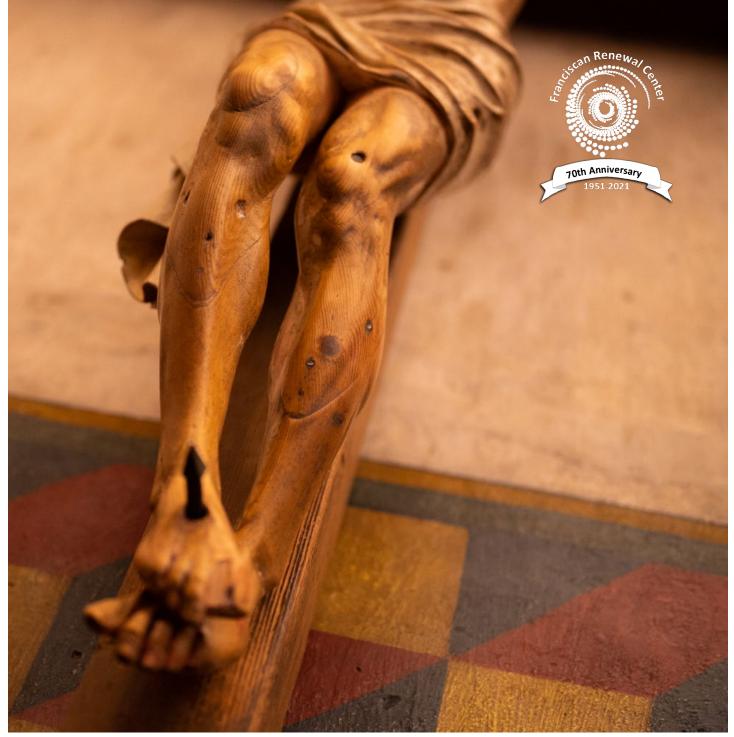


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PASTORAL REFLECTION



Dear Holy People of God, On the hilltop of Golgotha that afternoon, a large crowd stood and looked at Jesus hanging on the cross. The other two criminals who were hung next to Jesus also looked at him. They

all looked at the same sign, but each received different messages.

For the Roman soldiers, Jesus was an insane man. The Jewish leaders looked at him as an enemy who deserved to die. His followers looked at him as a failure. One of the crucified thieves next to him looked at him as a powerless man. In the midst of that big crowd, only one crucified thief recognized Jesus as King, and he received salvation at that very moment.

The crowd did not recognize Jesus as King because the king whom they expected had to satisfy their needs for power and material wealth. Yet, Jesus was the King of Love and Salvation. He was waiting to shower love and salvation to all who wanted to receive, but no one there wanted it. They stood next to the river of love, but their hearts remained dry because they did not want love.

Today, on the Solemnity of Christ, the King of the Universe, we are called to pause a moment and look at the crucified Christ, the King of Love. He is still pouring out Love and Salvation like rainfall. Do we want to receive those graces from Him?

May the Lord give you peace,

Fr. Vincent Nguyen, OFM

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| C. I. M. | at the Franciscan Renewal Center | | | |
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| | 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.co | m/theCasaFRC | | |

| Taizé Prayer | Wednesday | 7:00 pm |
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| Reconciliation | Saturday | 2:00 - 3:00 pm |
| Guest Services Desk | Sun Sat. | 6:00 am - 7:30 pm |
| Bookstore | Sunday Monday & Tuesd Wed Fri. Saturday | 8:00 am - 1:00 pm ay Closed 10:00 am - 2:00 pm 11:00 am - 5:30 pm |

Please see pg. 10 for this week's Mass Intentions. For weekly readings, visit <u>bible.usccb.org/</u>.

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LITURGY CONNECTION

Special Collection This Week Catholic Campaign for Human Development

This weekend, we are participating in the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. Central to the CCHD is the belief that those who are directly affected by unjust systems and structures have the best insight into knowing how to change them. The CCHD is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities. CCHD offers a hand up, not a handout. To make a contribution online or for more information, follow this link: https://tinyurl.com/muj355rj

Do you have a special nativity scene that you'd like to share at the 3rd Annual Casa Creche Festival Dec. 17-18, 2022

If you would like to loan us your special nativity set for this event, or be involved in the festival, please email <u>Norbert@thecasa.org</u>. Maybe you'd like to volunteer for the event. Help will be needed to set up the displays and also to monitor the event which will be open to the public. Christmas is such an important part of the Franciscan story; we intend to celebrate it really well this year! Let us know if you'd like to help with this fun and very unique event.



Director of Liturgy & Music Assistant Director of Liturgy & Music Executive Assistant to the Liturgy Office Norbert Zwickl Richard Guerra Rosa Rodriguez-Saiz



Thanksgiving Day Mass Thur., November 24, 2022 ~ 10 am

For what we have received from God's bounty, we return to the Lord with gratitude! Join in this festive liturgy where the community gives thanks together. We invite you to bring food for the poor to Mass on this day – this invitation is always open. But on this day, (even though the food will not reach the needy in time for Thanksgiving dinner), it will visibly connect this holiday to our service of the poor and can help to replenish the shelves of local food distribution programs after Thanksgiving. Many people bring canned or dry food to Mass for the poor each week ... thank you for faithfully and generously remembering our poor brothers and sisters in this way!!

Christmas 2022 Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve – Dec. 24th 4 pm in the Church and in the Community Life Center 6, 8 & 10 pm in the Church

Christmas Day – Dec. 25th 10 am in the Church

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FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Reflecting on the Word as a Family - Luke 23: 35-43

Today, we celebrate Jesus Christ our King. It is interesting that on this day we read about the moments before his death, how he was mocked and humiliated, as we celebrate his kingship. Jesus is not the type of king that has lived his life in a palace and been served by others. He is the type of king that was born where animals live, worked throughout his life, served the sick and the poor, and then gruesomely died like a criminal. But Jesus then rose from the dead to bring us new life in him. This king lived like his people so that we may always know that whatever we are going through, whatever pain we are feeling, he understands. God allowed it all to happen because "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16). What a king we have!

Discuss the Word as a Family

• *On the way to Mass:* Today, we celebrate Jesus as King of the Universe. What does that mean to you? What other names would you give Jesus?

• On the way home from Mass: How do you think Jesus felt as the rulers, soldiers, and one of the criminals sneered and mocked him? What kind of king does this story tell us Jesus is?

Living the Word as a Family

Provide blank paper and pencils or crayons and allow everyone in the family to draw a picture in response to today's Gospel. It doesnt have to be a picture only of this story but anything to ponder more what was read.

(Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families)



We are seeking volunteers for the following ministries:

- Family Catechesis
 - Youth Ministry
 - Infant Baptism
- Sacrament Peparation

Can you help? Email: <u>familyfaithformation@thecasa.org</u>



Advent Is Almost Here! Join Us Next Sunday!



Retreat Includes:

- Family breakout sessions
- Hands-on learning
- Contemplative Prayer Experinces
- Lunch
- Take-home materials for the entire family to enjoy throughout the season of Advent.

RSVP Required!



Why did Jesus come to dwell among us?

- When, where, and how do we encounter the Light of Christ this Advent season, and all year long as a family?
- How can we as families be the Light of Christ to others as we wait in joyful hope for the season of Christmas?

These questions and more will form the foundation of our Family Advent Retreat this year!

YOU MATTER!

Come and find out just how much you and your family matter to our Lord, His Son, and every person we encounter each and every day!



For Sacrament Preparation, contact Patty Tafolla at <u>dcm@thecasa.org</u>; for Family Catechesis & Infant Baptism, contact Donna Kinzie at <u>donna@thecasa.org</u>; for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, contact Cheryl Hentz at <u>chentz@thecasa.org</u>. Page 4 • RENEWAL • <u>thecasa.org</u>

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



Annual Global Celebration of Young People

Pope Francis has asked the Church to take time each year to celebrate the young people in our communities. He chose this weekend, Christ the King Sunday, to do so annually. At the closing Mass of World Youth Day in 2019, Pope Francis addressed those in attendance saying, "You, dear young people, are not the future. We like to say, 'you are the future.' No, you are the present. You are not the future of God, you young people are the now of God. He invites you and calls you in your communities and cities to go out and find your grandparents, your elders; to stand up and with them to speak out and realize the dream that the Lord has dreamed for you." (homily, 27 Jan, 2019)

Please take time this week to consider how you or our community might celebrate young people during the whole year. Here are a couple ideas. Last week's bulletin has two other suggestions as well.

- Encourage young people to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Echoing Pope Francis, who tells young people to trust in the Lord, tell them, "[Christ] is in you, he is with you, and he never abandons you." (*Christus Vivit* [CV] 2)
- **Read and prayerfully reflect on Christus Vivit,** Pope Francis' landmark apostolic exhortation to and about youth and young adults, "since all of us are challenged and urged to reflect both on the young and for the young." (CV3)
- Celebrate youth and young adults on Christ the King Sunday.

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

| | DISCOVER THE VISIONAn introduction to the Casa's mission and ministries.ThursdaysDecember 111:00 am In personJanuary 511:00 am In person | | Franciscan School of Theology at the UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO FAST TALK THEOLOGY Sunday Lecture Series 9-10:30 am in the San Damiano Auditorium Dec. 11 Dr. Maureen Day, Ph.D. Accompanying Young Adult Catholics There is no fee or registration required. | | |
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FAITH IN ACTION MINISTRIES

Mark your Calendars. "Save Your Pennies" to Shop Fair Trade for Christmas.

December 11, 2022

In the Hospitality Area after the morning Masses



Find handcrafted items, chocolate and coffee that makes great holiday and hostess gifts.



As part of an annual tradition, join André House for a special **interfaith** prayer-memorial to honor the lives of the **impoverished**, **dispossessed**, **and unknown deceased**.

WHEN: Thanksgiving Eve Wednesday, November 23 at 7:30 pm

WHERE: White Tanks Cemetery at 5000 N Alsup Rd Litchfield Park just past 159th Ave and Camelback Rd

QUESTIONS: ewunsch@andrehouse.org

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Thank YOU for Your Support of the St. Charles Apache School!



For years, Casa community members have chosen to support the St. Charles Catholic School on the San Carlos Apache Reservation. The school children ask for your continued support, which is required for the school to survive to educate some of America's poorest children.

It's a WIN–WIN

St. Charles qualifies for Arizona private school tax credit, so a contribution to the Catholic Tuition Support Organization (CTSO) is absolutely free. As we approach the end of the year, the students want to thank you for your past support by coming to the Casa the **first weekend of December (December 3-4)**.

For each dollar contibuted, you can receive a dollar back as a 2022 tax credit, up to \$2,483 (*married filing jointly*) or \$1,243 (*single or head of household*) as long as that does not exceed your tax liability.

It's SIMPLE To Give

You can make your contribution by going to <u>www.ctso-tucson.org</u> and designating **St. Charles Apache Mission School** as the school of choice.

Details on making out a check will be provided on next week's bulletin.

Contribution must be made by **April 18, 2023** in order to receive tax credit. Questions can be directed to Paul Burgess, <u>pburgess123@gmail.com</u>

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COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Annual Appeal 2022

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Online: <u>thecasa.org/donate</u>

- Drop off: The Casa's Guest Services Desk
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If you would like to speak with someone about your gift, please call Development Director Amy Jo Hutchison at 480.355.5634.

To ensure proper tax reporting, please make certain any donations for 2022 are processed through PayPal, postmarked, or received on or before December 31, 2022. Please consult with your tax advisor.



Thank you!

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The Care for Creation Ministry is committed to promoting and educating the community on ways to be better stewards of God's creation, following Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Sí*. They have completed numerous projects around the Franciscan Renewal Center to lower its ecological footprint. Projects included: replacing nine old fridges with energy-efficient units, switching from Styrofoam cups to paper and plastic cups, adding weatherstrips in lodging rooms, and installing solar panels on the Assisi building. Beyond the Casa, the ministry grew, and members partnered

with local ecological organizations to focus on outreach, environmental advocacy, and educational initiatives. The ministry has also worked with federal, state, and local representatives to establish goals to protect the environment.

Gary Yarwood was one of the founding members of the Care for Creation Ministry, which was formed in 2014. The Gary Yarwood Garden was created to honor all of his accomplishments through the ministry, as well as his stewarding spirit. The Garden was dedicated in his memory on November 14, 2020, nearly two years ago today. Gary was a man of commitment with a passion for creation. The ministry continues to follow in his example with his spirit of initiative and stewardship through education, advocacy, and direct service projects.

We invite you to be a part of this impactful ministry and learn more about upcoming events. Please consider joining the Leadership Team as they plan for the 2023 year. Email <u>careforcreation@thecasa.org</u>.

"Your gift to the Annual Appeal helps support this ministry and all the Good Works at the Casa. Please give to this year's Annual Appeal. Thank you."

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



WEEKEND RETREAT

Grief and Loss Retreat December 2 – 4, Friday – Sunday *with Timothy Ringgold, MT - BC*

Retreat leader Tim Ringgold provides a supportive setting where you will gain new insights into the grief process and discover ways to heal and move forward from this intense and painful period.

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

WEEKEND RETREAT

Iconography Retreat: A Brush with God December 8 – 11, Thursday – Sunday Peter Pearson, M Div

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 incl. 2 dinners and 1 lunch Registration required. Visit: <u>frc.retreatportal.com</u>



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

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. Please join us.

Fee, including meals: \$250 single room; \$135 commuter Pre-registration required. Visit: <u>frc.retreatportal.com</u>

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WEEKEND RETREAT

12 Step New Year's Retreat December 30 – January 1, Friday – Sunday *Peter Pearson, M Div*

Come on over to the Casa to ring in the new year with a community of those in recovery. The weekend will include wonderful food, speaker's meetings, smaller group discussions, time to relax and renew, and a special social time on New Year's Eve. Fee, including meals: \$250 single room; \$135 commuter Registration required. Visit: <u>frc.retreatportal.com</u>



WEEKEND RETREAT

Franciscan Music for the Soul January 13 – 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.

Fee, including meals: \$250 single room; \$135 commuter Pre-registration required. Visit: <u>frc.retreatportal.com</u>

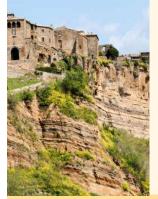


FULL-DAY WORKSHOP

Learning to Play the Native American Flute February 25, 2023, Saturday Ken Bogart and Sherry Vames

You will take home all the skills necessary to continue on a flute journey of your own. You will learn how to play the fundamental notes, finger control, breath control, caring for your flute, and how to make up your own songs.

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



ONE WEEK 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 — this retreat opens with a presentation on the life of St. Bonaventure to provide context for reflection on his work.

Fee, including meals: \$1,100 single room; \$700 commuter Pre-registration required. Visit: <u>frc.retreatportal.com</u>

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| Therapy, Support, and Counseling Ministry (TSCM) <u>thecasa.org/tscm</u> One-on-One Therapy for 18+ Available by appointment. 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. | Mass Intentions November 20 - November 26, 2022SundayCelina BenitezCelina Benitez7:30 am Melina Wayne MunozJoe & Mary Rivera11:00 amMonday Maureen & George Berkner8:00 amTuesday Jerry & Evelyn ZygowiczWednesday Theresa Riley8:00 am | |
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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. 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 | Thursday Giulia Campitelli8:00 amFriday Leo Bersani8:00 amSaturday Mary Wachter4:00 pmThe intentions listed here will be the intentions of the priest and will not be announced to the gathered assembly. | |
| Faith Sharing & Prayer Groups at the Casa | About the Franciscan Renewal Center | |
| 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. <u>MenInSpirit@thecasa.org</u> 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 | 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. 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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