

November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

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My favorite Holy Card is an adaptation of the original painting by the English artist William Holman Hunt. I prefer this adaptation because it presents a much friendlier looking Jesus.

You may have come across this image at some point in your life. The image depicts Jesus knocking at a door, presumably the door to our hearts. Notice that the door has no handle on the outside.

Jesus doesn't ever barge into our hearts and souls uninvited. He knocks, in hopes that we, who watch for his arrival, as today's Gospel invites us to do, will open the door and let in the the Savior of the World into the core of our lives, and the fullness of our hearts.

He's knocking right now! Perhaps the First Sunday of Advent during the storm of this pandemic is a good time to let Him in.

Peace and Good

Deacon Herve, OFM



The Conventual Church of
OUR LADY of the ANGELS
 at the Franciscan Renewal Center

Christmas Mass Times (all indoors)

Christmas Eve Masses: 2 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm

Christmas Day Mass: 10 am | Holy Communion 11:30-Noon

PUBLIC AND LIVESTREAM MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass	Saturday	5:00 pm
	Sunday	8:00 am and 10:00 am
Daily Mass	Monday - Saturday	8:00 am
View on YouTube.com/theCasaFRC		
Communion	Sunday	11:30 am - 12 pm
Reconciliation	Saturday	3:00 - 4:00 pm
Front Desk	Sunday	9:15 am - 12:30 pm
	Monday - Friday	8:45 am - 12:00 pm
	Saturday	Closed
Bookstore	Sunday	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
	Monday & Tuesday	Closed
	Wednesday - Friday	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
	Saturday	12:00 - 6:30 pm

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Readings and Mass Intentions
November 29 - December 6, 2020

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

8 am and 10 am Pro-Populo

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

8:00 am Zack Worthing

Tuesday: Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

8:00 am Roberta & Lee Sprowe

Wednesday: Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

8:00 am Mary Agnes Goodman

Thursday: Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

10:00 am Kevin Masser

Friday: Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

8:00 am Adam Palazzo

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;

Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

5:00 pm Peggy Millburn

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

8 am Pro-Populo

10 am Arthur Coleman



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Amid all the challenges, anxiety, and sadness in our world today, I think it is important for all of us, especially at this time of year, to focus on the many blessings we share and to be grateful for the gifts of faith, perseverance, and life itself.

I have found that practicing gratitude can also lead to a humble heart. I'm reminded about the story when Jesus healed ten lepers. Yet, while nine of the lepers went their way rejoicing in their healing, only one of them took the time to go back and express his thanks to Jesus for the miracle that had taken place in his life. Imagine that, only one out of ten said thank you. While we may be quick to correct and instruct our children when it comes to the importance of saying, "thank you," are we at times forgetful or challenged to express our own appreciation to the Lord and one another?

So many times, I take the many blessings God has bestowed on me for granted. Worse yet, sometimes I have this delusion that I deserve or have earned those blessings. One of the few positive outcomes that I have realized, during this pandemic, is a greater appreciation for the gifts of family and friends that I unfortunately cannot physically be with. With this experience, it has also helped me reprioritize what is most important in my life.

John Henry Jowett, an influential British preacher and author from an earlier generation, said this about gratitude: "Gratitude is a vaccine, an antitoxin, and an antiseptic." What did he mean? He meant that gratitude, like a vaccine, can prevent the invasion of a disgruntled and discouraged spirit. Like an antitoxin, gratitude can prevent the effects of the poisons of cynicism, criticalness, and grumbling. Like an antiseptic, a spirit of gratitude can soothe and heal the most troubled spirit.

On behalf of the volunteers and staff, I want to sincerely as I can thank everyone for their generosity, prayers, and support during these difficult times.

Take care, stay well, and God bless,
Michael

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Blessing of the Advent Wreath

As you light the first candle today:

*God of love,
may this wreath and its light remind us of
your greatest gift of love to us, Jesus.*

*Guide us as we strive to walk in that love
together as a family this Advent. As we
prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us
closer to each other and to your son.
Give us the grace and strength we need
every day. Help us to always trust in you.*

*Bless this wreath and all who gather
around it. As we light the candles each
week, may the growing light of your
presence bring joy to our hearts.*

*Come, Lord Jesus, and dispel the darkness
of our aching and fragile world with the
light of your love.*

Amen.



2020 Christmas Mass schedule

This year, all of our Christmas Masses will be indoors (limited seating), with the livestream projected to the overflow seating in the Auditorium and Community Life Center.

Mass will be available online on our YouTube channel at **TheCasaFRC**. We will do our best to make each of these liturgies as prayerful as we can, under these unusual circumstances.

There will be no outdoor Masses this Christmas.

Please note that our total seating capacity is 300 for each Mass time. The church doors will open 15 minutes before Mass begins, and Hospitality Ministers will direct everyone to their seats. Once the church is at capacity, it will be closed. Masks covering your nose and mouth are required throughout the Mass.

Christmas Eve Masses

2 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm

Christmas Day Mass

10 am

Holy Communion from 11:30-Noon

The Art & Environment Ministry

We are **really** in need of a few more people with physical strength to help with our Advent and Christmas set-ups. In the midst of the pandemic, our needs are even more dire—we will all need to exercise extra care to help keep everyone healthy and safe. If you can help, please email norbert@thecasa.org.

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Letter from the Director...



Gobble, Gobble says the turkey! Once upon a time, when my kids were growing up, we had a family tradition of shaking the turkey's "hand" before it was popped into the oven! Kind of silly right? But this tradition has lasted through the years and even carried through the generations so that now the grandkids are shaking the turkey's hands!

Traditions: the transmission of customs or beliefs from generation to generation.

Our family traditions are so important to us and help build the foundation on which strong families are built. Even our Church is built on the rituals and traditions of the apostles and early Church community. Thanksgiving is a great opportunity to create or continue our own family traditions.

By doing so, we build memories that last a lifetime, memories that can be passed on from generation to generation, creating bonds and great conversations. Traditions are something that we can look forward to, something that we can count on, just like singing "Happy Birthday" around a cake.

Traditions also bring us closer together. Together as family we are sharing something special that belongs just to us. We are in it together! This sense of togetherness also helps to bridge generation gaps. Everyone from age one to one hundred can shake that turkey's hand!

Finally, our traditions help to define us and give us a sense of identity. Sometimes people can feel lost and not know where they belong. Traditions help ground us and helps us to reconnect with family and friends.

This year, our usual holiday traditions may not be possible. In this time of unsurety we need concrete things to ground us more than ever, a time to find or create new traditions for our families. Go ahead, take a chance, be creative, shake that turkey's hand! As that Fiddler on the Roof sang – "Tradition, tradition, tradition!"

Peace and Good,
Patty Tafolla



Join us the first four Sundays in December as well as Christmas Day via the Casa's Facebook page and the Casa's YouTube channel for a Family Advent Prayer and Lighting of the Advent Wreath!

This Sunday,
November 29
1pm - 3pm



Virtual Retreat Includes:
Advent Catechesis
Advent Game
Family Project
"Viseo Divina" Prayer Experience

See this weeks newsletter or email
dcm@thecasa.org for details!

Family Faith Formation
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Find Family Faith Formation on your favorite social media platform!



For Sacramental Preparation and Family Faith Formation, contact Patty Tafolla at dcm@thecasa.org; for Baptism and Youth Ministry, contact Donna Kinzie at donna@thecasa.org

Advent OLA Community Food Drive

Support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



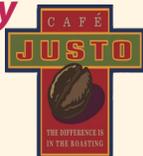
Saturday, December 5
Sunday, December 6
Mornings only
7:30-11:30 am

Donate shelf-stable items to help keep their food bank shelves filled. Items such as canned tuna or chicken, peanut butter (in plastic jars), boxed mac-n-cheese and canned vegetables (low sodium), etc. Pandemic protocols will be followed. Location: FRC- EAST Parking Lot. Follow this [link](#) to the detailed flyer.

Christmas Holly Jolly Café Justo (and Water Bottle) Sale

Sunday Morning only

December 6
8 am-Noon



Café Justo Walk-up Coffee Sale

Tables located in the lane in front of the main entrance/lobby and administrative building. *Bring exact change or a personal check.* \$10 per one-pound bag of coffee. The coffee choices are: one pound bags of Arabica and Robusta, medium and dark roast, ground and bean, regular or decaf coffee. For everyone's safety, pandemic protocols will be used. Consult [calendar of events](#) for more information. For full details follow [Link to Flyer](#).

*See information about the water bottle sale to the right of this column.



The Casa Habitat Ministry is building with Habitat Central Arizona. COVID-19 precautions are in place. Social distancing and masks required. If you are interested in helping contact thecasahabitat@thecasa.org. Full details [found on this flyer](#).

Care for Creation Christmas Water Bottle Sale December 6th 8 am- noon Walk up - in the front driveway.

Celebrate Christmas and Mother Earth. The Care for Creation Ministry is selling stainless steel reusable water bottles with a FRC Logo. These will make great stocking stuffers. **Cost is \$10.** Bring cash or check- no credit accepted.

These bottles help to reduce plastic waste. Why worry about plastics?

1. Creating single-use plastic items uses up significant fossil fuel and water resources.
2. Single-use plastics take anywhere from 20 to 1,000 years to break down.
3. Single-use plastics most often end up in landfills or polluting oceans.



A Prayer (by Oscar Romero)

“We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God’s work. Nothing we do is complete....This is what we are about. We plant seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. ...We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord’s grace to enter and do the rest.”

Join us for

**Acompañamiento: Love Surpasses Fear
 Vigil to Commemorate the 40th Anniversary of
 the Four Martyred Church Women of El Salvador**
 December 1, 2020 6:30-8:00 pm on Zoom

This program is free, but you must register in advance for the Zoom link. See bulletin, page 9, for all details.

For more information about Faith in Action Ministries, contact Patti Sills-Trausch at 480.355.0348 or socialconcerns@thecasa.org, or Laura Libertore at laura@thecasa.org or 480.355.5645.



I found the Casa in 2006 and felt welcomed at my very first Mass. When I attended the outdoor Palm Sunday Mass, I was hooked and knew I had found my spiritual home. I stayed after Mass to help collect bulletins, which led to joining the Hospitality Ministry at 7:30 am Mass. I have lots of memories of the “old church,” Easter Week, Christmas and many, many special events.

At my first Casa Mass, I sat next to Margaret Snider and so began my introduction to Valley Interfaith Project Community Organizing ministry (VIP). One of the first events I attended was a room full of welcoming people of all faiths, and a Rabbi gave the opening prayer. Again, I was hooked. VIP is a big part of my volunteering life for the last 10 years. I am now co-chair of Casa VIP Core Team and am involved at multiple levels. VIP has fed my spirit of being a part of this world. I know I can make small differences in helping our city, state, and country to promote the common good for all people.

The Casa feeds my spirit, gives me joy, and a purpose, as well as renewing my Catholic faith. When COVID-19 arrived and caused our shutdown, I was devastated. To cope, I made twice-weekly trips just to sit on the grounds. I missed all of the community; my volunteering had become a big part of my life and realized I had taken so much for granted. When we were asked to come back, to train with all new protocols, I was one of the first in line. I volunteer for the Casa because I love that I am able to help. I know that I receive back much more than I give. Thank you for the love, the community, the welcoming spirit. They are just a few of the reasons I am so grateful to be a part of this community and the larger community through VIP. —Patty Hunn

For more information on volunteering at the Casa, please visit thecasa.org/volunteer or email volunteer@thecasa.org



Winter 2021 Continuing Education

The Challenges and Blessings of Catholic Family Life Today with Dr. Maureen Day

This January, the Franciscan School of Theology is offering a special continuing education course that will examine the American family's social role through a theological lens. This course will explore the stresses and graces American families encounter and the ways parishes can better serve families as well as generate ways to invite families to become active in their Church and world. This conversation will be shaped through special attention to five virtues: love, tenderness, beauty, generosity, and gratitude.

Classes will be offered online via Zoom from 9:15 am - 12:30 pm Pacific time from Monday, January 18 to Friday, January 22 and may be taken for Continuing Education credit (one CEU).

[Click here for fees and registration.](#)



Dr. Maureen Day is the Assistant Professor of Religion and Society at the Franciscan School of Theology in San Diego, California. She has taught a variety of courses on marriage and family life and has written articles on the topic for both Catholic and academic publications. She has provided her expertise on families and pastoral ministry to the Church at both the diocesan and national level, recently assisting with the San Diego Synod on the Family as well as taking on the role of principal investigator for the 2019 National Study of Catholic Campus Ministry in collaboration with the USCCB's Secretariat on Catholic Education. Maureen, her husband, and their two children attend St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Oceanside.

Support Groups at the Casa (with health and safety guidelines)

No appointment necessary. For support group questions or Individual and Marital/Relationship counseling appointments, please email Ryan Sheade, LCSW at counseling@thecasa.org.

Depression Support Group

Second Tuesday of each month 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Facilitator: Ryan M. Sheade, LCSW

Anxiety Support Group

Fourth Tuesday of each month 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Facilitator: To be determined

Grief and Loss Support Group

Second Wednesday of each month 5:30 – 7:00 pm
Facilitator: Joyce Brimhall, LMSW

Navigating the Immigration Process

First Wednesday of each month 5:30 – 7:00 pm
Facilitator: Ginka Conrey, LMSW

Parents of Children with Autism

First Thursday of each month 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Facilitator: Greg Moody, LAC



Ryan M. Sheade, LCSW, Director,
Therapy, Support, and Counseling Ministry

For more information about the Casa's Therapy, Support, and Counseling Ministry, please email counseling@thecasa.org

Blood Drive

Sponsored by the Casa
Sunday, December 13
7:30 am - 12:30 pm



The Vitalant Bloodmobile will be in the Casa's front parking lot.

Please click here to make an appointment or contact Joanne Hall: 602.790.7146, jhall@vitalant.org. You have the power to **SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES WITH ONE DONATION!** All donors who complete their donation will get a free COVID-19 antibody test.

There is always a need for blood and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Thank you for helping us build a safe and ample blood supply for the State of Arizona!



Acompañamiento: Love Surpasses Fear (on Zoom)

Vigil to Commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Four Martyred Church Women of El Salvador
December 1, 2020 6:30-8:00 pm on Zoom

Franciscan spirituality calls us to accompany those in our society who are vulnerable, poor and hurting. Fr. Daniel Barica, OFM, will give witness in this prayer service. Fr. Daniel was in El Salvador in 1993 and 1994.

These martyrs of El Salvador: Dorothy Kazel, OS; Ita Ford, MM; Maura Clarke, MM; and Jean Donovan were witnesses to a living faith that serves the Gospels amidst times of chaos, unrest and injustice. In prayer, we will honor and learn about their lives, their deaths, how they were about *acompañamiento*, and how they can inspire us today to our own Christian witness. We will offer small group time for participants to share. This program is free. Registration for the Zoom link is required by November 30. **Click Here** to register.



A Brush With God Virtual Icon Workshop (on Google Classroom) Begins Tuesday, Dec. 1

with Iconographer, Peter Pearson, M Div., Th.D.,

An on-demand workshop, perfect for the Advent season! This contemporary version of the Kazan Mother of God (Kazanskaya) icon uses a very simple, bi-chromatic color scheme, echoing the colors of the desert. **You can paint at your own pace, as new steps are added every day or so.** Optional weekly group check-ins for questions and shared learning conversations.

Fee \$100. Pre-registration required.



First Friday—Day of Reconciliation (on Zoom)

Friday, Dec. 4 | 10 am - 1 pm

with Margaret Riley and Jesse Manibusan

Join us for this special virtual morning presented by the Retreat Houses of the St. Barbara Province. Prepare for Christmas by journeying into you "Inner Self" to create room for the Christ Child to be born once again within you. Take a step back from the pressing concerns of everyday life

and reflect prayerfully on the current state of your relationships with God, with your family and friends, with the church and with the world in which you live. **Fee \$10. Pre-registration required.**



The History and Symbolism of Our Lady of Guadalupe (on Zoom)

Saturday, Dec. 12 | 10 - 11 am

with Arasely Rios Quinones

During this online workshop, Arasely will share: The miraculous history of Our Lady of Guadalupe; How did the name Guadalupe come about?; Is she a painting?; The symbols behind the image; The scientific studies

of this miraculous image. **Fee: \$10. Pre-registration required.**



Introduction to Centering Prayer (on Zoom)

Saturday, Dec. 12 | 9 am - 1 pm

with Sharon Taszarek and Carole Whittaker, Ph.D.

Learn the basic elements for sitting in silence and have several opportunities for practice. Ample time is given for discussion and feedback. **Fee: \$35. Pre-registration required.**

For more information or to register for any of our programs, please visit <http://frc.retreatportal.com/> or email lora@thecasa.org



Marian Window Retreat (on Campus)

Friday, Jan. 15 - Sunday, Jan. 17

with Laura Thurbon

One of the most beautiful aspects of the Our Lady of the Angels Church is the stunning Marian window. This unique retreat will provide you the opportunity to paint your own Marian Window on canvas and learn more about the window itself.

Well-known artist Laura Thurbon will lead the retreat with presentations from the FRC staff about the Marian window. Immerse yourself in beauty and creativity during this special weekend.

Fee, incl. materials and meals: Commuter: \$225; Double: \$275; Single: \$325. Pre-registration required.



The Joy of Journaling (on Zoom)

A New Year, A New You, Through Journaling

Saturday, Jan. 23, 9 am - Noon

with Bonnie Wasniewski, BS Ed., MAOM

Writing is a powerful form of reflection, meditation and/or prayer. This Zoom presentation can be that little nudge you need to try something new or possibly guide you to finding your way back to journaling.

Fee: \$35. Pre-registration required.

Bonnie Wasniewski, BS ED., MAOM is the author of The Joy of Journaling. She worked at the Franciscan Renewal Center with Peace and Nonviolence Programs as well as teaching programs on journaling. Previously she taught elementary Language Arts in Chicago. She has written articles for The Way and Arizona Together Newspaper. She has published the first in a series of children's books and is currently working on a new book.



Your Story, Your Legacy: Exploring Your Spiritual Legacy Virtual Workshop (on Zoom)

Saturday, Feb. 20, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

with Mary Dunn

There has never been a better time to step away and take measure of all that life has given us and what we will leave behind. Be inspired to understand your sacred life story more deeply, honestly and lovingly;

discover the legacy that is uniquely yours to pass on; and convey your wishes to loved ones.

Fee: \$35. Pre-registration required.

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From Here to Eternity: A Spirituality for Living and Dying (on Zoom)

Saturday, Feb. 27, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm with Darleen Pryds, Ph.D

We'll sensitively explore a practical spirituality that is willing to look directly at the end of life with the purpose of bringing a renewed sense of beauty and vitality to living. Practical tips for preparing an Advance Directive and planning for the end of life are embedded in this day of joy-filled reflection on life fully lived. The day includes experiential meditations on deep listening and cultivating presence, as well as engaging, interactive explorations of the Franciscan awareness of the beauty that can be found in both life and death. Special attention will be given to addressing the particular circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, specifically the experience of isolation of many people who are sick and who are dying; an exploration of how we experience isolation and distance; and opportunities to reflect on how to live fully with uncertainty.

Fee: \$40. Pre-registration required.

Holy Week Retreat 2021 (on Campus) | Saturday, March 27 - Sunday, April 4

Holy Week Retreat Part I, March 27 - March 31 Lodging, including meals: \$100 Single, \$80 double, per night, per person, Sunday night through Wednesday night. Stay as many nights as you wish within this span. Email lora@thecasa.org for general registration. Pre-registration required. **Holy Week Retreat Part II, Holy Thursday, April 1 - Easter Sunday, April 4 Fee: \$375 single; \$230 double, per person, with lodging and meals. Pre-registration required.**

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1. You can use the secure web site at www.ctso-tucson.org. Please be sure to designate St. Charles Apache Mission School as the school of choice.
2. Or make out a check to C.T.S.O., and designate St. Charles Apache Mission School on memo line. Mail to: C.T.S.O. P.O. Box 14467 Tucson, AZ 85732
3. If you wish to make a direct donation to the school (charitable deduction but not a tax credit), make a check out to the school. Mail it directly to St. Charles Apache Mission School Box 339, San Carlos, AZ 85550.

Together we can make a big difference!

Friends, Fellowship, and Friars

A Virtual Visit with the Friars!

Tuesday, December 8, 4:30 - 5:00 pm

Our traditions are an important part of how we celebrate Christmas. Spend a little time today with our friars as they share their favorite traditions and talk about Christmas. They will even share a Christmas recipe or two.

Please register for this Zoom meeting here.



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DISCOVER THE VISION ON ZOOM

You're invited to Discover the Vision, Virtually!

An introduction to the Casa's mission and ministries.

Thursdays

December 3	11:00 am
December 17	6:00 pm
January 7	11:00 am
January 21	6:00 pm

Reserve your spot today:

online: thecasa.org/discover-the-vision

phone: **480.355.5631**

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Casa Men in Spirit. This faith sharing group of Christian men meets every other Saturday via Zoom for discussion, study, lectures and guidance. We are currently studying/discussing Richard Rohr's "The Universal Christ." Contact Al Sapia-Bosch 602.748.6149) or Chuck Jirauch 480.290.968. MenInSpirit@thecasa.org

Casa Prayer Partners petition prayers and prays for our human family. Send requests to: CasaPrayerPartners@thecasa.org

Casa Rosary Group meets Tuesdays at 6 pm Temporarily we are meeting telephonically and online. Call in number is 518.418.1722 or join by video-conference: www.freeconferencecall.com/wall/jgpeck, meeting ID: jgpeck. Or you can email prayer intentions to James Peck at jgpeck@gmail.com, and he will make sure they get offered up with the Rosary.

Interfaith Healing Prayers meets Fridays following 8 am Mass by email, until we can meet in person. Please contact Terri at healingprayer@thecasa.org. All are welcome to participate.

The Order of Secular Franciscans (OFS) Peace Fraternity meets on Zoom on the second Sunday of the month. This canonical Order of the Catholic Church is open to lay Catholics. Contact: Pat Kennedy, OFS, at 602.284.9343.

Spiritual Direction at the Casa. Currently, we are offering spiritual direction sessions on Zoom. Please email spiritualdirection@thecasa.org for more information and to schedule an appointment.

About the Franciscan Renewal Center

In 1951, the Casa de Paz y Bien began as a Catholic retreat center in Scottsdale. Now, as the Franciscan Renewal Center (still affectionately called the Casa) we offer opportunities for spiritual growth, healing and transformation that moves lives into the service of others.

The Casa was founded by and is today an active religious community of the Order of Friars Minor, part of the worldwide Franciscan family, following the footsteps of Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi. The Casa is a wholly owned entity of the Franciscan Friars Province of Saint Barbara, based in Oakland, California, that works cooperatively with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix.

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