October 26, 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

RENEWAL





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PASTORAL REFLECTION



Dear Holy People of God, Two verses of the First Reading and the Responsorial Psalm this Sunday truly give us something to think about: "The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds" and "The Lord hears the cry of the poor."

These verses remind us of a divine paradox that the world still struggles to understand: God listens most closely to those who have no power at all. In a culture obsessed with status, recognition, and self-promotion, humility seems like weakness. Yet in God's Kingdom, it is strength.

Humility opens the heart to grace. It is not about self-hatred or pretending to be less than we are—it is the quiet truth of knowing who we are before God. The proud stand tall, but their prayers bounce off the ceiling. The humble kneel, and their voices rise straight to heaven. The lowly person depends on God's mercy—and that dependence becomes their greatest power.

Let us then resist the noise of a world that tells us to climb higher, to be noticed, to be right. Instead, let us descend—into service, into compassion, into trust. When we humble ourselves before God, our prayers pierce the clouds, and heaven bends low to listen.

True greatness, in the eyes of God, begins when we stop trying to be great—and simply learn to be small.

May the Lord give you peace,

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; 9:15 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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November — A Month of Remembrance

As October turns to November, the Church invites us to remember the great communion of saints — those known and unknown — who now live in the fullness of God's presence. November is traditionally a month for remembering those who have died. As the natural world turns toward winter and the days grow shorter, we are reminded of the rhythm of life, death, and resurrection.

Feast of All Saints

Saturday, November 1 — Mass at 10:30 am. On November 1, we celebrate the Feast of All Saints, honoring all holy men and women who have gone before us in faith and whose lives reflect the light of Christ.

Feast of All Souls

Sunday, November 2 — At all Masses We pray for all the faithful departed, entrusting them to God's loving mercy.

During this sacred time, we are reminded that the bond of love between the living and the dead is not broken by death. As we honor the saints and pray for the souls of our loved ones, may we find hope in Christ's promise of eternal life.

The Book of Life

Throughout the month of November, our Book of Life will be placed near the statue of Sts. Francis and Clare, beside the Sister Death window. You are invited to write the names of your departed loved ones in this book. These names will be remembered in prayer at all Masses during the month.



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

This wonderful holiday festival commemorates the Christmas experience of St. Francis of Assisi in the little village of Greccio, Italy—800 years ago—when he inspired the tradition of setting up nativity scenes. In recent years, 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: crechefestival@thecasa.org.

Annual Mass of Remembrance for those who have died this year Sat., November 8, 2025 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)

Sponsor a Wreath for a Veteran Remember, Honor, Teach.

This November, the Casa Veterans Ministry is partnering with the veterans' ministries at Our Lady of Joy Catholic Church and La Casa de Cristo Lutheran Church to sponsor wreaths to be placed at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona in Phoenix. This partnership is called *Wreaths With Honor*. The sponsored wreaths will be placed on National Wreaths Across America Day, Saturday, December 13.



You can also stop by the Wreaths With Honor table in the Hospitality Area after any of the November Masses (except for November 29 - 30) to sponsor a wreath or learn more about this project.

Thank You!

Why Reduce E-Waste?

A 2024 UN study¹ projects global electronic waste (or e-waste) to reach 82 million tonnes by 2030. E-waste contains toxic yet precious metals like cadmium, mercury, and arsenic. If improperly recycled or thrown into a landfill, these metals can contaminate airways, waterways, and soil, posing severe health and environmental risks.

However, these same metals can be recovered and reused in new electronics. Raising global e-waste collection and recycling rates to 60% by 2030 could save **over \$38 billion** in costs and reduce dependence on precious metal-rich nations like Zimbabwe and Kazakhstan.¹ Effective e-waste recycling is both a public health safeguard and a path toward more sustainable resource use.

Please help us reach our 2030 e-waste goal by donating your obsolete and unused electronics at the **January 24 – 25 Casa E-Waste Drive**.

¹Source: https://ewastemonitor.info/the-global-e-waste-monitor-2024/

More details in a future bulletin.



Visit our online Faith Formation portal: casafaithformation.org

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DISCOVER THE VISION

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

Upcoming dates:

December 4

November 6 11:00 am

11:00 am

Reserve Your Spot Today

online: thecasa.org/ discover-the-vision

phone: 480.355.5631

email: rsvp@thecasa.org



ART DOCENT TOURS

"Treasures of Franciscan Art"

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!

Please visit <u>thecasa.org/art-docent-tours</u> for dates and registration. To request a private tour, email <u>churchtours@thecasa.org</u>

The Franciscan Lecture Series with the Franciscan School of Theology

Sunday, November, 9 – 10:30 am | Piper Hall"A Franciscan Vision of the Holy Spirit and Discernment Today" with Br. Keith Douglass Warner, OFM, PhD

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pause and ponder...

We grow when we truly listen.

We must speak with courage but listen with humility.

Arizona Proposition 409

Calling all registered Arizona voters!



Don't forget to mail back your ballot if you haven't done so already. There is an important proposition on your ballot titled *Proposition 409*. This proposition will let voters invest **\$898 million** to expand behaviorial health and emergency care services, modernize healthcare facilities, and train the next generation of doctors.

The deadline to mail back your ballot is **Tuesday, October 28.**



Contemplation in the Desert

A Gathering Outside for Contemplative Renewal

Every Monday in the Casa Healing Garden

Starting on November 3, we will be meeting 11 am – 12:15 pm.

75-minute weekly faith-sharing in the Casa's Healing Garden. Faith-filled *luminous seeing* and thoughtful conversation on our relationship with God and nature.

To join the mailing list, email careforcreation@thecasa.org.

Veterans Fall ReConnect BBQ

Sunday, November 16 12 – 3 pm Last Chance to Register!



Free for Active-Duty Service Members, Veterans, and their Families

All are welcome to connect, or reconnect, with veterans and their families in the Casa community at this picnic.

To register, go to <u>qr.thecasa.org/veterans-bbq</u> or call 480.306.4027.

Registration limited to 50 participants.

Deadline: **Wednesday, October 29**

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COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Dear Friends,

Each day at the Franciscan Renewal Center begins with gratitude — gratitude for God's presence among us and for you, whose faith, generosity, and love make this sacred mission possible. Because of your support, lives are renewed through spiritual growth, healing and transformation, and service to others.

As we begin our 2025 Annual Appeal, we do so with joyful hope and trust in God's providence. Together, we continue to imitate God's all-inclusive, extravagant love for each person who comes to the Casa seeking peace and renewal. This year, our goal is to raise \$510,000 to strengthen the four pillars that uphold our sacred work: Our Lady of the Angels Church, the Retreat Center, our Ministries, and our Grounds.

Each pillar reflects a vital part of our mission. In the Church, hearts are lifted in prayer and belonging. In the Retreat Center, souls find quiet and direction. Through our ministries, God's love reaches those in need, offering hope and healing. Across our sacred grounds, creation itself invites all to encounter God's peace.

Every day, we see how lives are transformed here — and every day, your generosity makes it possible. You are the heart of this mission, the quiet strength behind every prayer, every retreat, every act of compassion.

Please prayerfully consider making a gift for the 2025 Annual Appeal today.

Thank you for helping to make God's love visible at the Casa.

With heartfelt gratitude and peace, Christopher Meyer, Development Director

Annual Appeal 2025

Making God's Love Visible

Gifts can be made:

Online: thecasa.org/donate

Drop off: The Casa's Guest Services Desk **Mail:** Franciscan Renewal Center

5802 E. Lincoln Dr., Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

- Cash, Check, Credit/Debit Cards, DAFs, and ACH Online
- IRA Required Minimum Distribution can be directed to the Franciscan Renewal Center.
- Gifts of Stocks and Bonds

If you would like to speak with someone about your gift, please call 480.355.5634.

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



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



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



A WOMEN'S WORKSHOP

Renewed for Advent, Restored Through Grace Saturday, November 8 | 9 am - 1 pm

Michelle Newman

As the year winds down, are you ready to let go of regrets, release what's holding you back, and step into your life with clarity and intention? "Renewed for Advent, Restored through Grace," is a half-day women's workshop where you'll pause, reflect, and reconnect with your Godgiven purpose. Through inspiring talks, guided journaling, prayer, and meaningful small group conversation, you'll learn how to:

- Let go of regrets and limiting beliefs that weigh you down.
- Embrace God's unconditional love and forgiveness.
- Live with clarity, intention, and renewed purpose.

You'll uncover the strength to overcome limiting beliefs, embrace self-compassion, and move forward with confidence. This four-hour workshop is a sacred pause before Advent. A chance to rest, reflect, and realign your heart with God so you can step confidently into a purposeful new year.

Fee: \$45. 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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RETREAT

Emmaus Retreat for Grieving Parents

December 5 – 7, Friday – Sunday

Marianne Gouveia and Greg Eckerman

The Emmaus Ministry offers a faith-based weekend for parents grieving the loss of a child, no matter the age, cause, or how long ago the loss occurred. Through prayer, reflection, and shared understanding, parents are gently guided to explore their grief, seek healing, and find hope in the promise of eternal life.

Fee, incl. meals: \$250 single room; \$135 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

Marriage: It's Not for the Faint of Heart January 30 – February 1, Friday – Sunday

Erica Tatum-Sheade, LCSW and Ryan Sheade, LCSW

Deepen communication, trust, and connection in your marriage during a meaningful weekend for couples. Guided by licensed therapists, you'll explore new ways to grow together with authenticity, purpose, and lasting intimacy.

Fee, incl. meals: \$200 per person, double room; \$175 per person, 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**

Just Scripture meets on Zoom on the second Saturday of each month from 10–11:30 am. Sign up at this link: https://tinyurl.com/vkh5twxv.JustScripture@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 26 - November 1, 2025

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Marie McNamara	7:30 am
Barbara Ann and David Dornan	9:15 am
George Fagan	11:00 am

Monday

Marie McNamara 8:00 am

Tuesday

Maurine Tobin 8:00 am

Wednesday

Donna & Andy Osiol 8:00 am

Thursday

Deceased Members of Giliberti and Rowe Families 8:00 am

Friday

Maurine Tobin 8:00 am

Saturday

Carolyn Force 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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