

March 10, 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

RENEWAL

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In Franciscan spirituality, one of the first things we are taught in ministry is to welcome the Spirit through divine interruption.

It has been my experience that some of the most grace-filled moments in my life have come in the form of distraction and interruption. I think that God does this as a way of reminding us to get out of our own heads, observe our surroundings, and engage with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Divine interruption is something that Jesus was very familiar with. Most of the stories in the Gospels take place while Jesus is “on his way” to something. Today’s Gospel is no different.

The Gospel states that Jesus was “passing by” when he noticed the man born blind from birth. I imagine what halted Jesus and moved him to interact with this man was compassion — but from that compassion came one of our greatest examples of love and grace that the Gospels offer. Jesus not only drastically changed this man’s life for the better by gifting him with sight, but he gifted those who witnessed the miracle with a profound example of God’s love and mercy. The Gospel tells us that what this man experienced that day set him on a lifelong and ongoing path of faith formation and conversion.

As we are Christ to one another, and through divine interruption, we are often motivated first by compassion when we seek to help others — but the gifts of the Spirit go far beyond our own awareness.

Peace and Blessings,

Donna D. Kinzie
Sacrament Preparation Ministry

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	2nd & 4th Wednesday	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.	8:00 am - 1:00 pm
	Mon.	Closed
	Tue. – Thu.	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
	Fri.	10:00 am - 6:30 pm
	Sat.	11:00 am - 5:30 pm

Please see pg. 10 for this week’s Mass Intentions. For weekly readings, visit <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/031024-YearA.cfm>

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Special Collection This Weekend for Catholic Relief Services

For over 75 years, Catholic Relief Services has assisted impoverished and disadvantaged people, reaching over 130 million people in more than 100 countries, providing food to the hungry, welcome and support to displaced refugees, and invaluable life skills to those seeking a better life.

Please put your envelope in the regular collection. To donate online or for more info about other ways to give, please visit: <https://www.crs.org/>

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 Rosa in the Liturgy Office.

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 ~ 7pm

Wondrous Love

"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.

Lent Reconciliation opportunities

Every Saturday: 2 – 3pm
(No confessions on Sat. March 30)

- Tuesday, March 12 2 – 3 pm
- Friday, March 15 2 – 3 pm
- Tuesday, March 19 3 – 4 pm
- Friday, March 22 12 – 1 pm
- Wednesday, March 27 2 – 3 pm

Holy Week 2024

- Palm Sunday – March 24, 2024 (outdoors)
Masses at 7:30 am & 10 am. No Sat. Mass.
- Holy Thursday – March 28, 2024
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 pm (church)
- Good Friday – March 29, 2024
Stations of the Cross at 12 noon (outdoors)
Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3 pm
- Holy Saturday – March 30, 2024
The Easter Vigil at 7:30 pm (in the church)
- Easter Sunday Mass – March 31, 2024
6:45 am, 8:45 am, and 11 am (outdoors)

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Whole Community Ministry



Adult Ministry

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.
Fee is only \$10 per person!**

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
- **OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults):** Session 15 is Thursday, 3.14.24 at 7 pm in the Liturgy Room.
- **OCIT (Order of Christian Initiation for Teens):** We meet this coming Thursday, 3.14.24 | 7 – 8:30 pm
- **Year One Sacrament Preparation:** First Reconciliation Liturgy | Saturday, 3.16.24 | 10 am in the church
- **Year Two Sacrament Preparation:** Confirmation: Session Three | Sunday, 3.17.24 | 10:30 am – Noon | Piper Hall, Garces Room

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.
- **Family Ministry Table in Hospitality |** Theme: Holy Week & Easter | Sunday, March 10, 2024 | After all the Sunday morning Masses.
- **Young Family Sunday |** Sunday, March 10 | Opportunity for families with children from birth to 5 years old. Playtime — Stories of Faith — Making Friends. For more information, email cheryl@thecasa.org



Young Adult Ministry

For young adults — 20's & 30's

Friday, March 15, 6:30 pm

Young Adults | Dinner | Conversation

For more information, email cheryl@thecasa.org



Please use this QR Code to RSVP

In Spotlight

The Scrutinies



On the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent, the Church celebrates the Scrutiny Rites with our Elect (those to be baptized). These “exorcism” prayers ask God to strengthen the elect and protect them

from all temptation and deceit. We may have read novels and seen movies in which the main character is an “exorcist” who confronts raspy-voiced demons possessing the bodies of innocent people. None of this happens in the ritual scrutinies. It is not a prayer that is intended to cast out demons. Instead, it’s a prayer that the elect may turn away from evil and sin.

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

phone: 480.355.5631

email: rsvp@thecasa.org

ART DOCENT TOURS

Explore the Art of the Casa

thecasa.org/art-docent-tours

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

1st & 3rd Sunday
12:30 – 1:15 pm

Registration Required

online: thecasa.org/art-docent-tours

email: churchtours@thecasa.org

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Lenten and Spring Service Opportunities

Visit *FIA LinkTree* for information and sign-up for these opportunities.

Hunger Action Ministry: hungeraction@thecasa.org.

- **Desert Mission Food Bank (DMFB), Wednesdays, from 8:45 to 11 am.** DMFB continues to be an important resource in the Sunnyslope community. HAM volunteers sort and bag food items, prepare senior and student supplemental food bags, and help distribute food to waiting clients. **Wednesdays: March 20, April 17, May 8 and June 12.** Signup: <http://tinyurl.com/fd3m7ee>
- **St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP), Mondays, 8:45 am to Noon.** Each day St. Vincent de Paul, at the main kitchen, prepares more than 1,000 lunches and dinners to be delivered throughout the community. We will be plating meals to be sent to the homeless shelters. **Mondays: April 1, and May 6.** Signup: <http://tinyurl.com/y3urv856>

The Casa Habitat Ministry: Help build a house and change lives. Email thecasahabitat@thecasa.org to be put on the mailing list or to find out more. Build opportunities include our current house and the new build (our 23rd house): **Saturdays, March 15 and 23, April 6, 20 and 27, and possibly May 11.**

Matthew 25 Serving Asylum Seekers Ministry: matthew25@thecasa.org. Every Monday the Casa serves asylum seekers at the Phoenix Welcome Center. To volunteer, email and find out more such as how to be trained to serve at the Welcome Center.

“Service is what prayer looks like when it gets up off its knees and walks around in the world.”



Almsgiving Envelopes Can be Returned on **March 17.**

During Lent, we are encouraged to connect our practice of fasting with giving alms. This year, the Casa has chosen to direct our alms to two Catholic Charities of Arizona’s projects: **Refugee Resettlement Services** and **MANA House** that supports veterans transitioning from homelessness. We thank you for your generosity. **Place your Almsgiving envelope in the collections basket during Mass.**

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

Visit www.thecasa.org/donate for more information.

Register Closes Today at 7 pm



Franciscan Lenten Conversations: St. Marianne Cope

**Two Mondays of mid-Lent on Zoom.
March 11 and March 18, from 6:30 – 8:15 pm
Fee is \$10**

We will use readings from the “Lent 2024 with Saint Marianne Cope Daily Reflections” booklet, published by Franciscan Media. If the weeks have slipped by or if your Lenten practice needs to be refreshed, take advantage of this opportunity. Our time together will include contemplative prayer, reading Scripture and conversation.

Register now on at frc.retreatportal.com. Link to registration: <http://tinyurl.com/mr3c6ux3>. Learn more about St. Marianne on the detailed flyer found here: <https://tr.ee/e6UYHehJiq>.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Originally from New York, Bob and his late wife, Marriann, moved to Arizona in 1977 and began attending the Casa shortly after. While establishing their roots in Phoenix, they were seeking a church home — a place to continue their faith journey that would warmly welcome them. They found that in the Casa.

Throughout the years, Bob has had many wonderful experiences at the Casa and has shared numerous stories about the beloved Father Alonso. Bob's family experienced many life changes at the Casa. His daughter, Alyssa, was married here, and years later, he honored his wife's wishes by having her funeral here.

Bob is 91 years young and continues to work full-time as a civil engineer. He "loves life" and enjoys gardening, cooking, traveling, and doing artwork. One of the reasons Bob decided to become a Tau Society member was to honor his late wife, Marriann, whose motto was, "Leave it better than you found it."

Bob has been blessed for the many memories he and his family have had here at the Franciscan Renewal Center. As a Tau Society member, he feels his long-term support of the Tau program allows the Casa to enhance and expand its mission and program offerings. "It is a place that for decades has brought so much joy to my family and me. It's a blessing to give back and allow others to experience that joy for years to come."

—Bob Gofonia

To learn more about the Tau Society program please contact: heidi@thecasa.org or call 480.355.5630.

Therapy, Support, and Counseling Ministry (TSCM)

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.
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Mass Offerings

2.25.24 \$27,156

2.26.23 \$27,179

Mass Attendance

2.25.24 1,681

2.26.23 1,537



Franciscan School of Theology
at the UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

FAST TALK THEOLOGY

Sunday March 10, 9 – 10:30 am | Auditorium

Yongho Francis Lee, OFM, PhD

"Frescos in the Basilica of St. Francis: Unveiling Franciscan Spirituality through Visual Art"

For more information and a listing of future programs, visit: frc.retreatportal.com

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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



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



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



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

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.



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



SOCIAL EVENT — NEW!

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



WORKSHOP

The Rosary Workshop

May 4, Saturday | 9:00 am - Noon

Elizabeth Marietti and James Peck

The Rosary is what Pope Francis calls a “simple contemplative prayer, accessible to all.” Yet many Catholics struggle to understand and connect with the Rosary. This seminar reaches out to those seeking to learn the spiritual depth of the Rosary with the guidance of Saint John Paul II, who implored the Church to rediscover “a prayer so easy and yet so rich.”

Fee: \$25 per person. Register: frc.retreatportal.com



RETREAT

Divorced and Separated

May 17 – 19, Friday – Sunday

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

While we would like to think that time heals, it is truly insight that helps us understand what is needed to renew, restore, and rebuild after our relationship ends. This weekend retreat will help you live through the end of your relationship and show you how that ending can be an opportunity for personal growth, healing, and even joy.

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

Email lora@thecasa.org for information on doubles.

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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

Mass Intentions

March 10 – March 16, 2024

Sunday

Bill Martin

7:30 am

Jane Kohnen

9:15 am

Lois Pesavento

11:00 am

Monday

Fr Paul Chovanec

8:00 am

Tuesday

Tammy Swanson

8:00 am

Wednesday

Mary Nasca

8:00 am

Thursday

Roy Joseph Wiegand III

8:00 am

Friday

Christopher James Meyer

8:00 am

Saturday

Walter & Eugene Czejak

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

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

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.

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

Prayer Partners petition prayers and prays for our human family. Send requests to: 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

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.

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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