happen constantly. Every week we are invited to gather, taste, and see the goodness of God at our beautiful liturgies and are sent from the Casa to hopefully “make a difference in the world.” These are all invitations of Christ to enter “The Dance.”

Peace and All Good,
John Zemblidge

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

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Grief and Loss Support Group
Second Wednesday of Month | 5:30 – 7 pm
Facilitator: Joyce Brimhall, LMSW

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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.
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GUAYMAS ANNUAL APPEAL

Featuring Mariachis and the “Folkloric Dancers”

Please join Fr. Martin and the CFO Volunteers

January 28-29

After All the Weekend Masses at Casa



The Friars and Mission Staff ask for your support to continue the programs that feed, clothe, educate and provide much needed medical care to the children and the poorest of the poor living in Guaymas!



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WEEKEND RETREAT

Franciscan Music for the Soul

January 13 – January 15, Friday – Sunday

Cathy Tisel Nelson

Come deepen your relationship with God through the music of Franciscan composer Cathy Tisel Nelson. Our time together will include presentations, prayer, reflection, and group sharing. Franciscan spirituality will be interwoven throughout the weekend.

**Fee, including meals: \$250 single room; \$135 commuter
Registration required. Visit: frc.retreatportal.com**



FIVE MONDAY SESSIONS

T'ai Chi

January 23, 30, February 6, 13, and 20, Mondays | 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Jake Zinn

The centuries-old practice of T'ai Chi is often described as "meditation with movement." It serves to calm the mind and invigorate the body, while improving postural strength and stability, agility, and balance.

**Fee: \$60 for 5 sessions.
Registration required. Visit: frc.retreatportal.com**



WORKSHOP

Learning to Play the Native American Flute

February 25, Saturday | 9am – noon

Ken Bogart and Sherry Vames

It has been said that the sound of the Native American Flute has the power to soothe and heal with its haunting tones. Learn to play fundamental notes, care for your flute, have finger/breath control, and create new songs.

Fee: \$30, plus \$60 materials fee (payable at class) includes an Authentic Native American Flute. Registration required. Visit: frc.retreatportal.com



WORKSHOP

The Joy of Journaling

March 11, Saturday | 9am – noon

Bonnie Wasniewski

Writing is a powerful form of reflection, meditation, and/or prayer and can connect us to a deeper level of inner guidance. If you have gotten away from journaling or have never journaled, this workshop will give you guidance and tools to help you find the joy of journaling. If you have a favorite pen and journal, bring them along with you.

Fee: \$30. Registration required. Visit: frc.retreatportal.com

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



RETREAT

Holy Week 2023

April 1 – April 5, Saturday – Wednesday — PART I

April 6 – April 9, Thursday - Sunday — PART II

Fr. Phillip Chircop, SJ

Join Fr. Phillip Chircop for Holy Week 2023!

Please see the Franciscan Renewal Center Retreat Portal for full details.

Registration required. Visit: frc.retreatportal.com



WEEKEND 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, including lodging and meals: \$200 per person

Registration required. Visit: 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, includes lunch: \$35 per person

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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

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Christian Meditation at the Casa

Wednesdays, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

with Joanne Rapp, Director at the Cornerstone Center

The Casa offers weekly contemplative prayer, which is, as taught by John Main, OSB, as "natural to the spirit as breathing is to the body." Read first Colossians, 15 "the image of the invisible God"... 26 "the mystery hidden" ...27 "is Christ in you"! Christian meditation is a Path to Transformation. For more information, email Joanne Rapp: Joannemr@cox.net

Spiritual Direction Ministry

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 in person and 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 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

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

Cornerstone Contemplative Meditation Wednesdays, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. 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.

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 January 8 - January 14, 2023

Sunday

Gus Machado

7:30 am

Diane Halle

9:15 am

Amanda Freiman

11:00 am

Monday

Dee Hlava

8:00 am

Tuesday

Padraigh Kelly

8:00 am

Wednesday

Rosemary Ralls

8:00 am

Thursday

Richard Schwartz

8:00 am

Friday

Nancy Mitchell

8:00 am

Saturday

Margaret Miller

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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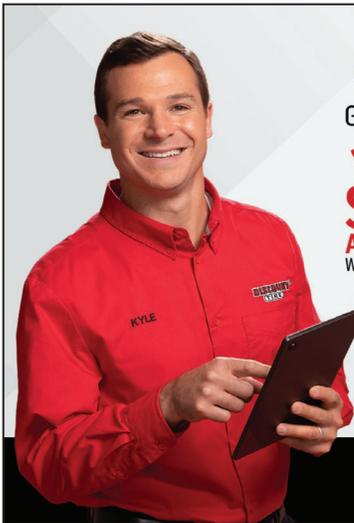


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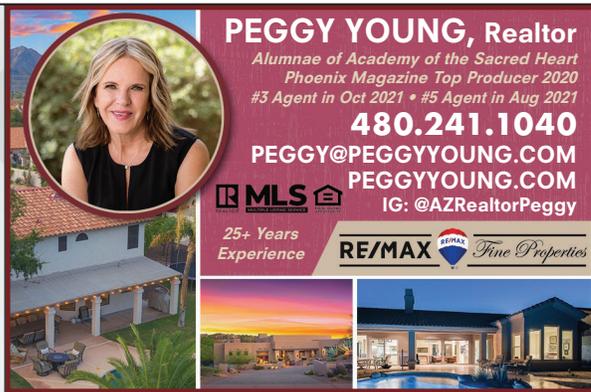
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