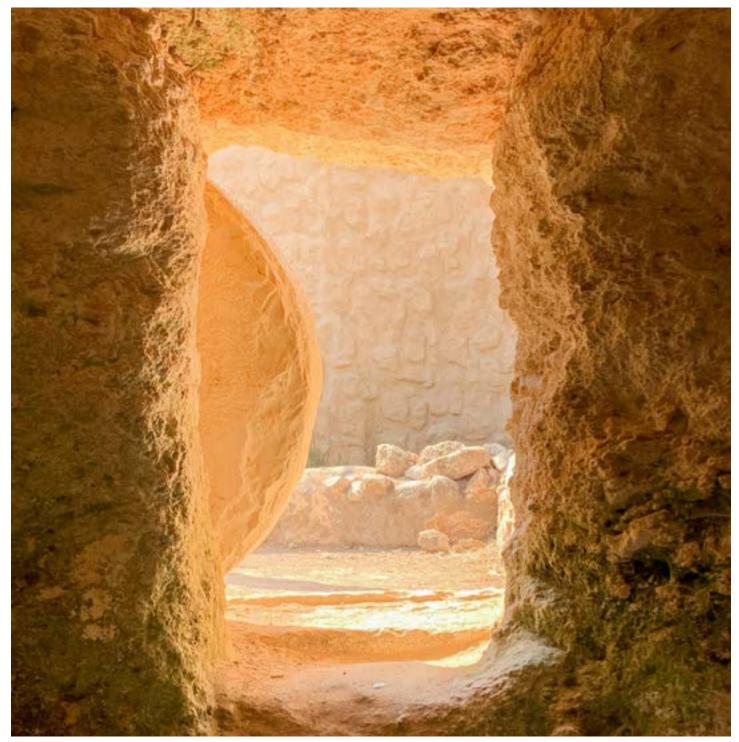
March 31, 2024 The Resurrection of the Lord RENERVAL

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PASTORAL REFLECTION



Dear Holy People of God,

In the early hours of the first Easter, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and found it empty. Imagine the mixture of fear, confusion, and awe that

must have enveloped her. It was a moment of unfathomable mystery, yet it was also the moment when hope was reborn.

The empty tomb is not merely an absence; it is a profound presence. It speaks of a promise fulfilled, a victory won, and a love so immense that it overcame the grave. It is the ultimate testament to the fact that light can, indeed, dispel darkness, and life can triumph over death.

The empty tomb invites us to look beyond what is seen. It calls us to believe in what is unseen, to trust in a promise that goes beyond our understanding. It is a call to a faith that does not deny the reality of suffering and death, but looks beyond it to the promise of resurrection and new life.

The Lord is risen, Alleluia!

Father Vincent Nguyen, OFM Vice-Rector

The Conventual Church of OUR LADY of the ANGELS

at the Franciscan Renewal Center					
Sunday Mass	Saturday	4:00 pm			
	Sunday 7:30 am; 9:1	5 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 <u>YouTube.com/theCasaFRC</u>

Taizé Prayer	2nd & 4th Wed	nesday 7:00 pm
Reconciliation	Saturday	2:00 - 3:00 pm
Guest Services	Sun. – Sat.	6:00 am -7:30 pm
Adoration	1st Friday	6:00 pm
Bookstore	Sun. Mon. Tue. – Thu. Fri. Sat.	8:00 am - 1:00 pm Closed 10:00 am - 2:00 pm 10:00 am - 6:30 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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The Hearing Loop

In the seating sections 2, 3, and 4 of the church, you can access our *Hearing Loop*, which is a wire connected to our sound system that transmits sounds to

a telecoil (or t-coil) built into some hearing aids and cochlear implants. The telecoil picks up the sound and broadcasts the sound directly to your hearing aids. To access the Hearing Loop, your hearing aids must be equipped with a telecoil and have the program or app. We suggest contacting your audiologist for assistance.

Bringing Holy Communion to Those Who Aren't Able to Come to Church

Pastoral Ministers are available to visit registered members of the Church of Our Lady of the Angels who are homebound and cannot attend Sunday Mass. Please call the Casa to request a visit. We look forward to the opportunity to serve.

We invite you to register as members of the Church of Our Lady of the Angels.

To register formally as a member of the Church of Our Lady of the Angels, please call us. Or you can complete our registration form, found in the Narthex (entryway) of the church or at the Casa Front Desk. The information that is collected on this form is helpful to us in serving you.

To update any of your information, please contact Rosa Rodriguez-Saiz at 480.355.5642 or email rosa@thecasa.org.

Franciscan Centenary



Last year, Franciscans around the world began to celebrate several 800th anniversaries of significant moments in the life of Saint Francis of Assisi. The "Franciscan Centenary" began last year with the commemoration of the approval of the Franciscan Rule of Life and the Christmas of Greccio. This year is the 800th Anniversary of the Stigmata of Saint Francis. (In 2025, the poem "Canticle of Brother Sun," and in 2026, the anniversary of the death of Saint Francis.)

The Stigmata of St. Francis

Two years before his death, while on retreat and praying on a mountainside near La Verna, Italy, St. Francis had a vision of Christ crucified to the cross. Although there were no witnesses to the event, it appears that the five wounds of Jesus were imprinted on his body. This fact was not discovered or recognized until after Francis' death.

At the heart of this commemoration is a recognition that what appeared externally on Francis' body was reflective of his interior conformity to the lived example of Jesus. All of us are invited to look within, to see how we each might bear the marks of Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We may not receive the marks of Christ in the form of five wounds, but we could certainly make visible the presence of Christ in every other way. This year, we will examine the Stigmata of St. Francis more closely. Stay tuned.

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FAITH FORMATION



The Casa Has a New Vision for Youth & Young Adult Ministry!

We want to offer opportunities that nourish the faith of all young people and provide a forum for an exchange of ideas while building community.

Here's what we are planning...

YOUTH MINISTRY



intergenerational service trip in the summer designed to give youth (16 & up), their parents/guardians, and other adults the opportunity to be the Body of Christ for our brothers and sisters living with and dealing with the realities of poverty.

Midddle School Youth Ministry Monthly Programming

Beginning in the Fall, we will offer monthly programming for 7th & 8th graders and their families that is centered on community service and being educated for justice.

Antioch Retreat

This two-day, peer-led "encounter retreat" is for 10th – 12th graders. It offers a way of imaging God's love through the experience of community so that all participants are able to recognize the loving presence of Jesus in their lives.

Global Celebration of Young People (GCYP)

This is a day-long "youth rally" at the Franciscan Renewal Center. It includes keynote speakers, breakout sessions, praise and worship, exploring prayer spaces on the FRC campus, community building and ending with Mass together. This year, there will be a Middle School GCYP day and a High School GCYP day.

We R Church

Our youth and young adult ministry staff will work with interested parishes in the development of a youthoriented Mass to be celebrated at *Our Lady of the Angels Conventual Church* at the Franciscan Renewal Center. Youth and their famililies throughout the diocese are invited to this liturgy at which they serve with adults in all liturgical ministries.



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FAITH FORMATION

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



GCYP Young Adult Summit

International Service & Immersion Trips

HIking Retreats

Courtyard Convos

Other Young Adult Programming like Bible Study & Meditation

Contact Chery Hentz for more information: <u>Cheryl@thecasa.org</u>

ART DOCENT TOURS

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1st & 3rd Wednesday 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

1st & 3rd Sunday 12:30 – 1:15 pm

Registration Required

tours

Explore the Art of the Casa

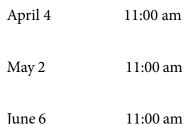
To find out how to get involved, visit our Casa Faith Formation Online Portal: www.casafaithformation.org



DISCOVER THE VISION

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

Thursdays



Reserve Your Spot Today

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FAITH IN ACTION MINISTRIES— Visit: linktr.ee/socialconcerns

Healing of Memories for Women Veterans

April 12 – April 14 Free to Women Veterans



To begin the registration process, contact **Mike Wold**, at 651.687.9767 or <u>michael w wold@msn.com</u>

The Healing of Memories Workshop is a major step a person can take to begin the healing journey. It provides a safe place for participants to explore personal histories and gain insight and empathy for themselves and others. Many veterans have kept these feelings buried deep inside themselves, which has been a barrier to healing. As they tell their stories and listen to others, they realize that they share a common human bond and that we are all wounded in some way by past experiences.

Consider joining the workshop and taking this next step on your journey.

Casa VIP Community Conversations Sunday, April 21, 10:30 – 11:30 am



Sunday, May 5, 12:15 – 1:15 pm

Casa VIP is interested in hearing your stories on concerns and issues in your own Phoenix area neighborhood. We invite you to grab a coffee and donut in the Hospitality area and join us to meet with other Casa community members about concerns that matter to you.

This event is free, but we ask that you register so we can provide enough materials.

To register, visit FIA LinkTree or go to <u>https://bit.ly/</u> <u>casavipconvos2024</u>.

Sacred Earth, Common Ground Sunday, April 21, 3 – 5 pm



Tell us a 3-minute story when you felt a holy-sacred connection to Earth.

Led by facilitators, this **free** program will begin with artistic demonstrations, large group prayer, send-off to small groups, small group story-sharing, then conclude with large-group debrief. Drinks and light fare will be provided. Join us for this faith-sharing experience.

To register, visit FIA LinkTree or go to <u>bit.ly/secg2024</u>.

Hunger Action Ministry Your Involvement Matters April 13 & 14: Tables after Masses



Visit with the Ministry Team

at tables after all Masses on April 13 & 14. Learn more about the Mission of the ministry, upcoming activities, and how to join the ministry. Email <u>hungeraction@thecasa.org</u> for additional information. Also visit FIA LinkTree to sign up for service opportunities.



Are you ready to put your Faith into Action?

Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world.

- St. Teresa of Avila

Visit the *FIA LinkTree*, our online bulletin board, for information about our outreach ministries, programs and service opportunities: <u>linktr.ee/</u><u>socialconcerns</u>

Download our ministry booklet: <u>tinyurl.com/fiabooklet24</u>

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COMMUNITY CONNECTION



"You should check out the Casa." With those six words, my world got brighter. In August 2013, I came to Mass. Fr. Peter Kirwin was preaching, and I was immediately struck by the feeling of being "in it together" with the priest. It was the first time in my memory that I felt like the priest and the congregation were participating in the same human experience.

And boy were we participating! I felt enthusiasm across the church. Every person at Mass that first Sunday who introduced themselves told me two things: how far they drove to get to the Casa and how many Catholic churches they passed on their way. They were there not just

because it was Sunday; not because it was a Catholic church; but because it was (and is) the Casa.

Indeed, illustrations of the Casa community's enthusiasm for our faith abounded. I was struck by the vigor with which we all sang and recited the Mass parts. And that Thanksgiving — a busy day and not a Holy Day of Obligation — the church was FULL! I was so moved by the number of people who took time out of their day to come celebrate Mass, remind ourselves of, and thank God for His many blessings.

So, a decade ago, six words led me to the Casa. Then the following Sunday, five more words sealed the deal: "Do you have a choir?" Thank God for those eleven words! (Well, twelve: Norbert said yes!)

— Erin Richardson



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



RETREAT

Holy Trinity May 10 – 12, Friday – Sunday Mary George-Whittle, BCC

Chaplain Mary George-Whittle will share insights into the personalities, traits, and characteristics of each person in the Trinity and their relationship to each other and to you.

Fee, incl meals: \$300 single room; \$150 commuter. Register: frc.retreatportal.com



RETREAT

Gifted and Called: Faith and Fellowship June 14 – 16, Friday – Sunday Norbert Zwickl

This is our 23rd annual retreat for anyone who identifies as LGBTQ. Gather and celebrate with hope and thanksgiving, while taking time for yourself and God. Make new friends, deepen friendships, and feel the warm, generous welcome from the Franciscans and the Casa community.

Fee, incl meals: \$300 single room; \$150 commuter. Register: frc.retreatportal.com



SPECIAL EVENT

Mental Health Summit July 26 – 28, Friday – Sunday

Never before has understanding the mental health of ourselves and those around us been more top of mind. Hear from experts in the field about depression, anxiety, suicide, multicultural mental health, and more. This summit is designed for mental healthcare professionals/students seeking CEUs and anyone who would like to learn what mental health is, what it isn't, and how best to understand it.

For fee information and to register, visit: <u>frc.retreatportal.com</u>



RETREAT

The Sacred Mandala August 18 – 23, Sunday – Friday

Sr. Lisa Lazlo

Sr. Lisa Lazlo will guide you through the ancient art of creating mandalas. We will begin with silence, followed by reverence, while learning the process through the power of intention and working with themes. Ritual is part of the process, as is forgiveness and celebration. There will be time for faith sharing and continued exploration.

Fee, incl meals: \$750 single room; \$550 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>.

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More Upcoming Programs for Insights and Inspiration

- A Brush with God Iconography Retreat with Peter Pearson
 April 11 – 14, Thursday – Sunday
- The Seven Dynamic Ways of Prayer with Elizabeth Welles April 18, 25 & May 2, 9, Thursdays
- A Bowl of Endless Light with Megan McKenna April 20, Saturday, 9 am – 4 pm
- Introduction to the Enneagram with Rev. Andrea Andress April 20, Saturday, 9 am – 4 pm
- Creating an Enneagram Community with Rev. Andrea Andress April 21, Sunday, 1– 3 pm
- Working with the Enneagram Centers with Sharon Hornbeck and Mysti Rainwater April 30, May 7 & 14, Tuesdays, 11 am – 1 pm – or – May 2, 9, & 16 Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- The Rosary Workshop with Elizabeth Marietti and James Peck May 4, Saturday, 9 am – 12 pm
- Divorced and Separated Retreat with Judith McHale and Tom Mitchell May 17 – 19, Friday – Sunday
- Emmaus Retreat for Grieving Parents with Marianne Gouveia and Greg Eckerman May 17 – 19, Friday – Sunday
- Contemplative Prayer and Living with Cathy Olds May 18, Saturday, 10 am – 12 pm
- The Spiritual Journey Retreat with Albert Haase, OFM May 24 – 26, Friday – Sunday
- Intercommunity Sisters Retreat with Carolyn Osiek, RSCJ June 2 – 7, Sunday – Friday

- Your Spiritual Legacy Retreat with Mary Dunn and Alanna Mack June 7 – 9, Friday – Sunday
- Grief and Loss Retreat
 with Timothy Ringgold
 June 7 9, Friday Sunday
- Dry Heat Retreat: Spirituality & the God Quest with Peter Pearson June 14 – 16, Friday – Sunday
- Spiritual Spa Getaway

 with Pam Bork
 August 5 7, Monday Wednesday
- Retirement & Purposeful Aging Retreat with Jim Briggs Aug 23 – 25, Friday – Sunday
- Spiritual Spa Getaway

 with Pam Bork
 Aug 30 Sep 1, Friday Sunday
- Learn to Play the Native American Flute with Nathan Tsosie and Sherry Vames Sep 28, Saturday, 9 am – 12 pm
- St. Bonaventure's Journey Into God Retreat with Fr. André Cirino, OFM & Josef Raischl, OFS Oct 31, Thursday – Nov 8, Friday
- Your Spiritual Legacy Retreat with Mary Dunn and Alanna Mack Nov 8 – 10, Friday – Sunday
- In Search of Boundless Compassion Retreat with Ruth Baker and Karia Lee Basta Nov 15 – 17, Friday – Sunday
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Retreat
 with Arasely Rios
 Dec 11 13, Wednesday Friday



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Spiritual Direction Ministry



An Invitation to **Spiritual Growth**

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

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Cindy Kelly from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!



Mass Intentions March 31 – April 6, 2024

Sunday Teresa Valdivieso Catherine Zanotti Thomas Corrigan	6:45 am 8:45 am 11:00 am
Monday No Mass	8:00 am
Tuesday Jane Kohnen	8:00 am
Wednesday Fr Vincent Tran	8:00 am
Thursday George Spencer Anderson	8:00 am
Friday Gloria Kotecki	8:00 am
Saturday Harry Tate	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 works cooperatively with the Diocese of Phoenix.

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