

March 13, 2022

Second Sunday of Lent

RENEWAL

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Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. –Luke 9:32, NAB

My daughter watches a movie often where the main character walks up to another character who is sleeping on the ground, kicks the bottom of his foot, and says, “do you ever NOT sleep?” I found myself chuckling and thinking the same thing of Peter and the other disciples when I read this weekend’s Gospel. If we look forward several weeks, we will hear another account where Jesus himself chastises them for sleeping through a rather important event – the last night of Jesus’ life before crucifixion. I guess I can’t blame them too much. These guys walked everywhere! In fact, the Gospel this weekend tells us that they had just hiked a mountain with Jesus. It was, like in the garden at Gethsemane, that while Jesus was praying, they fell asleep. I would imagine that they witnessed Jesus in prayer quite often and that they figured there was nothing special about this time, so they may as well take a nap. Luke tells us that upon waking from their slumber, they bore witness to the transfiguration of our Lord. Can you imagine? They almost missed it!

How often do we become sleepy in the mundane and the ordinary and miss the glory of God before us? At work? At school? While doing the dishes or making dinner? My friends, God’s glory is all around us, all the time. It’s often during the ordinary and the mundane that God reveals Himself in a spectacular way. We just need to stay awake and aware to see it!

Peace & Blessings,

Family Catechesis Coordinator
Infant Baptism Coordinator

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	Tuesday – Friday	8:00 am
<i>Sat. 4 pm, Sun. 9:15 am, and Daily Mass also available on</i>		
<u>YouTube.com/theCasaFRC</u>		
Communion	Sunday	12:00 - 12:30 pm
Taizé Prayer	Wednesday	7:00 pm
Reconciliation	Saturday	2:00 - 3:00 pm
Guest Services	Sun. - Sat.	6:00 am - 7:30 pm
Desk		
<i>Guest Services Desk hours subject to change</i>		
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 <https://bible.usccb.org/>.

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Hospitality Ministers will be needed for the Holy Week liturgies

The Hospitality Ministry will be needing volunteers to help serve during this very important time. Hospitality is very important to us at the Casa — that is, offering a sincere welcome and assistance to all who gather here – and your help is greatly needed and appreciated. If you can help this year, please sign up beginning this weekend.

Holy Week 2022

Sunday, April 10 – Palm Sunday

Masses at 7:30 am and 10 am
Outdoors in Palm Court

Thursday, April 14 – Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 pm
Inside the Church

Friday, April 15 – Good Friday

Stations of the Cross at 12 noon
Outdoors in Palm Court

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3 pm
Inside the Church

Saturday, April 16 – Holy Saturday

The Easter Vigil at 8 pm
Inside the Church

Sunday, April 17 – Easter Sunday

Masses at 6:45 am, 8:45 am, and 11 am
Outdoors in Palm Court

"To live charitably means not looking out for our own interests, but carrying the burdens of the weakest and poorest among us."

~ Pope Francis

Lent: A Joyful Season?

Thomas Merton expressed it this way:

"Lent is not so much a season of punishment as one of healing. There is joy in the salutary fasting and abstinence of Christians who eat and drink less in order that their minds may be more clear and receptive to receive the sacred nourishment of God's word, which the whole church announces and meditates upon in each day's liturgy throughout Lent ... In laying upon us the light cross of ashes, the church desires to take off our shoulders all other heavy burdens – the crushing load of worry and obsessive guilt, the dead weight of our own self-love. We should not take upon ourselves a "burden" of penance and stagger through Lent as if we were Atlas, carrying the whole world on our shoulders ... Penance is conceived of by the church less as a burden than as a liberation. It is only a burden to those who take it up unwillingly. Love makes it light and happy.

(from Seasons of Celebration, 1958)



Fridays during Lent

5:45 pm Stations of the Cross (desert walkway)
6 - 7 pm Simple Soup Supper (poolside)
7 pm Taize Prayer Around the Cross (church)

On Fridays at the Casa, we'll offer a simple soup supper. Come as you are and join with others in this simple meal. We'll be serving it at the poolside (weather permitting.)

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Talking to Kids About the Gospel

In today's Gospel, the voice from heaven speaks to the disciples saying, "Listen to him." The Transfiguration was a focused moment for the disciples when they heard God speaking to them and experienced Jesus in glory. They most certainly left this focused moment with a new appreciation for the importance of Jesus' words even if they did not yet understand everything that he had taught them. During Lent, we are invited to consider our attentiveness to Jesus and to one another.

- In the pace and noise that often characterizes family life, how well do we listen to one another?
- What opportunities do we have for quiet prayer?



Congratulations

to all of our students who received the gift of God's love and mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday March 12!



Lent Trivia for the Family - Week Two

1. What color vestments does the priest wear during Lent?
2. What prayer of the Mass is omitted during Lent?
3. What word is never said or sung during Lent?
4. What do Catholics abstain from eating on Friday's during Lent?

ANSWERS:
1. Purple 2. The Gloria 3. Alleluia 4. Meat

Did You Know?

Youth Ministry is for students in 4th through 12th grade with opportunities for learning more about God's love, building friendships in our church community, and ways to serve others. To learn more about all our youth activities, contact Cheryl Hentz.

You can also join our Flocknote email list to get the latest Youth Ministry updates.



Lent & Christian Initiation! What's a Scrutiny?

The Season of Lent is a time of prayer and preparation for our Elect and Candidates – those who will be received into the Church at Easter through the Sacraments of Initiation. The "Scrutinies of the Elect", reinforced with an exorcism, take place during the three Sundays before Palm Sunday. They are meant to "uncover and then heal all that is weak or defective in the heart of the Elect, and then to bring out and strengthen all that is strong and good." The exorcism is not a fear-laden bout with Satan, but grace-filled encounter with the healing power of the Spirit. In truth all of us can use this time of introspection and healing.

Join our community by supporting the Elect and Candidates at the scrutiny Masses:

Sunday March 20, 7:30 am Mass | Sunday March 27, 11 am Mass | Sunday April 3, 9:15 am Mass

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

Family & Young Adult Stations of the Cross

The classic Lenten prayer experience done outdoors in our beautiful desert walk! Followed by simple soup supper and Taizé prayer. Come, join us and meet other young adults in our community.

Friday, April 1, 5:45 pm
FRC Desert Walk



Other upcoming events worth marking your calendars for:

- Sat, Apr 9 | *Care for Creation Film Festival* | 11:00 am
- Sun, Apr 24 | *Singles Brunch* | 10:30 am | Sr. Luca Room
- Fri, May 13 | *Conversations in the Courtyard – Painting Party* | 6:30 pm | Youth Room
- Sun, May 22 | *Infant Baptism Reunion Brunch* | 10:30 am | Garces, Piper Hall

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

March 17	4:30 pm <i>Virtual</i>
April 7	11:00 am <i>In person</i>
April 21	4:30 pm <i>Virtual</i>
May 5	11:00 am <i>In person</i>

Reserve your spot today:

online: thecasa.org/discover-the-vision
phone: 480.355.5631
email: rsvp@thecasa.org

ART DOCENT TOURS

Explore the Art of the Casa

Public Tours

Wednesday first and third Wed.
11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Sunday first and third Sun.
12:30 pm – 1:15 pm

There will be no tours on April 17

Tour Requests

We welcome requests for Docent Art Tours for groups, families, and friends 10 days in advance.

To schedule a tour
email: churchtours@thecasa.org
phone: 480.948.7460



For information on how you can help sustain the Casa, please contact:
Development Manager Paula Tobin ptobin@thecasa.org 480.355.5631



Cultivate a Spirit of Joy Lenten Conversations

March 21, 28, April 4 and 11

6:30 to 8:00 pm, Fee \$20

Registration closes Sunday March 20 at 7 pm

During four Monday evenings in Lent, take time for a Lenten Pause. Our time together will include Scripture, contemplative reflection, conversation and prayer, using the “Lent with Dorothy Day” booklet published by Franciscan Media.

Registration is required at frc.retreatportal.com

“...and certainly to act joyfully brings joy to others which in turn makes one feel joyful.”



Lenten Food Drive (for)

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Sunday Morning, March 27

7:30 am -12:30 pm

Food donations accepted only on this date and time.

Donate shelf-stable items to help keep their food bank shelves filled. Items such as canned tuna or chicken, peanut butter (in plastic jars), boxed mac-n-cheese and canned vegetables (low sodium), etc. Pandemic guideline will be followed. Locations: FRC-EAST Parking and FRC-WEST Parking Lots.

Also a large bin will be available near the bookstore for the 4 pm Saturday Mass and before the Sunday 7:30 am Mass.

Flyer with ALL details found at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/29kh3kp6>

Want to help out/volunteer for the food drive? Visit <https://tinyurl.com/yckt3e4m>

Look for the Care for Creation Ministry after Masses on March 19 & 20.



Stop by and visit the C4C ministry members at the table in hospitality after all the Masses next weekend. They will have:

- Vegetarian Lenten recipes.
- Information about the April 9 Laudato Si’ themed Film & Art Festival.
- Learn about reducing waste, recycling, and composting from a representative of Recycled City. Literature will be provided .

We need you! Consider joining this ministry, contact Lisa at careforcreation@thecasa.org.

Care for Others/Volunteer Service



**Build Houses
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With Casa Habitat**

Build on Faith: The **Casa Habitat Ministry** needs builders at 7:30 am on **Saturdays: March 12, March 19 and March 26** on our Caritas Coalition house.

Can’t build? Contact Casa Habitat to find out how else you could volunteer or help provide lunches. Contact Laure at thecasahabitat@thecasa.org to get more details and to find out how to sign-up.

For more information about Faith in Action Ministries, or Laura Libertore at laura@thecasa.org or call 480.355.5645.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION



I'm a cradle Catholic educated by Franciscans and Jesuits, so I think a feeling of familiarity is what attracted me to the Casa when I first visited about ten years ago. My kids were leaving the nest, and I no longer felt relevant at our family-oriented Diocesan parish. One of my daughters, Jacquelyn, a budding social activist, became involved with the Cafe Justo and Apache Fair Trade ministries.

We loved the intimate community setting of the old chapel, but witnessing the birth and growth of Our Lady of the Angels into a beautiful conventual church was very satisfying. It was also a life-affirming experience for me as it coincided with a time when my family was struggling with the terminal illness and death of our co-parent and father. We emerged from that storm stronger and more connected to each other and the OLA community.

Even during a global pandemic, OLA has been a source of comfort and peace for me. I'm excited to see how this community has changed for the better as a result of that adversity! I continue to serve OLA as a Eucharistic minister, in addition to currently being a member of the Advisory Council.

- Julie Kovarik

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS IN THE VALLEY!



"What mattered was that these young people evolved to loving the Lord, serving the poor, and living holy lives here in this Franciscan enclave in Paradise Valley. "

excerpt from *House of Peace and Good*

by Laurie Devine, OFS

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Also available for online purchase and shipping at:

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One-on-One Therapy for 18+ at the Casa

Available by appointment, with safety protocols in place. Online sessions also available. Donations are suggested, though no one is turned away due to lack of funds. Email counseling@thecasa.org to make an appointment. For an immediate crisis, please call 911 or the Maricopa County Crisis Line at 602.222.9444.

Grief and Loss Support Group

Second Wednesday of each month 5:30 – 7 pm
Facilitator: Joyce Brimhall, LMSW

This support group is facilitated by volunteer licensed therapists. Appointments are not required, however schedules may change (especially during holiday periods), so please call 480.948.7460 or email counseling@thecasa.org to confirm times and dates. Face masks and social distancing are required.

Unlocking the Keys to Laudato Si' Film Festival



Saturday, April 9 11:00 am -5:00 pm

- Four feature films plus a variety of shorts.
- Time to learn more about Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*.
- Time for discussions and contemplation.
- Lunch, refreshments, and a wine reception to close the event.

Thank you to the Victory Nolls Sisters and Catholic Climate Covenant for a small grant for this event.

Fee: \$45 Scholarships are available.

Register at frc.retreatportal.com.

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

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



Holy Week Retreat

Part I: Sunday – Wednesday, April 10 – April 13

Part II: Thursday – Saturday, April 14 – April 17

with Fr. Andre Cirino, OFM

This retreat will center on the art of journaling with a focus on the Passion of Jesus Christ. During the Paschal Triduum, we will examine and pray St. Francis' Office of the Passion.

For details and registration, visit frc.retreatportal.com

For any questions concerning this event please contact lora@thecasa.org



Your Story, Your Legacy: A Full Sensory Exploration

Friday, April 22 | 9 am – 4 pm

with Mary Dunn

This full-day retreat will engage you in a thoughtful and inspiring look at the stories of how you came to be the person you are and the qualities of your life that can be a true legacy to future generations.

Fee: \$85 includes lunch. Pre-registration is required.

For details and registration, visit frc.retreatportal.com

To see all of our upcoming programs and to register, please visit frc.retreatportal.com
or email lora@thecasa.org



Grief and Loss Retreat

Friday – Sunday, June 3 – June 5

with Timothy Ringgold, MT - BC

Anyone who has known the joy of love has most likely experienced the pain of loss. Grief is a natural part of life, yet we all grieve differently and often need help to find our way through it.

Fee: Including meals: \$135; with lodging \$250 single

For details and registration, visit frc.retreatportal.com



Divorced and Separated Retreat NEW

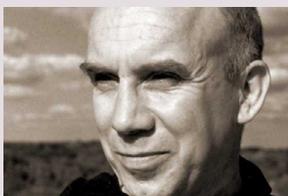
Friday – Sunday, June 3 – June 5

with Judith McHale, MA, LPC and Tom Mitchell, Ph.D.

Judith and Tom will gently guide you through the emotional process of parting with a step-by-step guide to renew, restore, and rebuild after our relationship ends.

Fee: Including meals: \$135; with lodging \$250 single

For details and registration, visit frc.retreatportal.com



Dry Heat Retreat: Lessons from Thomas Merton NEW

Friday - Sunday, June 17 - June 19

with Peter Pearson, M DIV

Merton's very human journey can give us hope, and his insights can offer some guidance as we make our way along the spiritual path. Over the course of our weekend together, we will pray, listen, share in conversation, and unpack some of Merton's lessons applied to our own lives.

Fee: Including meals: \$135; with lodging \$250 single

For details and registration, visit frc.retreatportal.com



Marriage: It's Not for the Faint of Heart

Friday - Sunday, June 24 - June 26

with Ryan M. Sheade, LCSW and Erica Tatum - Sheade, LCSW

This retreat will help to develop your relationship beyond simply "doing what you're supposed to" or "making it work" and into a marriage that is fulfilling and full of meaning and purpose for both partners.

Fee: \$150 per person double including lodging and meals. \$135 per person commuter
Registration required.

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Water Movement NEW

Saturdays, 9 - 10:30 am, : July 9, 16, 23, 30 : August 6, 12, 20, 27

with Susan Wrubel

This 8-week course is for men and women who would like to relax and renew with gentle movement in the water. Participants will enjoy the gentle, buoyant sensation of mindful physical movement in the water. Water noodles and towels provided.

Fee: \$75 Pre-registration required.

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To see all of our upcoming programs and to register, please visit frc.retreatportal.com or email lora@thecasa.org

Spiritual Direction



An Invitation to Spiritual Growth

We endure the isolation, manage small and large losses. The times we live in can leave us uncertain and asking where God might be in these challenges. Here at the Casa we offer the support of our **Spiritual Direction Ministry**. Spiritual direction 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. We have nineteen spiritual directors, most available via phone or Zoom. Simply contact **Cathy Olds, Coordinator of Spiritual Direction Ministry**, at spiritualdirection@thecasa.org to set up an appointment with one of our directors. You can learn more about spiritual direction at www.thecasa.org/spiritual-direction. **During these times of grief, this Casa ministry would like to offer one free session to anyone in the Casa community.**

Mass Intentions March 13 – March 19

Sunday

Herb Bool 7:30 am
Franz Warren De Klotz 9:15 am
Armidon Rendon 11:00 am

Tuesday

Prayer for Cancer 8:00 am

Ash Wednesday

Walter & Eugene Czekaj 8:00 am

Thursday

John Drew 8:00 am

Friday

Sr Ruth Barbara Holtshouser 8:00 am

Saturday

Stanley Evans 4:00 pm

The intentions listed here will be the intentions of the priest and will not be announced to the gathered assembly.

Faith Sharing & Prayer Groups

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

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

Casa Rosary Group has decided to zoom until March 1. We will resume in person March 8. The zoom ID : 622-903-5992 Passcode: 537381 Prayer intentions can be emailed to James Peck at jgpeck@gmail.com

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

Cornerstone Center for Contemplative Meditation

Wednesdays, 11:30 - 1:00. Join us as we pray with the Church for the peace and blessings of the Incarnation! We are located in the Spiritual Direction room located behind the East parking lot.

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

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
- 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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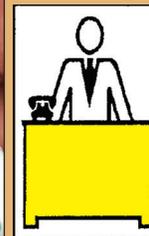


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