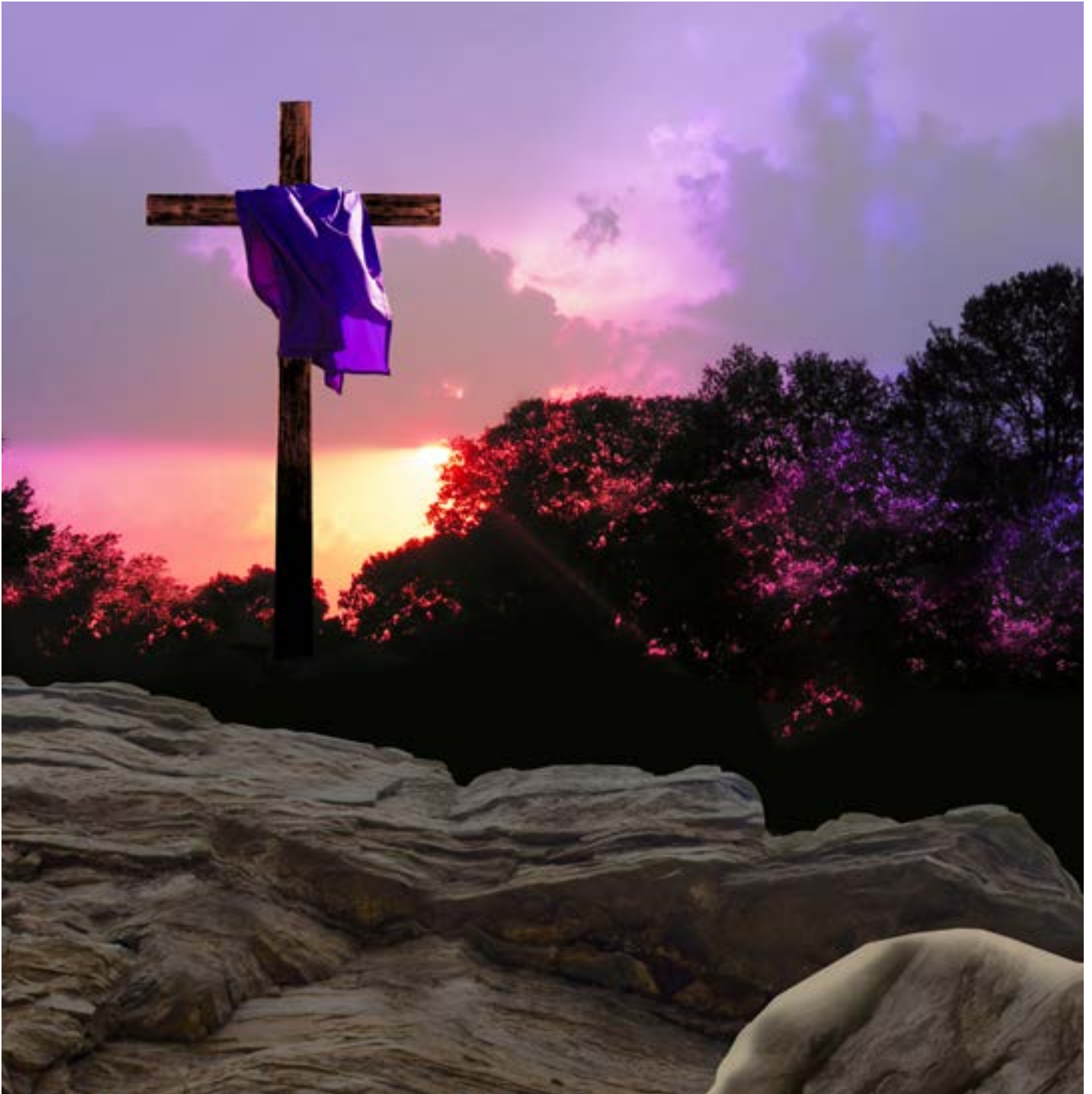


March 17, 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

# RENEWAL

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PASTORAL REFLECTION



It is not a surprise that the readings for this 5th Sunday of Lent address the reality of life and death. The life-giving death and resurrection of Jesus is rapidly approaching...The Paschal Mystery.

Ezekiel (37: 12-14) is a prophet of hope. He is speaking to a people who are spiritually dead. In his prophecy, he speaks over 25 times the reassurance that the people shall know that God is their God. As their God, He will put His spirit in them so that they may live.

The magnificent story (according to St. John 11: 1-45) of Lazarus being raised from the dead is an overall sign that Jesus is the giver of life.

As we approach the Easter mysteries, how have you and I experienced the hope of which Ezekiel is prophesying? When have we been dead in our spirit and the grace, compassion, mercy, forgiveness, and love of God opened our eyes, ears, and hearts? Who in our family or friends have been instrumental in the resurrection of our lives? When this has occurred, is it not life giving? We have been raised up.

Mary and Martha are sad at the death of their brother. Jesus comes to their home. He calls Lazarus forth: Come out! Lazarus came out of the tomb tied with burial bands. Jesus says: "Untie him and let him go". From what do we need to untie ourselves or others? How do we need to let ourselves or others go?

Jesus tells the sisters: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me even if they die, will live; and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?

Fr. Page Polk, OFM, Rector

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<b>Sunday Mass</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:30 am; 9:15 am; 11:00 am</b>
<b>Daily Mass</b>	<b>Monday – Friday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
<i>Sat. 4 pm, Sun. 9:15 am, and Monday – Friday Daily Mass also available on <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=theCasaFRC">YouTube.com/theCasaFRC</a></i>		
<b>Taizé Prayer</b>	<b>Every Friday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Reconciliation</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2:00 - 3:00 pm</b>
<b>Guest Services</b>	<b>Sun. – Sat.</b>	<b>6:00 am -7:30 pm</b>
<b>Adoration</b>	<b>1st Friday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>Bookstore</b>	<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:00 am - 1:00 pm</b>
	<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Closed</b>
	<b>Tue. – Thu.</b>	<b>10:00 am - 2:00 pm</b>
	<b>Fri.</b>	<b>10:00 am - 6:30 pm</b>
	<b>Sat.</b>	<b>11:00 am - 5:30 pm</b>

Please see pg. 10 for this week's Mass Intentions. For weekly readings, visit <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/031724-YearA.cfm>.

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# Wondrous Love

Wednesday, March 20, 2024  
7 pm

**“This is love: not that we loved God, but that God loved us.”** (1 John 4: 9-10)

Please join the Casa Choir and musicians for this beautifully moving musical event. With God's incomparable love as the central theme, "Wondrous Love" recounts the earthly life and ministry of Jesus, which ultimately led Him to a path of sacrifice and death on a cross — and then the resurrection. Familiar melodies and poignant narration provide a compelling rendition of the Passion story of Jesus. All are welcome to this free event.

## Hospitality Ministers and other volunteers for Holy Week

We strive to provide exceptional hospitality during this very important and busy time, offering a sincere welcome and assistance to all who gather. But there are other ways to serve too:

- Eucharistic Ministers
- Carrying the cross on Palm Sunday
- Setting up chairs outdoors for the liturgies

If you would like to participate, please sign up after Mass or call/email Rosa in the Liturgy Office.

## Striking our chest during the Confiteor

The striking of our chest is an ancient symbol of sorrow and contrition. Remember the parable of the self-righteous Pharisee who is obsessed with his own virtue, in contrast with the humble tax collector who stood at a distance, striking his own chest, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’” (Luke 18:10-13) In striking our chests, we acknowledge — with sincere humility — the reality of our sin. Humility in this sense is not about self-hatred but rather about getting in touch with reality. We aren’t examining casual, inconsequential blunders. But rather, failing to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Neglecting to do our duty, doing something (or doing nothing) that ultimately hurts others, ourselves, and God’s honor is indeed grievous. St. Jerome said that the reason we strike our chest (rather than any other body part) is because the heart is the seat of all desires and it is the desire to do our own will that separates us most from the will of God.

*“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.” (Psalm 51)*

## Reconciliation opportunities upcoming

*Lent is a good time to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation: the proclamation of God’s great love for us — through forgiveness.*

Every Saturday: 2 – 3 pm (Not on Sat. March 30)

Tuesday, March 19	3 – 4 pm
Friday, March 22	12 – 1 pm
Wednesday, March 27	2 – 3 pm

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**Whole Community Ministry**

*For all members of the community and for all ages*

**WHOLE COMMUNITY SUNDAY**

Sunday, March 17  
10:30 AM—Noon  
CLC

*All Generations Invited*

*Witness Talk by*



**Jen O'Connor**

*Children & young teens break off  
Led by a team*

**CASA FAITH FORMATION**  
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

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All are welcome.

**Sacrament Preparation Ministry**

*For adults, teens, children & their families  
preparing for Baptism, Confirmation,  
Reconciliation & Eucharist*

- **Infant Baptism:** For more information about infant baptism preparation, contact [cheryl@thecasa.org](mailto:cheryl@thecasa.org)
- **OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults):** Session 15 is Thursday, 3.21.24 at 7 pm in the church.
- **OCIT (Order of Christian Initiation for Teens):** We meet this coming Thursday, 3.21.24 | 7 – 8:30 pm
- **Year Two Sacrament Preparation: Confirmation:** Session Three | Sunday, 3.17.24 | 10:30 am – Noon | Piper Hall, Garces Room

*Congratulations to the Year One Sacrament Preparation kids who made their First Reconciliation this weekend!*

**Family Ministry**

*For families with children - birth to 6th grade*

- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Every Sunday at the 9:15 am Mass! Children ages 6 – 12 may come forward to be dismissed each week for age-appropriate reflection on the Readings.
- **New Family Orientations Are Happening NOW:** Are you a new family to Our Lady of the Angels? Or are you a family who has been coming for a while but is not currently participating in Family Ministry? We want to meet you! Please email [donna@thecasa.org](mailto:donna@thecasa.org) to set up your New Family Orientation!



Fred Mercadante, Director of Faith Formation: [fred@thecasa.org](mailto:fred@thecasa.org);  
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In Spotlight

Adult Ministry



- Information about ministries
- Lenten resources
- Weekly newsletters
- Sacrament inquiry form

*For all adult community members*

**Living the Liturgical Year:** Easter and Ordinary Time. Celebrating Who We Are! Wednesday, April 3 | 6:30 – 8 pm | in person or online.

*Living the Liturgical Year is an ongoing series sponsored by Casa Faith Formation that invites participants to live out their faith beyond Sunday Mass. This time we have Easter People trivia, more hands-on activities, plus food and drinks to sample!*

*Register at the [frc.retreatportal.com](http://www.frc.retreatportal.com).  
Fee is only \$10 per person!*



To find out how to get involved, visit our Casa Faith Formation Online Portal: [www.casafaithformation.org](http://www.casafaithformation.org)

**DISCOVER THE VISION**

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

**Thursdays**

April 4	11:00 am
May 2	11:00 am
June 6	11:00 am

**Reserve Your Spot Today**

**online:** [thecasa.org/discover-the-vision](http://thecasa.org/discover-the-vision)

**phone:** 480.355.5631

**email:** [rsvp@thecasa.org](mailto:rsvp@thecasa.org)

**ART DOCENT TOURS**

*Explore the Art of the Casa*

[thecasa.org/art-docent-tours](http://thecasa.org/art-docent-tours)

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

1st & 3rd Sunday  
12:30 – 1:15 pm

*Registration Required*

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## Healing of Memories for Women Veterans

Friday, April 12 – Sunday, April 14

**Free to Women Veterans**

To begin the registration process, contact Mike Wold, at 651.687.9767 or [michael\\_w\\_wold@msn.com](mailto:michael_w_wold@msn.com)

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.



**Last Chance to Drop Off Your Almsgiving Envelope**

**Drop off your Almsgiving envelope at the Lobby Desk or in the Church.**

You can also donate on the FRC website for the amount in your envelope.

Visit [www.thecasa.org/donate](http://www.thecasa.org/donate) for more information.

## Simple Soup Supper & Holy Thursday Donation Recipients



Donations collected from Simple Soup Supper will go toward supporting André House of Arizona in their various departments.

Donations collected from Holy Thursday (March 28) will go toward supporting the San Solano Mission Friars in Topawa, AZ and the many ministries the friars direct for and with the Tohono O'odham Nation.

Thank you for your support and generosity so far this Lent!



**Spring Opportunities The Casa Habitat for Humanity Ministry**

**Build a House and Change Lives**

We need community members to help build our 23rd home and to help finish our 22nd.

We are building at two different locations (in Phoenix and in Tempe) on these dates:

- 3.23.2024 (Phoenix)
- 4.6.2024 (Tempe)
- 4.20.2024 (Phoenix)
- 4.27.2024 (Tempe)
- 5.11.2024 (Phoenix)

The build time is 7 am. We build alongside the St. Patrick's Community/the Caritas Coalition. No experience is required to be a Habitat Volunteer Builder.

For more information about how to sign-up

Contact: [thecasahabitat@thecasa.org](mailto:thecasahabitat@thecasa.org).

Visit [linktr.ee/socialconcerns](http://linktr.ee/socialconcerns) for details and ministry flyer.



## COMMUNITY CONNECTION



*I appreciate being welcomed into the Casa. I look forward to joining my light to help move humanity forward in kindness, respect, and love!* — Catherine Serra

That note was from one of over 40 new Casa volunteers who started volunteering with us since I came on board. I have so enjoyed meeting these diverse, giving, caring people. These unique individuals come from different areas and different walks of life. But they are all participating, in tangible ways, in renewing lives, healing, spiritual growth, and service to others.

Speaking of service to others, several of the new volunteers said they want to serve, “where it is needed most,” or face-to-face with those they are helping. That is great, and we have many positions that may be a good fit. But the Franciscan Renewal Center is a complex, symbiotic establishment. When you support one aspect or part of the Casa, you help all aspects and parts of the Casa.

Our primary purpose for existing as an institution is to support the friars in their ministry and mission. The friars who founded the Casa in 1951 may not have realized what a force they were putting into motion. Today it is a treasure of love and positive influence in the community, and that love and influence extend out into the world. If you feel called to give of your time to support the Casa, I invite you to contact me.

—Jenifer Tull-Gauger, Society for Human Resource Management-Certified Professional, HR Specialist.  
Direct: 480.355.0350 or [jenifer@thecasa.org](mailto:jenifer@thecasa.org)

### **Therapy, Support, and Counseling Ministry (TSCM)** [thecasa.org/tscm](http://thecasa.org/tscm)

**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, LCSW

Donations 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.

Ryan Sheade, LCSW, Director of Therapy, Support and Counseling Ministry.  
[counseling@thecasa.org](mailto:counseling@thecasa.org)

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#### **Mass Offerings**

3.3.24 \$24,968  
3.5.23 \$26,323

#### **Mass Attendance**

3.3.24 1,829  
3.5.23 1,624



**Franciscan School of Theology**  
at the UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

### **FAST TALK THEOLOGY**

Sunday April 14, 9 – 10:30 am | Auditorium

Dr. Juliet Mousseau, RSCJ  
"The Humility of St. Francis"

For more information and a listing of future programs, visit: [frc.retreatportal.com](http://frc.retreatportal.com)

Ryan Sheade, LCSW, Director of Therapy, Support, and Counseling  
email: [counseling@thecasa.org](mailto:counseling@thecasa.org) phone: 480.948.7460, ext. 134



**RETREAT**

**Holy Week 2024, Theme: Questions Around the Table**

**Part I: March 23 – 27, Saturday – Wednesday**

**Part II, The Paschal Triduum: March 28 – 31, Thursday – Sunday**

*Fr. Greg Friedman, OFM*

This retreat will focus on Jesus' Last Discourse in John's Gospel—what Fr. Greg likes to call "The World's Longest After-Dinner Speech."

**For fees and registration information, visit: [frc.retreatportal.com](http://frc.retreatportal.com)**



**RETREAT**

**A Brush with God**

**April 11 – April 14, Thursday – Sunday**

*Peter Pearson, MDiv & ThD*

During our time together, we will paint the image of Christ, the Gardener and Lord of the Harvest. We'll follow the traditional, step-by-step process of Byzantine iconography in a prayerful atmosphere. No previous experience or innate talents are required. Come, learn to make a brushstroke your prayer and give yourself to an ancient way of proclaiming the gospel in color and lines.

**Fee, incl meals: \$600 single room; \$400 commuter. Register: [frc.retreatportal.com](http://frc.retreatportal.com)**



**CLASS**

**The Seven Dynamic Ways of Prayer**

**April 18 & 25, May 2 & 9 | Thursdays | 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

*Elizabeth Welles*

A four-week experiential exploration crafted to deepen your spiritual journey and designed to illuminate the intimate and powerful nature of prayer in both individual and collective realms. Through this class, we recognize that prayer transcends mere rote ritual. Bring your heart and a willingness to embrace the silent places within that long to be heard, allowing for communion with Spirit and your Divine Intuition.

**Fee: \$140 per person, includes materials. Register: [frc.retreatportal.com](http://frc.retreatportal.com)**



**WORKSHOP**

**A Bowl of Endless Light**

**April 20, Saturday | 9 am – 4 pm**

*Megan McKenna*

Stories of Forgiveness, Reconciliation, and Repair. We will use stories from around the world, and the Scriptures. There will be reflection and discussion. The group will do the theology with the Word of the Scriptures, and stories to get folks wondering, asking questions, and responding with one another for conversion and new ways of forgiving, reconciling, restoring holiness and repairing our world.

**Fee, incl lunch: \$75 per person. Register: [frc.retreatportal.com](http://frc.retreatportal.com)**

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**WORKSHOP**

**Introduction to the Enneagram**

**April 20, Saturday | 9 am – 4 pm**

*Rev. Andrea Andress*

Have you ever wondered, “Why does that person act that way?” or “Why did I do that? That’s not really me.” Led by Rev. Andrea Andress, Spiritual Director and Certified Enneagram Teacher, this program explores the Enneagram Personality Profile—an engaging, insightful tool you can use to help make your life more fulfilling and less painful. As a powerful tool for spiritual formation, it helps you see yourself and others in the light of how life is instead of just how you want it to be.

**Fee, incl lunch: \$75 per person. Register: [frc.retreatportal.com](http://frc.retreatportal.com)**



**SOCIAL EVENT**

**Creating an Enneagram Community**

**April 21, Sunday | 1 – 3 pm**

*Rev. Andrea Andress*

Come and be part of recreating the Enneagram Community at the Casa. Experience an Enneagram focused meditation and a short program on Growing the Enneagram. In groups with others of your type, discuss how the Enneagram helps you live more fully.

**Fee: \$10 per person. Register: [frc.retreatportal.com](http://frc.retreatportal.com)**



**RETREAT**

**Your Spiritual Legacy: Reflections into the Heart of Who You Are**

**June 7 – 9, Friday – Sunday**

*Mary Dunn and Alanna Mack*

Deep in your soul is the story that wants to be told. In our weekend of guided reflections, we will help you open yourself to that story and discover the treasure that lies within. We 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, incl meals: \$300 single room; \$150 commuter. Register: [frc.retreatportal.com](http://frc.retreatportal.com)**



**RETREAT — NEW!**

**Mental Health Summit**

**July 26 – 28, Friday – Sunday**

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. Never before has understanding the mental health of ourselves and those around us been more top of mind.

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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](mailto:spiritualdirection@thecasa.org)

### Mass Intentions

March 17 – March 23, 2024

#### Sunday

*Rocky Aceves*

7:30 am

*Mary Zahn*

9:15 am

*Carol & John Hunter*

11:00 am

#### Monday

*Mary Nasca*

8:00 am

#### Tuesday

*Hank Bried*

8:00 am

#### Wednesday

*Michael Layden*

8:00 am

#### Thursday

*Ann Kramer*

8:00 am

#### Friday

*Fr Lawrence Jozwiak*

8:00 am

#### Saturday

NO MASS

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 at the Casa

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

**Contemplation in the Desert** gathers in the Healing Garden on Monday at 11 am. [CareforCreation@thecasa.org](mailto:CareforCreation@thecasa.org)

**Cornerstone Contemplative Meditation** Wednesdays, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. We are located in the Spiritual Direction room between the Guadalupe and TK conference rooms. Joanne Rapp: [joannemr@cox.net](mailto: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](mailto:healingprayer@thecasa.org). All are welcome.

**Men in Spirit.** Christian men meet on the first Saturday of the month at 8 am for breakfast in the dining room, followed by discussion. Zoom available. Steve Hempelman 602.821.7178. [meninspirit@thecasa.org](mailto:meninspirit@thecasa.org)

**Prayer Partners** petition prayers and prays for our human family. Send requests to: [casapraypartners@thecasa.org](mailto:casapraypartners@thecasa.org).

**Rosary Group** Meets Tuesdays at 6 pm in the Meditation Chapel. Requests for meeting information and prayer intentions contact: [rosary@thecasa.org](mailto:rosary@thecasa.org)

**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](mailto:johncelder@gmail.com) or 480.580.7750.

### 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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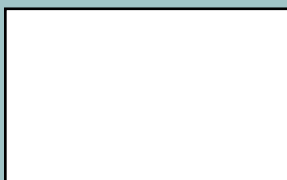
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