

September 17, 2023

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

RENEWAL

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Dear Holy People of God, Number 7 is often considered a number of divine perfection and completeness in Judeo-Christian symbolism. In the context of creation, God completed His work in seven days, underscoring the idea of wholeness and perfection. It's also associated with rest, as God rested on the seventh day after creating the world. Throughout the Bible, the number 7 appears frequently, representing spiritual fullness and divine order.

In the verse, when Jesus tells Peter to forgive not just seven times but seventy-seven times, He is emphasizing a message of boundless mercy and compassion. By using the number 77, Jesus is extending the idea of divine completeness in forgiveness. He's teaching that forgiveness should not be limited by a specific number; rather, it should be granted without measure, just as God's forgiveness knows no bounds.

This teaching goes beyond a mere numerical value and delves into the depth of the human heart and its capacity to forgive. It challenges us to move beyond our natural inclination to hold grudges or set limits on our forgiveness. Of course, it is not easy.

In essence, the verse with the number 7 encourages us to embrace forgiveness as an act of divine love, underscoring the transformative power of compassion and reconciliation. It serves as a reminder that forgiveness not only heals relationships but also nourishes the soul and draws us closer to the divine example of perfect love and mercy.

May the Lord help us and transform us,

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](https://www.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 **Sunday** **8:00 am – 1:00 pm**

Monday & Tuesday **Closed**

Wed. – Fri. **10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Saturday **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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Infant Baptisms

Once upon a time, it was common to baptize infants during a Liturgy of the Word on a Sunday afternoon apart from the regular Sunday eucharistic liturgy. Perhaps only the priest and a few family members with the godparents were present. One had the sense this was a private, family celebration. Today, we celebrate infant Baptisms within the Sunday eucharistic liturgy because we recognize that sacraments are communal events — celebrations of and by the Church and take place within the community of the Church. The sacrament of Baptism changes the status of the one being baptized — one emerges from the font born into a relationship with the Church and with God.

Celebrating Baptism during Sunday eucharistic liturgies heightens the rich theology of the Rite of Baptism. The baby is being *incorporated* (from the Latin *corpus*, meaning “body”) into the body of Christ, the Church. Sunday Eucharist is the primary event that the Church community gathers. So, in the Rite of Baptism, it’s not just the parents and godparents that have responsibility for the new member of the Church. All members have “an important part to play in the baptism of the child” (Rite of Baptism of Children, 4). The “faith in which the children are baptized is not the private possession of the individual family, but the common treasure of the whole Church of Christ” (#4).

The community is present to help, support, pray, and nurture the faith of the child as he or she grows in communion with Jesus Christ and the Church itself. Parents and godparents hopefully have a sense that this child will be nurtured and supported in the faith as he or she grows in the life of Christ.

In two weeks we will celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis.

As we have come to know, Saint Francis of Assisi was a man with keen vision, exquisite sensitivity, a great heart, and a deep conviction of eternal values. Certainly he was someone deserving of a great celebration of his gift to the world. Please come and join with the friars and the Casa community to celebrate his life and inspiration!



**At all Masses the weekend of
September 30 and October 1**

“Transitus”

*The memorial of the passing of St. Francis
Celebrated on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 7 pm*

Each year, lovers of St. Francis from all over the world solemnly gather to commemorate a touching event in his remarkable life. It is called the *TRANSITUS* — that is, his passage from earthly life to everlasting life. Francis died on the evening of October 3, just as the brothers were singing.

The Transitus uniquely celebrates our Franciscan identity by rooting ourselves ritually both in sacred Scripture and the historical foundations of the brotherhood. Saint Francis is rumored to have had a “sweet tooth” ... Lady Jacoba used to bake almond cookies as a gift for him. In fact, she brought them to him the night he died. To celebrate that sweet memory, each year we have a dessert potluck by the poolside after the Transitus service. All are invited to bring something sweet to share!

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Whole Community Ministry

For ALL members of the community and for all ages

- **Whole Community Sunday:**
- Sunday, September 24 from 10:30 am - 12 pm in Piper Hall. Please RSVP on our portal or contact fred@thecasa.org:

Whole Community Sunday includes:

- Coffee And...
- Opening Prayer with everyone
- Break off sessions with children and catechists
- Friends of Francis & Clare (4th & 5th graders) break off with their parents. 6th – 8th graders help lead.
- Witness talk and faith sharing for HS Teens, parents, young adults and older adults.

More information to come!



Sacrament Preparation Ministry

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

- **Baptized Into Our Community This Weekend:**

George Robert Buhrow

Parents: Bradley and Kathleen Buhrow

Kyle Anthony Luu

Parents: Matthew and Andrea Luu

Clementine Cora Bockting

Poppy Plum Bockting

Parents: Daniel and Teri Bockting

John Christian Shalkevich

Parents: Jacob and Olivia Shalkevich

For more information about infant baptism preparation, contact cheryl@thecasa.org

- **Year Two Sacrament Preparation:** First Eucharist: Session One | Sunday, 9/17/23 | 10:30 am-Noon | Piper Hall, Garces Room
- **Year One Sacrament Preparation:** First Reconciliation: Session One | Sunday, 10/1/23 10:30 am-Noon | Piper Hall, Garces Room



Family Ministry

For families with children - birth to 5th 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.
- **Young Family Sunday:** Sunday, October 8 10:30 am-12:00 pm | Right after the 9:15 am Mass in Capistrano! For any family who have children between birth and 5 years old!
- **Friends of Francis & Clare:** Sunday, September 24 | 10:30 am-Noon in Capistrano. For grades 4 & 5 with parents.
- Don't miss **Catholic Night** at Chase Field! Friday, September 29. Scan for tickets:



- **OCIT (Order of Christian Initiation for Teens)** – Do you know a teen who has not completed all their Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation)? Sacrament Preparation is essential to our journey as Catholic Christians! Teens will begin meeting next month on Thursday evenings to begin a faith journey that will help them discover what the Catholic Church teaches and believes. This process will take place in a comfortable, friendly, and informal environment designed for teens. Contact Donna for more information.
- **OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults):** First Inquiry Session is Thursday, September 28 at 7 pm in Piper Hall. Contact fred@thecasa.org for more information.

Director of Faith Formation, Fred Mercadante, fred@thecasa.org;

for Sacrament Preparation, Family Catechesis & Infant Baptism, contact Donna Kinzie at donna@thecasa.org;

for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, contact Cheryl Hentz at chentz@thecasa.org.

Youth Ministry

For 6th-12th graders and their families

- **Middle School Youth Ministry:** Meets Sunday, September 24. Teens in grades 6 – 8 help lead the Friends of Francis & Clare Ministry after the 9:15 Mass. First Gathering is Sunday, September 24.
- **High School Youth Ministry:** Meets September 24 at 10:30 am as a part of Whole Community Sunday.
- **Be an OCIT Sponsor:** We are looking for fully initiated high-school-age teens (meaning those who have been confirmed) who are willing to accompany other teens this year as they prepare for Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist. Contact donna@thecasa.org if interested.

Young Adult Ministry

For young adults ages 18-39

- **Bibles & Bagels:** Every Sunday | 10:30 – 11:00 am in Capistrano Room 2
- **Courtyard Convos:** Friday, October 13 6:30 – 9:00 pm in Capistrano.



For Young Adult Ministry, contact Cheryl Hentz at chentz@thecasa.org



DISCOVER THE VISION

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

Thursdays

October 5	11:00 am
November 2	11:00 am
December 7	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

**Public Tours will return
in October!**

During June, July, August, and September, private tours for individuals and groups can be requested five days in advance.

Tour Requests

online: thecasa.org/art-docent-tours
email: churchtours@thecasa.org
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**September:
Hunger Action Month**

Sign-up for service on FIA LinkTree



- *Taizé Prayer Service*, September 27 at 7 pm. All are welcome.
- *Service Project(s)*:
 - Desert Mission Food Bank*, Wednesday
 - October 11
 - Casa Fall Food Drive*
 - Sun, Oct. 15. Volunteer to help via email.
- *Visit the Ministry Team* at tables after all Masses on October 7 & 8. Learn more hunger and upcoming activities, join the ministry.
- *Donate. Casa Fall Food Drive*, Sunday Morning, October 15. Bring shelf stable, non-perishable items for St. Vincent de Paul.

Your Involvement Matters

Download the flyer of activities. <https://tr.ee/ataLiu9xs>- You may get an “unavailable” message — the PDF is still there, click on “view.”

Email hungeraction@thecasa.org for additional information.

Keep the Water Flowing Workshop



*The Future of Water
in Arizona*

**Thursday, September 28
6:30 - 9:00 pm**

Last chance to register for this program is on Wednesday, September 27.

For more information and to register, visit the FIA LinkTree: linktr.ee/socialconcerns

**Service Pilgrimage
to Casa Franciscana Mission in Guaymas, MX
Monday, Oct 2 - Thursday, Oct 5**

Join the Casa Franciscana Board on pilgrimage this October during Transitus and the Feast of Francis. Learn about the wonderful ministry that takes place down in Guaymas. For more information and to register, visit FIA LinkTree.



**Meet
Fr. Martín, OFM**

linktree.com/socialconcerns

**Potluck,
Popcorn and
Peace
Movie
Matinee**



**Saturday, September 23
12:30-3:30 pm, Fee \$10
*Register Now on FRC portal.***

Registration closes on Sept. 21 at 7 pm.

Featured Film: “Lidia Celebrates America, *Flavors that Define Us.*” TV host and restaurateur, Lidia Bastianich, explores the immigrant experience through food. Bastianich travels to both new and established immigrant communities, and shares stories of first, second, and third-generation Americans. She asks about their motivations, challenges, and experiences.

Celebrate World Peace Day: Each year the *International Day of Peace (IDP)* is observed around the world on September 21. Registered participants are asked to bring a potluck item to share for our “World Table.” Share a dish meaningful for you. Share a recipe if you wish.

Details are available on the informational flyer found on *FIA LinkTree*. You can view and/or download the flyer: <https://tinyurl.com/y2ryk6uw>

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



Connectedness of All Creation

This year, Pope Francis is calling on us to participate in the Season of Creation to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home. The season starts September 1, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. This year's theme is from the Book of Amos announcing God's desire for justice to

flow like a mighty river. During this month, Pope Francis encourages us to join the mighty river of justice by transforming our hearts, our lifestyles, and our public policies.

This theme seems very pertinent in this time when our mighty Colorado River is drying up, driving change for all of us who live here. As Franciscans, what is being asked of us personally? During this month, can I intentionally spend more time praying in God's Creation? Are there lifestyle changes I could be making with my water usage? Do I know who will be the future winners and losers in the State as water is less available? Is there a role for me as a citizen to contribute to local and state policy decisions?

On September 28, the VIP Casa Core team will be hosting an educational program on the water issues we are facing in AZ. As a Franciscan organization we acknowledge our connectedness to all creation and encourage you to learn more about your role by attending. <https://tinyurl.com/uh23cbyr>

**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, LMSW

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.
counseling@thecasa.org

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Mass Offerings

9.3.23	\$19,130
9.4.22	\$23,809

In-Person Mass Attendance

9.3.23	1029
9.4.22	888

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email: counseling@thecasa.org phone: 480.948.7460, ext. 134



RETREAT

Our Unfinished Stories

October 13 – 15, Friday – Sunday

Diane Millis, PhD, Author of "Re-Creating a Life"

Are you trying to make sense of the space between what you thought your life was going to be and what it actually is? You can recreate your inner narrative to reflect who you currently are and who you are being called to become.

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

Register: frc.retreatportal.com



RETREAT

Camino Franciscano Retreat with Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy

October 27 – 29, Friday – Sunday

Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy, OFM

The Invitation: On this Franciscan weekend, let Sts. Francis and Clare be your guides as they walk with you through the town of Assisi. You will walk in the footsteps of Francis and Claire, focusing on pilgrimage and retreat, the going forth and the going within on the Soul's journey.

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



RETREAT

Legacy Retreat

October 28 – October 29, Saturday – Sunday

Mary Dunn and Alanna Mack

Whether you've experienced a Legacy Workshop before, or this will be your first time, we warmly welcome you to join us for our expanded Your Story, Your Legacy Retreat. Come for a wonderful weekend of self-discovery and soulful conversation that will renew and strengthen you for the journey ahead!

Fee, incl. meals: \$200 single room; \$125 commuter. Register: frc.retreatportal.com



WORKSHOP

Contemplation as Gazing and Grazing

November 2, Thursday 7 – 9 pm or November 3, Friday 10 - Noon

Tom Stella

Our time together will focus on contemplative approach to living our day-to-day and often unexciting lives. Seeing (gazing) through contemplative eyes can enable us to live (graze) in such a way as to feel peace and experience passion — signs that God is close at hand.

Fee: \$20. 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.

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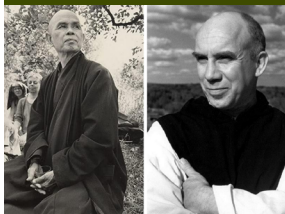
**Thich Nhat Hanh and Thomas Merton:
Guides for a life of Prayer and Peace**

November 3 – November 5, Friday – Sunday

Tom Stella and Dr. Albert Celozza

Buddhist and Catholic monks Thich Nhat Hanh and Thomas Merton found in each other a true brotherhood based on their belief in the relationship between prayer and social action. Through presentations, discussions, meditation and prayer, we will open ourselves to the teachings of these two great mentors who embodied what they taught.

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



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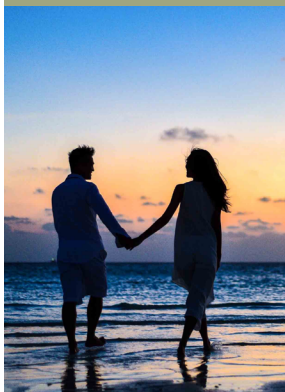
Marriage: It's Not for the Faint of Heart

November 17 – November 19, Friday – Sunday

Erica Tatum-Sheade, LCSW and Ryan Sheade, LCSW

Develop your relationship beyond simply "doing what you're supposed to" or "making it work" and into a marriage that is fulfilling and full of meaning and purpose for both partners.

**Fee, incl meals: \$175 per person double room; \$150 per person commuter.
Register: frc.retreatportal.com**



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Live Your Relationships as a Spiritual Practice

December 1 – December 3, Friday – Sunday

LaShelle Lowe-Charde

Living your relationships as a spiritual practice means being able to trust yourself to live your values moment-by-moment in the most mundane activities of daily life. It means that in your interactions with family, friends, community, co-workers, and partners you work to stay grounded in living from your deepest values like love, equity, peace, care, and kindness.

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



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Brush with God

December 7 – December 10, Thursday – Sunday

Peter Pearson, M Div

We'll follow the ancient process of creating an icon in a prayerful environment, with a bit of historical background mixed in. All supplies are provided and no prior experience is required.

**Fee, incl. meals: \$600 single room; \$400 commuter incl. 2 dinners and 1 lunch.
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.

25th Anniversary Tour to England November 4 – 12, 2023

In honor of the 25th anniversary of the commissioning of *The Saint John's Bible*, the Heritage Program is hosting a pilgrimage to some of the most renowned Anglican institutions across England. With stops in historic locations such as Lambeth Palace, Canterbury Cathedral, and Sarum College, spectators to the presentations of *The Saint John's Bible* will witness the installation of sacred art to the historical canon of religious works in each location.

Space is limited — register today!

cvent.com/event/8cbbfbfc-45db-4767-9b47-b4e42b23881e/summary

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 Meditation Chapel every Monday at 7 – 8 am through Oct. 9, to appreciate God's natural creations through readings, prayer, silent wandering, and reflection. CareforCreation@thecasa.org

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. Currently, we are discussing "Poverty and Joy, The Franciscan Tradition," by Br. William Short, OFM. Zoom available. Steve Hempelman 602.821.7178. meninspirit@thecasa.org

Prayer Partners petition prayers and prays for our human family. Send requests to: casaprayerpartners@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 johnelder@gmail.com or 480.580.7750.

Mass Intentions September 17 – September 23, 2023

Sunday	
<i>William Stang</i>	7:30 am
<i>Betty Powell</i>	9:15 am
<i>Nick Camero</i>	11:00 am
Monday	
<i>Micheal McCloskey</i>	8:00 am
Tuesday	
<i>Howard Theis</i>	8:00 am
Wednesday	
<i>G. William Arce</i>	8:00 am
Thursday	
<i>Tehrū Mochioa San</i>	8:00 am
Friday	
<i>Bill Bried</i>	8:00 am
Saturday	
<i>Robert A. Gubser</i>	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 is a sponsored ministry of the Province of St. Barbara and works cooperatively with the Diocese of Phoenix.



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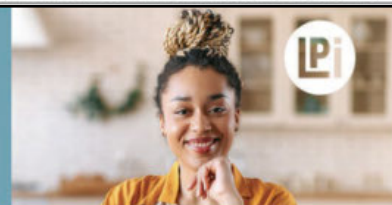


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