January 14, 2024

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PASTORAL REFLECTION



Helloooooo? Can you hear me? What about now? Can you hear me now? Have you had that experience with your cell phone?

In the readings today, we hear a few stories of calls. Throughout Scripture, we hear stories of how

God calls to us in unexpected ways. How have you experienced God's call in your life? Was it a one-time thing — or do you hear God's persistent calls?

For Samuel, it was his whispered name he heard in the night while sleeping, and he didn't quite understand who was calling. He was then trained to listen for God's voice and was taught how to respond when he would hear it.

For Saul, the call came quite dramatically in broad daylight while traveling to persecute Christians in Damascus. He was blinded by a bright light, and he fell to the ground. In this sudden blindness, he heard a voice instructing him what to do next. Saul (Paul) went on to become one of the greatest missionaries, preaching across the Roman Empire. In today's 2nd reading, he preaches to us about our bodies being temples of the Holy Spirit.

The disciples in the Gospel each felt a call to follow Jesus, and we will know how they responded to Jesus' invitation.

Our journey as Christians requires active listening — and responding — to God's voice throughout our lives. Ordinary Time provides ample opportunity for listening. Can you hear God's calling?

Norbert Zwickl Director of Music and Liturgy 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 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. & Tues. Closed Wed. - Fri. 10:00 am - 2:00 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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The work of Christmas begins...

Last Monday was the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which marked the conclusion of the Christmas season. Retail stores have had Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day things out for weeks, but the Church celebrates the Nativity of Jesus through this feast.

There is a brief poem by Howard Thurman that comes to mind as the Christmas season reaches its last day, titled "The Work of Christmas".

When the song of the angels is stilled. When the star in the sky is gone. When the kings and princes are home. When the shepherds are back with their flock. The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among all people, to make music from the heart.

With hearts full of love, let us begin again.

Winter Ordinary Time

Today is the second Sunday in Ordinary Time. "Ordinary Time," meaning ordered or numbered time, is not a season like Lent and Advent, nor does it have a set number of days or weeks: it is composed of either thirty-three or thirty-four weeks. It is an ordering of Sundays whose number depends on the date of Easter, as well as those Sundays that are superseded by any solemnities that fall on a Sunday in each year. Ordinary Time during the winter includes those days that fall between the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and Ash Wednesday. In fact, the day after the Baptism of the Lord begins the First Week in Ordinary Time; hence the following Sunday is the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The rhythm of the liturgical seasons reflects the rhythm of life — with its celebrations of anniversaries and its seasons of quiet growth and maturing. If we are to mature in the spiritual life and increase in faith, we must descend the great mountain peaks of Christmas and Easter in order to "pasture" in the vast verdant meadows of Ordinary Time.

Winter residents – have you registered as members of the Casa community? Or, has your contact information changed?

If you are a resident in Arizona during the winter months, we invite you to consider registering formally as a member of the community of Our Lady of the Angels. The information that is collected on our registration form is helpful to us in serving you. You can find the form in the Narthex, or ask at the Guest Services Desk.

We would love to be informed if you move, change phone numbers, switch email addresses, etc. This way we can be sure we have the most up-to-date information, and you will not miss anything from us! To update any of your contact information — phone, address, or email address — please call or email any member of the Casa staff listed below.

Whole Community Ministry

For ALL members of the community and for all ages



Sign Up Here!:



In Spotlight

Living the Liturgical Year Mardi Gras - Lent - Holy Week Beyond Giving Stuff Up!

Wednesday, February 7 | 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. Each workshop is designed to unpack the major seasons and feast days on the Church calendar to deepen our faith and spirituality through increased understanding of practices and traditions.

Join us for this next hands-on workshop where you will learn:

- History of Mardi Gras, Lent & Holy Week
- The origins of the prayers, blessings, and spiritual practices that are a part of this season.
- Beautiful ways to share our faith with others around us.

There will be hands-on activities, plus food and drinks to sample!

Sacrament Preparation Ministry

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

- Infant Baptism: For more information about infant baptism prepation, contact <u>cheryl@thecasa.org</u>
- OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults): Session 10 is Thursday, January 18 at 7 pm in the Liturgy Room. Topic: *Sacraments of Vocation*
- OCIT (Order of Christian Initiation for Teens) is this coming Thursday, 1.18.24 | 7 pm – 8:30 pm | Capistrano Room
- Year One Sacrament Preparation: First Reconciliation | Sunday 1.21.24 | 10:30 am – Noon | Piper Hall, Garces Room
 - Year Two Sacrament Preparation: First Eucharist | Sunday, 1.14.24 | 10:30 am – Noon | Piper Hall, Serra 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 ageappropriate reflection on the Readings.
- Young Family Sunday: Young Family Sunday

| Sun, Jan 14 | 10:30 am. Any family with children between birth and 5 years of age, stop by to say hello, meet other parents, hear Bible stories, and let your children play.



Fred Mercadante, Director of Faith Formation: fred@thecasa.org; Donna Kinzie, Sacrament Preparation, Family Catechesis: donna@thecasa.org; Cheryl Hentz, Youth, Young Adult, Young Family & Infant Baptism: cheryl@thecasa.org.

Young Adult Ministry

For young adults ages 18-39



Courtyard Convos Fri, Jan 19 | 6:30 pm

Young adult evening Dinner | Friends | Conversations



Please use this QR Code to RSVP

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

February 1 11:00 am

April 1 11:00 am

Friday

March 8 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

Treasures of Franciscan Art

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

Registration Required

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Just Scripture All are welcome.

WORD OF GOD Sunday is celebrated on January
21. Pope Francis reminds us the Bible "is the book of the Lord's people, who, in listening to it, move from division towards unity."

In this New Year, do you take time to pause, pray with, and discuss the Word of God? Would you like to? Find out more about how you can with Just Scripture.

We consider biblical issues of justice and mercy that impact our world today and talk about how the Sunday readings connect with daily life. Discussed from a perspective of Franciscan values, *Just Scripture (JS)* occurs *on Zoom* on the second Saturday of each month, **10 – 11:30 am.**

Find out more. Speak with Representatives.

January 20 and 21 after all Masses.

SolidariTea for Interfaith Peace



Wednesday, February 7 5 – 6:30 pm, Fee: \$10

Engage in facilitated dialogue and lively conversation with folks of different faith traditions. This event takes place during World Interfaith Harmony Week (as recognized by the United Nations). Share your story with others on how you found your faith.

Tea and snacks will be provided. A special *Taizé Prayer for Interfaith Peace & Unity* will follow at the Our Lady of the Angels Church at 7 pm.

Register now at: <u>frc.retreatportal.com</u>



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

COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Have you ever entertained angels? We have! It began at a yard sale we were having back in 1998 in Prior Lake, MN, as we prepared to move to Strawberry, AZ. Two women stopped in, mostly wondering where we were moving. When I told them near Phoenix, AZ, we were met with lots of enthusiasm for a place simply called "the Casa."

Once we moved to Strawberry, we spent countless hours searching for a faith community. One day, I realized we hadn't been down to the Casa. Since we lived so far away, we opted to go to the 11:00 Mass. After just one Mass, we were hooked! Before long, we met the nicest man, Sam Rogers, who was then in charge of all the hospitality ministries. Sam found a place for us even though we couldn't travel down every weekend.

After 15 years, we left Arizona for Maine to be near our son, Dirk, and his family. After three years, we decided to move back to sunny AZ, to Sun City. Our first weekend here, we returned to the one place we missed the most — the Casa. We were thrilled to be in Our Lady of the Angels Church after it was completed. What a wonderful coincidence after meeting the angels in MN who told us about the Casa!

We are now hospitality ministers at the 9:15 Masses. Ray also helps take up the collection, and ushers people during communion (sinc e I am in a wheelchair due to Parkinson's disease, I don't participate in these ministries). We are so blessed for our angels who led us to be a part of "the Casa" community — our "home" away from home.

— Ray & Judi Erlandsen

Therapy, Support, and Counseling Ministry (TSCM) thecasa.org/tscm

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Grief and Loss Support Group

Second Wednesday of Month | 5:30 – 7 pm Facilitator: Joyce Brimhall, LMSW

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Ryan Sheade, LCSW, Director of Therapy, Support and Counseling Ministry. counseling@thecasa.org

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Mass Offerings

12.31.23 \$25,261

Mass Attendance

12.31.23 1350



FAST TALK THEOLOGY

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

Fr. Garrett Galvin, OFM, PhD

"St. Francis 'Lived in the Scriptures': The Biblical Roots of Franciscan Spirituality"

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

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



4 WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS

Empathetic Communication

Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Jan 10, 17, 24, 31

Joseph Martinez

This is a series of independent workshops: 1. Habitual Reactions That Block Connection (Jan. 10, 2024) 2. The Practice of Self-Empathy (Jan 17, 2024) 3. Giving Others Empathy (Jan. 24, 2024) 4. Making Requests, Letting Go, the Pitfalls fo NVC (Jan. 31, 2024).

Fee: \$20 per person for single session. Pre-registration required.

Register: <u>frc.retreatportal.com</u>. To register for all four evenings, please call the Front Desk at 480.948.7460 to register. Fee is \$80 for all four evenings.

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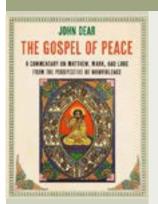
WORKSHOP

Learning to Play the Native American Flute January 27, 9 am – Noon

Nathan Tsosie and Sherry Vames

It has been said that the sound of the Native American Flute has the power to soothe and heal with its haunting tones. Join us for this fun, hands-on Beginner Class. This beautiful instrument is very player-friendly, and reading music is not required.

Fee: \$30, plus \$60 materials fee (payable at class) incl Authentic Native American Flute. Register: frc.retreatportal.com



The Gospel of Peace: An Evening with John Dear February 1, Thursday 7 – 8 pm

Fr. John Dear, SJ

Priest, peacemaker, author, and Nobel Peace Prize Nominee, Fr. John Dear, will discuss and sign copies of his new book, "The Gospel of Peace: A Commentary on Matthew, Mark and Luke from the Perspective of Nonviolence" (Orbis). Books will be avaiable for purchase at Books and Blessing Bookstore and at the event.

Fee: \$20

Register: frc.retreatportal.com



RETREAT

Mercy and Compassion in the Spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi March 8 – 10, Friday – Sunday

Fr. Steven McMichael, OFM Conv

In recent years, Italian scholars have produced many books and articles on the theme of mercy and compassion in the writings of Francis of Assisi. This retreat presents the fruit of this research and writing. We will focus on Francis' writings such as the Earlier Rule, the Testament, the Admonitions, the Canticle of the Creatures and the Letter to a Minister.

Fee, incl. meals: \$300 single room; \$150 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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RETREAT

Holy Week 2024

Fr. Greg Friedman, OFM

Part I: March 23 - 27, Saturday - Wednesday

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

For fees and registration information, visit: frc.retreatportal.com



RETREAT - NEW!

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



RETREAT

The Spiritual Journey: A Process of Transformation

May 24 – 26, Friday – Sunday

Fr. Albert Haase, OFM

Explore the dynamics of the spiritual journey!

The spiritual journey is the communal process of being transformed by the Spirit of God to the image of Christ for the sake of others. This retreat will explore this dynamic of the spiritual life.

Fee, incl meals: \$300 single room; \$150 commuter.

Register: 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. The treasure that is your true legacy to others.

Fee, incl meals: \$300 single room; \$150 commuter.

Register: frc.retreatportal.com

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BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, February 4 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Spiritual Direction Ministry

Our Spiritual Direction Ministry offers one-on-one listening and support for finding God 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 & 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 at 11 am. <u>CareforCreation@thecasa.org</u>

Cornerstone Contemplative Meditation Wednesdays, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. We are located in the Spiritual Direction room located behind the East parking lot. Joanne Rapp: jorapp25@gmail.com

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: <u>casaprayerpartners@thecasa.org</u>.

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.

Mass Intentions January 14, – January 20, 2024

Sunday	
Lillian Radigan	7:30 am
Jack Mandala	9:15 am
Tom Colman	11:00 am

Monday

Richard Manka 8:00 am

Tuesday

Socorro Jones 8:00 am

Wednesday

John B. Grier 8:00 am

Thursday

Suzanna Christine Erickson 8:00 am

Friday

Donna Davis 8:00 am

Saturday

Tony Cong 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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