October 12, 2025

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

RENEWAL





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All are welcome.

PASTORAL REFLECTION



Welcome to mid-October! This calendar year and liturgical year are rapidly coming to an end. As we approach the end of both years, we might ask ourselves: Where has the time gone? As we ask ourselves this question, might it be appropriate to examine the gifts and graces we have

received?

The Scriptures for this 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time provide fertile ground for reflection. Each Scripture, in its own way, challenges us to think about how much God loves us and provides and cares for us. Naaman, the leper, is cleansed of a skin disorder. He declares: Now, I know that there is no God on the earth except in Israel.

The Psalmist invites us to sing out with joy a new song for He has done wondrous deeds. He is faithful and kind to us.

Timothy is reminded that the word of God is not chained. The word of God is powerful. Do we believe in Him who is the Word made flesh? Do we believe His words? How do His words give us the strength for our every day lives?

The familiar story of the ten lepers who are cured and only one returns to Jesus to give Him thanks has the potential to challenge our sense of thanksgiving. We all have something of which we need to cleansed and cured. When the grace of God helps us, do we say thank you? Do we think we have survived a crises or a situation on our own? Do we stop to consider by whose gifts and grace we have the opportunity to keep putting one foot in front of the other?

The mercy of God is never used up. Each morning He promises to hold the world in His scared palm. The calendar and liturgical years are coming to a close. In these remaining days, it is never too early or too late to say thank you to God.

As individuals, blood families, or a faith community, it might be fruitful to acknowledge all the graces and gifts we have received. What are at least 3 ways God has blessed us? Might we consider such and spend time saying Thank you?

—Fr. Page E. Polk, 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; 9:15 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.com/theCasaFRC

Taizé Prayer	1st 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 - 6:00 pm
	Sat.	11:00 am - 5:30 pm

Please see pg. 10 for this week's Mass Intentions.

For weekly readings, visit bible.usccb.org/.

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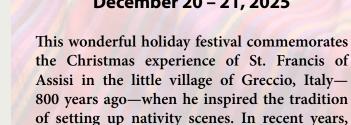
World Mission Sunday Collection This weekend

Each year, parishes around the world take up the World Mission Sunday Collection on the third Sunday of October. The money raised supports the work of missionaries who serve in some of the most vulnerable communities across the globe.

Through this collection, we help provide resources for food, education, medical care, and pastoral support in places where the Church is young or still growing. These missionaries—priests, sisters, brothers, and lay leaders—dedicate their lives to building community, offering hope, and meeting both the spiritual and everyday needs of people.

Your generosity makes a difference in helping them continue this important work.

For more information about World Mission Sunday or to make a donation online, please follow this link: https://www.missio.org



crechefestival@thecasa.org.

we displayed hundreds of crèches, or nativity scenes, representing many cultures and traditions from around the world. These unique sets are generously loaned by members of the Casa community. If you would like to be a part of the planning and preparations, email:



The 6th Annual Casa Creche Festival December 20 – 21, 2025

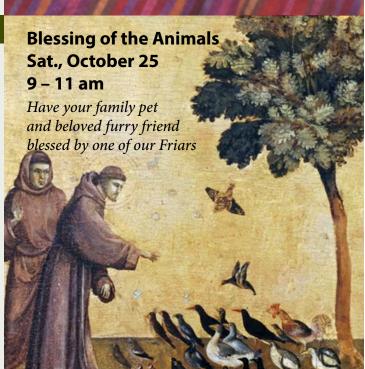
Annual Mass of Remembrance for those who have died this year Saturday, November 8 at 10:30 am

Each November, we celebrate a special "Mass of Remembrance" for all those who have died in the past year. During this Mass, we will read the names aloud of all the funerals held here at the Casa in the last 12 months. All are welcome!

"Lord, help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and our dearly departed for ever." (from the Prayer of Commendation, Catholic Funeral Mass)

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FAITH FORMATION



Open to all youth and young adults throughout Phoenix area!

Join us for a day long retreat for youth and young adults that provides opportunities to grow in faith, build community and friendships, and learn ways to live out our faith!

Youth Day Middle and High School Youth Sat, Nov 8 | 10 am to 5:30 pm

Registration now Open! \$25 by Oct 19 | \$35 by Nov 8

Register for Youth Day!





Young Adult Summit Young Adults | ages 18+ | Single or Married

Fri, Nov 21 6:30 pm | Social and Taizé Sat, Nov 22 | 10 am to 8:30 pm

Don't miss out on early registration! \$40 by Oct 22 | \$50 by Nov 22

Register for YA Summit!



Need more information?

Youth Day vincenzo@thecasa.org

Young Adult Summit | cheryl@thecasa.org

Visit our online Faith Formation portal: casafaithformation.org

Register Now

Seeing Differently: Beauty in the Franciscan Tradition

Saturday, October 25 | 9 am - 5 pm Fee: \$75, includes lunch and snacks



"In art, he [St. Francis] praises the Artist, and whatever he discovers in creatures he guides to the Creator." —Thomas of Celano, St. Francis' first biographer

Whether it be in music, art or nature, St. Francis saw the beauty around him as a pathway to God. Beauty in the medieval world was another name for God, as beauty represented right relationships, harmony, balance.

While exploring aspects of the beauty of the Casa's campus, this one-day workshop will guide participants through four spiritual practices of attending, inhabiting, valuing, and gazing—each providing a different perspective on beauty and different ways to encounter each other and our world.

Flyer with all details: https://qr.thecasa.org/8abf74f2. Register here: https://qr.thecasa.org/bf1941d0. Please note: this workshop includes walking to various parts of the campus.

CASA TOURS



DISCOVER THE VISION

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

1st Thursdays of the Month

Upcoming dates:

November 6 11:00 am

December 4 11:00 am

Reserve Your Spot Today

online: thecasa.org/DTV

phone: 480.355.5631

email: rsvp@thecasa.org



ART DOCENT TOURS

"Discovering St. Francis through Art"

For dates, registration, or to request a

private tour:

online: thecasa.org/art-docent-tours

phone: 480.306.4241

email: churchtours@thecasa.org

Through its commissioned art and architecture, the Conventual Church of Our Lady of the Angels tells the story of Christ through a Franciscan lens.

There's so much to discover in its symbolism, natural building materials, and liturgical art glass! To request a private tour, email churchtours@thecasa.org.

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Café Justo Coffee Sale

Saturday & Sunday, October 18 & 19 Sold after all Masses



Try our delicious, fair-trade, organic, shade-grown, recently roasted (fresh) coffee. The cost of the coffee is \$10 per one-pound bag. Your purchase helps families in the Cafe Justo Farmers' and Roasters' Cooperative continue to work their ancestral lands and support and educate their extended families.

Anytime: Find the most popular varieties of Café Justo available at these two venues on campus: • The *Books and Blessings* Gift Shop • The FRC Lobby *Guest Services Desk*.

We need you!

To join this ministry and become part of the after-Mass selling team, contact <u>casagrounds@thecasa.org</u>.

Register now for this online (virtual) course



"Franciscan Advent Conversations: Waiting in Joyful Hope"

Mondays, December 1 & 8, 6:30 – 8:15 pm Fee: \$10

We will use readings from the *Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas: Waiting in Joyful Hope* 2025-2026 pocket booklet, published by Liturgical Press. Throughout the season of Advent, we explore the mystery of the Incarnation—Jesus letting go of Divine splendor to embrace a human existence. And we "wait in joyful hope" as we allow Advent to surprise us. Our time together will include contemplative prayer, reading Scripture, and conversation.

Registration closes on Sunday, Nov. 30, at 7 pm. See FIA *LinkTree* for detailed Flyer: https://tr.ee/EnICOdPgdj.

Casa Fall Food Drive
October 18 & 19
After All Masses





For St. Vincent de Paul.

Please donate unexpired shelf stable, non-perishable, items. No glass jars.

Saturday: Bring items from East and West parking lots to the bins located at the

entrances to the walkway to the church. Sunday: Drop off in the East & West Parking Lots.

Hold your own *Mini Food Drive* with family, friends, neighbors. Information here: https://tr.ee/4hC7sdjtcV

Download the *Food Drive Flyer* for details and a list of acceptable donations. https://tr.ee/dhcX1xn3-A
Email hungeraction@thecasa.org
for additional information.

Recycle your E-Waste this January

On January 24 & 25, 2026, the Casa is hosting its first E-Waste Drive.

But what is e-waste? Electronic waste, commonly known as e-waste, is any electronic and electrical equipment deemed obsolete or unwanted by a user. According to the Public Interest Research Group (pirg.org), the average American disposes of 47 pounds of electronic waste each year. On top of that, we produce the second most e-waste of any country.



So, as you look into purchasing a new iPhone or tech product for Christmas, look through your drawers, closets, and attics for any old tech for this January!

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For volunteer opportunities and FIA events, visit: <u>linktr.ee/socialconcerns</u>

COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Year-End Giving Opportunities to Support Our Mission

Dear Friends in Christ,

As the year draws to a close, many of us prayerfully reflect on the blessings we have received and how we might share those blessings to strengthen

God's work in our community. Your generosity sustains Our Lady of the Angels Church at the Franciscan Renewal Center, allowing us to renew lives through healing and transformation, and service to others.

If you are considering an Annual Appeal or end-of-year gift, there are many ways to make a meaningful impact:

- Cash, Check, Credit/Debit Cards, DAFs and ACH
 Online Simple and immediate gifts that support daily ministries and may provide 2025 tax benefits if received or postmarked by December 31.
- Bequests Include the Franciscan Renewal Center or Our Lady of the Angels Church in your will or trust to create a lasting legacy of faith.
- IRA Charitable Rollover If you are 70½ or older,

you may direct up to \$105,000 from your IRA to a qualified charity, reducing taxable income while fulfilling your required minimum distribution.

- Charitable Remainder Unitrust Provide income for life or a term of years while supporting the Casa's mission.
- **Donor Advised Funds** Recommend a grant from your DAF to support ministry, retreats, and outreach.
- **Stocks and Bonds** Gifts of appreciated securities may offer significant tax advantages.
- **Life Insurance** Name the Casa as a beneficiary to create a legacy of renewal.

For guidance or to discuss your charitable intentions, please contact the Development Team at 480.355.0345 or **development@thecasa.org**. Every gift strengthens our shared mission of Gospel renewal.

Gratefully,

Christopher Meyer, Development Director

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.

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The Franciscan Lecture Series with the Franciscan School of Theology

Sunday, October 12, 9 – 10:30 am | Auditorium "A Franciscan Vision for Being Human from St. Clare" with Sr. Juliet Mousseau, RSCJ, PhD

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

EDUCATION, RETREATS, AND EVENTS — **Scholarships** are available by contacting the front desk or emailing <u>lora@thecasa.org</u>.



CLASS

Synergy Oasis Yoga

Tuesdays: Oct. 14 - Nov.18 | 11 am - 12:15 pm

Suzanne Brier, CYT, BFA

Discover a gentle, inclusive self-care experience with yoga-based movement, breathwork, and guided imagery. Calm your nervous system, build strength and balance, and reconnect with your body in a way that feels nurturing and freeing.

Fee: \$90 for six-week session. Register: frc.retreatportal.com



RETREAT

Broken and Blessed

October 31 - November 2, Friday - Sunday

Marianne Gouveia and Greg Eckerman

This compassionate retreat offers hope and healing to adults grieving the loss of a loved one to suicide. Through prayer, ritual, guided reflection, and community, participants will explore grief, find comfort in God's mercy, and begin to reconcile deep pain. All faiths are welcome.

Fee, incl. meals: \$250 single room; \$150 commuter. Register: frc.retreatportal.com



RETREAT

Oasis of Boundless Compassion Retreat
October 31 – November 2, Friday – Sunday

Karia Lee Basta

Step away from the noise of daily life and enter a space of calm, reflection, and renewal. Through the wisdom of Joyce Rupp's Boundless Compassion, you'll deepen your awareness of God's compassionate presence—with others, with yourself, and with the world around you.

Fee, incl. meals: \$325 single room; \$175 commuter. Register: frc.retreatportal.com



WORKSHOP

Humming the Holiday Blues When You Want to Be Singing "Joy to the World"?

Wednesday, December 3 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Christine Dove

We will gently acknowledges the sadness, loss, and longing this season can bring. Together, we'll create space to share our stories, honor what we're missing, and find comfort in community and healing.

Fee: \$40. Register: frc.retreatportal.com

To see all upcoming programs and to register, visit <u>frc.retreatportal.com</u>. Registrations can also be made by visiting or calling our Guest Services Desk, or by emailing <u>lora@thecasa.org</u>.



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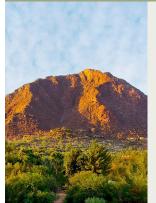
A Brush with God

December 4 - 7, Thursday - Sunday

Peter Pearson, MDiv, ThD

This Advent we will be working from a prototype icon of "The Angel of the Lord" in a very unique style; a bit of a Western feel is evident in the softness of the image. No previous experience or natural talent is required. We paint, pray, and follow the simple step-by-step instructions. All materials provided.

Fee, incl. meals: \$625 single room; \$425 commuter. Register: frc.retreatportal.com



RETREAT

Grief and Loss

December 12 - 14, Friday - Sunday

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. In this retreat, you will gain new insights into the grief process and discover ways to heal and move forward from this intense and painful period.

Fee, incl. meals: \$250 single room; \$135 commuter. Register: frc.retreatportal.com



WORKSHOP

Experiencing God in Christmas Movies Saturday, December 20 | 9 am - 4 pm

Fr. Rick Malloy, SJ

God communicates to us through all of created realities. Fr. Rick Malloy, S.J. will lead us in praying through popular Christmas movies and help us experience the Advent of Emmanuel appearing to us through the medium of films that touch our hearts and enlighten our minds.

Fee, incl lunch: \$75. Register: frc.retreatportal.com



RETREAT

Henri J. M. Nouwen: Being the Beloved and Becoming the Beloved January 9 – 11, Friday – Sunday

Michael Powell

Experience a grace-filled retreat centered around the teachings of Henri Nouwen and his work "The Life of the Beloved." Through prayer, contemplation, reflection, conversation, gentle activities, and silent exploration, we will immerse ourselves in the generative and soulful energy of love as illuminated by Nouwen's spiritual vision.

Fee, incl. meals: \$325 single room; \$175 commuter. Register: frc.retreatportal.com

To see all upcoming programs and to register, visit <u>frc.retreatportal.com</u>. Registrations can also be made by visiting or calling our Guest Services Desk, or by emailing <u>lora@thecasa.org</u>.



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.

Faith Sharing Groups at the Casa

Centering Prayer meets Wednesdays at 8:45 am in the Meditation Chapel. **SpiritualDirection@thecasa.org**

Contemplation in the Desert gathers in the Healing Garden on Mondays at 7 am. **CareforCreation@thecasa.org**

Cornerstone Contemplative Meditation meets Wednesdays, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, in the Spiritual Direction room between the Guadalupe and Tekakwitha conference rooms.

Interfaith Healing Prayer Group meets Fridays following 8 am Mass in the back of the church. Send prayer requests to **HealingPrayers@thecasa.org**

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. **MeninSpirit@thecasa.org**

Rosary Group meets Tuesdays at 6 pm in the Meditation Chapel and on Zoom. Requests for meeting information, Zoom link, and prayer intentions, contact: **Rosary@thecasa.org**

Singles40plus is a social group for singles, widows, widowers, and divorced individuals 40 or older. We meet on the second Friday. For more information, email us at **Singles40plus@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.

Mass Intentions October 12 – 18, 2025

Sunday	
Marie McNamara	7:30 am
Helen Hauser	9:15 am
Cathy & Jim Duggan	11:00 am

Monday	
David Ryan	8:00 am

Tuesday *Joshua Buehler*8:00 am

Wednesday
Carolyn G. Harder 8:00 am

ThursdayMichael John Snyder 8:00 am

Friday
Marie McNamara 8:00 am

Saturday
Brian Eubanks 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, affectionately known as the Casa, is a Christ-centered, compassionate place where hearts are opened, lives are transformed, and the Spirit of God is encountered in profound ways. Founded in 1951 by the Order of Friars Minor, the Casa is rooted in Catholic tradition and the rich spiritual heritage of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi, whose lives of humility, simplicity, and deep love for Creation continue to inspire all.

Nestled in the beautiful Sonoran Desert on 25 acres of sacred grounds, the Casa offers a serene and prayerful environment for joyful worship with Franciscan friars; private, sponsored, and hosted retreats; and ministries that serve the poor, vulnerable, and marginalized. It welcomes seekers of all faiths who long for peace, love, belonging, and healing, and a deeper relationship with God, self, others, and the Earth.

Located in Scottsdale, Arizona, the Casa is part of and contributes to the 800-year Franciscan movement and the work of the Church in the world.

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