July 16, 2023

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PASTORAL REFLECTION



Dear Holy People of God, In the parable of the Sower and the Seed that we read this Sunday, Jesus compares the reception of the Word of God to different types of soil. Each soil represents a different disposition or state of the human heart

and mind when it comes to receiving and responding to the teachings of God.

Reflecting on this parable, it is important for us to evaluate the condition of our hearts and minds. Are we open and receptive to the Word of God? Are we willing to let it take root and transform us? Are we actively cultivating an environment that allows the seed to grow and bear fruit?

Just as different soils require different care and attention for growth, each of us may need unique approaches to nourish our spiritual lives. We can engage in practices such as prayer, meditation, studying scripture, and participating in a community of believers to foster spiritual growth.

Ultimately, it is a lifelong journey to become good soil, and we may encounter various challenges along the way. However, by recognizing our differences and working on the condition of our hearts, we can create an environment where the seed of the Word of God can flourish, leading to a life that is deeply rooted in faith, love, and understanding.

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 Prayer2nd & 4th Wednesday7:00 pmReconciliationSaturday2:00 - 3:00 pmGuest ServicesSun. - Sat.6:00 am -7:30 pmAdoration1st Friday6:00 pmBookstoreSunday8:00 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 <u>bible.usccb.org/</u>.

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The 4th Annual Casa Creche Festival planning has begun! And, this is the 800th anniversary for Franciscans

This December, we'll be celebrating the 800th Anniversary of the Christmas experience of Sant Francis of Assisi in the little Italian village of Greccio – which started the tradition of setting up nativity scenes in our churches, towns, and homes. And, this will be the 4th Annual Casa Creche Festival!

Over the years, we've had hundreds of "creches" – or, nativity scenes – on display in our Community Life Center from many different cultures and traditions. This exciting collection of diverse and interesting nativity sets are on loan from members of the Casa community.

If you would like to be involved in the planning of this special and unique holiday experience, please email norbert@thecasa.org. This is such an important part of the Franciscan story – please consider helping us make it extra special this year!

Special Collection for the Black and Native American Missions - next week

Established in 1884, the Black and Indian Mission Office distributes these funds as diocesan grants, providing much needed assistance and resources to support the evangelization needs to our Black and Native American brothers and sisters in the United States.

For more information, or to make a direct gift online, please visit their website: https://blackandindianmission.org/donate

The Apostles' Creed series - part 4 (of 5)

This five week series will break down the 12 articles of the Apostles Creed.

(Source material excerpted from catholicworldmission.org, contributed by Rev. John Trigilio, Jr. and Rev. Kenneth Brighenti.)

At its core, the Apostles' Creed is a profession of faith in God and His teachings, and it includes articles about each of the three persons of the Holy Trinity. This creed serves as a concise summary of Catholics' beliefs and the core aspects of the Scripture and God's teachings.

Article 7: He Will Come Again to Judge the Living and the Dead.

There will be a Second Coming of Jesus at the end of the world, known as Judgement Day, where all will be judged. We believe that there is an immediate judgment of a person upon their death, but that there is also a general judgment of all of creation at the Second Coming.

Article 8: I Believe in the Holy Spirit.

We acknowledge that God exists in three persons known as the Holy Trinity, consisting of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Each of these "persons" is distinct but equal in divinity to one another.

Article 9: The Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints.

The Church is more than a mere institution, but rather an essential dimension of our spiritual lives; a way for us to celebrate the glory of God in *community* with other believers. This Church is not just here and now, but also a mystical bond ("a *communion*") that unites the living and the dead.

(to be continued next week)

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Reflecting on the Word

Throughout the New Testament, Jesus talked about the Kingdom of heaven through the use of parables. With this method of teaching, he used something from everyday life - a seed, a woman making bread, a pearl, a shepherd - and revealed truths about himself or the kingdom of heaven. When we ponder the truths in the parables and pray with them, something different might be revealed to us each time. For two thousand years, we have been pondering these parables and Jesus is still speaking to us through them.

Discussing the Word

ON THE WAY TO MASS...

Why do you think Jesus taught in parables?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS...

Parables are stories that teach a lesson. What lessons do you think Jesus wanted us to learn?

Living the Word

Some parables that are good for all ages are the parable of the mustard seed (Mark 4:30-32), the parable of the precious pearl (Matthew 13:45-46), and the parable of the found sheep (Luke 15:4-6). On different days this week, choose a parable to read and think about together. What is Jesus trying to reveal in this parable?





Sacrament Preparation Registration

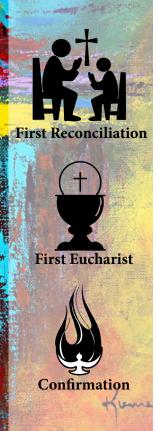
Scan the QR Code to access the downloadable registration form.



Year One - Preparation for First Reconciliation. (children age 7 & up)

Year Two - Preparation for Confirmation and First Eucharist. (children age 8 & up)

Email registration to: donna@thecasa.org



For Sacrament Preparation, Family Catechesis & Infant Baptism, contact Donna Kinzie at <u>donna@thecasa.org;</u> for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, contact Cheryl Hentz at <u>chentz@thecasa.org</u>.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Never Give Up:

Hope for parents and grandparents when loved ones reject Catholicism

Tuesday, July 25 | 6 – 8 pm | \$10 registration fee

Do you know any young people who have walked away from the Catholic Church? Joyce Coronel, a mother of five grown sons shares how four of her five adult children rejected Catholicism but are finding their way back. Never, ever give up! Join us as we hear her struggles and successes. Together we will learn ways to accompany young people as they find their way back. There IS hope and this presentation offers plenty.







Use the QR code to register on the FRC retreat portal.

STAY CONNECTED WITH YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY











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

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

Thursdays

August 3 11:00 am

September 7 11:00 am

October 5 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:

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Engaging Spirituality: Bearing Witness

Online/virtual Program. Wednesdays, 3 – 5 pm. September 13 – November 1

Two "in-person" days: Opening Reflection Day on Wednesday, September 13; Immersion Day on Saturday, October 14.

Engaging Spirituality: daily practices for living deeply (a contemplative life) and loving broadly (a compassionate life).

All details are available on the informational flyer found on FIA LinkTree. Email <u>es@thecasa.org</u> with questions.

Café Justo!

Available Throughout the Summer at Two Locations

Try our delicious, fair-trade, organic, shade-grown, recently roasted (fresh) coffee. Cost is \$10 per one-pound bag. Your purchase helps families in the 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 a seller, contact Eileen at* <u>casagrounds@thecasa.org</u>.

Need a summertime iced coffee?
Brew your coffee with less water, let it cool/chill before pouring over ice.
Or, plan ahead and make "coffee ice cubes," for less diluted coffee.



Keep the Water Flowing Workshop

The Future of Water in Arizona



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

Learn from industry experts on water issues confronting the State of Arizona. Current members of the AZ State Legislature along with a representative from the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) will discuss public policy surrounding the supply and demand for Arizona water.

Register now on FIA LinkTree: linktree.com/socialconcerns

ESL Volunteer Orientations



We are searching for ESL volunteers for the following service sites this Fall:

- *St. Andrew's Lutheran Church* in Northwest Phoenix
- Chicanos Por La Causa in West Phoenix

Volunteer orientations to be held on **July 29** and **August 10**. **No teaching experience required,** only a willingness to serve those who are learning English as an additional language!

For more information, please contact <u>esl@thecasa.org</u>

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

COMMUNITY CONNECTION



My name is Br. Kevin Hamzik OFM and I am originally from Cleveland, Ohio. I attended Padua Franciscan High School, where I first met the friars and began to learn about the lives of Sts. Francis and Clare. My vocational journey began in high school, where I went on mission trips through the school to the Dominican Republic. We helped build homes, playgrounds and run a baseball camp for children.

I attended St. Bonaventure University in Allegany, New York, and graduated with a degree in studio art. Over time I met more friars and began to learn about the Franciscan way of life. While there, I was also able to go on pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, arranged by the school; soon after, I began to discern a vocation as a friar.

I entered the order right out of college and have been in it ever since. I am an artist whose main medium of work is oil painting. I work mainly in spiritual and religious works, channeling my Franciscan spirituality and life experiences into each painting in some way.

I believe that beauty can be found in all places and in all experiences in some way, which brings us closer to the divine love of God. I am currently in my third year of simple vows and getting ready to start my Master of Fine Arts degree at Columbia College in Chicago. My focus now is on learning more about retreat ministry, and I will be helping out the staff at the Casa over the summer.

— Br. Kevin Hamzik, OFM

If you would like to share your Casa story (250 words), email jbruzza@thecasa.org

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 for one-on-one therapy and support group sessions 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

7.2.23 \$21,021

7.3.22 \$20,914

In-Person Mass Attendance

7.2.23 869

7.3.22 963



ONLINE SUMMER COURSES

Courses Begin June 26

Monday — Friday 9:15 am – 12:30 pm Fee: \$250 per course Offered over Zoom

For more information and registration, visit: fst.edu/degrees-programs/continuing-education/

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

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



RETREAT

Come with Me to the Sea of Galilee September 8 –10, Friday – Sunday

Fr. Page Polk

In our time together, we will look at the background of the Gospel of Matthew. The Beatitudes are part of one of the fives discourses of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel. We will look at each of the nine Beatitudes, what they mean, and how these blueprints/bombshells have the potential to shape our thinking and living.

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



RETREAT

Nurturing Your Compassionate Heart Retreat September 15 – 17, Friday – Sunday

Ruth Baker and Colleen Shephard

A retreat for all who long to grow in the Christ-centered virtue of self-love that turns into compassionate care for self and others. In this guided retreat we will explore the movement of compassion and gently explore the areas that impede our spiritual growth. We will connect our need for self-compassion and forgiveness as a way to extend compassion to others.

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

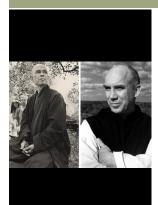
Mary Dunn and Alanna Mack

Whether you've experienced a Legacy Workshop before, or this will be your first time, we warmly welcome you to join us for our newly expanded Your Story, Your Legacy Retreat. Come join us 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

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.

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



RETREAT

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

November 3 - November 5, Friday - Sunday

Tom Stella and Jerry Braza

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



RETREAT

Marriage: It's Not for the Faint of Heart November 17 – November 19, Friday – Sunday

Erica Tatum-Sheade, LCSW and Ryan Sheade, LCSW

Join us to 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.



RETREAT

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.



RETREAT

Brush with God

December 7 - December 10, Friday - 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 incls. 2 dinners and 1 lunch. 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>.

Christian Meditation at the Casa

Wednesdays, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm *In the Cornerstone Room behind the East parking lot.* (Also known as Cornerstone Contemplative Meditation.)

The Franciscan Renewal Center ("the Casa") is a place for spiritual growth, healing, and community that is open to everyone, regardless of faith.

The Casa offers weekly contemplative prayer, which is, as taught by John Main, OSB, as "natural to the spirit as breathing is to the body." Read first Colossians, 15 "the image of the invisible God"... 26 "the mystery hidden"... 27 " is Christ in you!" Christian meditation is a Path to Transformation.

For more information Contact Joanne Rapp: joannemr@cox.net

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: joannemr@cox.net

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 johncelder@gmail.com or 480.580.7750.

Mass Intentions July 16 – July 22, 2023

Sun	ıday

Prosperity for Parents	7:30 am
John Pastore	9:15 am
William Kenney	11:00 am

Monday

Irene C. McWenney 8:00 am

Tuesday

Rachel & Elizabeth Kaiser 8:00 am

Wednesday

Sharon Waldman 8:00 am

Thursday

Matt Boudrov 8:00 am

Friday

Benita C. Espinoza 8:00 am

Saturday

Thomas M. Mitchell 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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