May 5, 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter RENEWAL

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PASTORAL REFLECTION



"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you."

That's a tall order. A seemingly simple ask, but, as the course of human history has shown us, it's not an easy one.

To love each other as Christ has loved us means that I am called to imitate Jesus in my words and actions, a task in which I constantly fall short. But each of us is given new opportunities every day to live out this commandment. So, even though we may fall short (Romans 3:23-24), there are endless ways in which we can rise to the call.

Jesus loved us by reaching out to the lost, feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger. We can do the same by reaching out to someone we don't know sitting next to us in our pews at church. Everyone is going through some kind of trial in life. Something as simple as a kind word or gesture can go a long way. We can quite literally feed the hungry by donating to a food pantry or volunteering our time to a dining room that serves the homeless. And we can give money or supplies to refugee centers that assist those fleeing their home countries due to terrorism or war. Our own Matthew 25 Ministry here at the Casa is a great way to get involved in this important work.

Loving others as Christ loved us. How do you feel called to live this out in your own life?

Richard Guerra Assistant Director of Liturgy & Music

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 <u>YouTube.com/theCasaFRC</u>

Taizé Prayer	2nd & 4th Wedn	esday 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. Mon. Tue. – Thu. Fri. Sat.	8:00 am - 1:00 pm Closed 10:00 am - 2:00 pm 10:00 am - 6:30 pm 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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This weekend: The Yellow Candle Proiect

The Yellow Candle Project was created in 1981 to keep alive the memory of the six million Jews who perished

in the Holocaust. The Candle is modeled after a traditional Jewish memorial Yahrzeit candle that burns for 24 hours on the death anniversary of a family member. The candle's yellow wax serves to remind us of the yellow arm band which Jews were forced to wear during the Nazi regime. The Casa community is invited to stand in solidarity with our Jewish sisters and brothers and all those who perished during the Holocaust. This year, Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) begins at sunset on Sunday, May 5 and ends at sunset on Monday, May 6. Yellow candles are lit beginning Sunday at sundown.

Yellow Candles will be distributed after all of the Masses on May 4 and 5.

Next Weekend: Catholic Communication's Collection

Through websites, social networks, television, radio, and print, the Catholic Communication Campaign helps the Church spread the Gospel message through the media locally and nationally. Half of all donations collected in this diocese stay in this diocese to support our local communications needs, such as radio and tv programming and diocesan publications. You can make a donation to this collection by going to <u>thecasa.org/donate</u> and scroll down to Special Collections.

Next Sunday — Ascension Sunday

We speak of the Ascension of the Lord each time we say the Creed:

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

When the divine and human aspects of Jesus Christ became united in the Incarnation, they would never be separated, and Christ ascended into Heaven. Following His Resurrection, Christ's human body will exist for all of eternity. Believers of the Catholic faith hope to join Jesus Christ in Heaven one day, where he resides with His body and soul.

Mother's Day is next Sunday send photos before Monday May 6

Mother's Day is next Sunday, and we will remember and pray for our mothers who have given us life and love, for those who are with us as well as those who have left our sight and passed on. And we give thanks — for just as a loving mother generously provides for her children, so too does God watch over us.

To help us recognize and honor our mothers, you are invited to email us photographs of your mothers, living or deceased, and we'll include them in a slideshow before the Mass. The cut-off is **May 6** to email us the photo for the slideshow. Send to <u>rosa@thecasa.org</u>.

May we honor our Mothers always with a spirit of profound respect.

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Sacrament Preparation



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 age-appropriate reflection on the Readings.
- New Family Orientations are happening now! Are you a new family to Our Lady of the Angels? Or are you a family who has been coming for a while but is not currently participating in Family Ministry? We want to meet you! Please email <u>donna@thecasa.org</u> to set up your New Family Orientation.
- **Infant Baptism:** For more information about infant baptism preparation, please contact <u>cheryl@thecasa.org</u>
- Do you have a child who has not yet celebrated the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Eucharist? Enrolling your family in Family Ministry is the first step toward the sacraments. Contact <u>donna@thecasa.org</u> for more information.

Adult Ministry

For all adults 21 years old and older

Offered as a precursor to possibly joining a bible study group.
 Learn how to read the bible in a contemplative and intelligent way.
 Learning to use "head & heart" as a means of interpretation
 Contact fred@thecasa.org if interested

Fred Mercadante, Director of Faith Formation: <u>fred@thecasa.org;</u> Donna Kinzie, Family Minister: <u>donna@thecasa.org;</u> Visit our online Faith Formation portal: <u>www.casafaithformation.org</u> Page 4 • RENEWAL • thecasa.org

FAITH FORMATION

Young Adult Ministry

For young adults – 20's & 30's

Courtyard Convos

Friday, May 17 from 6:30 to 9 pm

Dinner, Conversation, Friends

Need more information? Email cheryl@thecasa.org or can the QR code to join our Discord Group.



Cheryl Hentz, Adult Minister: cheryl@thecasa.org; Vincenzo Torsiello, Youth Minister: vincenzo@thecasa.org; Visit our online Faith Formation portal: www.casafaithformation.org



DISCOVER THE VISION

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

Thursdays

June 6	11:00 am
August 1	11:00 am
September 5	11:00 am

Reserve Your Spot Today

online: thecasa.org/ discover-the-vision

phone: 480.355.5631

email: rsvp@thecasa.org

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Amy Jo Hutchison Heidi Dwiaun Paula A Tobin

Sunday, May 5 10:30 AM Piper Hall New Structure

Come Learn About What's Changing & What's Not Changing Can't make May 5? We have another Town Hall scheduled for June 9 at 10:30 AM



ART DOCENT TOURS

Explore the Art of the Casa

thecasa.org/art-docenttours

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

1st & 3rd Sunday 12:30 - 1:15 pm

Registration Required

online: thecasa.org/artdocent-tours

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New Vision

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In Spotlight

FAITH IN ACTION MINISTRIES— Visit: linktr.ee/socialconcerns

Popcorn Pizza and Peace Movie Night Juneteenth: Faith and Freedom "None of Us Are Free Until All of Us Are Free."



Feauring Miss Opal Lee 2022 Nobel Peace Prize Nominee Lacrea Moore 2-Time Grammy Winning Artist

Friday, June 21, 5:30 – 8:30 pm Fee: \$15

A black man is troubled by the legacy of American slavery and the misuse of Christianity to justify it. He travels throughout Texas and discovers how the Juneteenth holiday reveals a resilient hope that empowered the formerly enslaved and their descendants to fight for freedom in an often unjust society.

This film was aired on PBS and has been shown at a number of different film festivals garnering awards and recognition for documentary presentation. Conversation will follow the film.

Fee: \$15, includes film, pizza, refreshments, popcorn.

Basic schedule (which may be adjusted) 5:30 pm – sign-in/doors open. 5:45-6:15 - Pizza and refreshments 6:15-7:45 - Introductions, film, break and dessert 7:55-8:30 - Conversation

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Just Scripture



Virtual Conversation: May 11, 10 – 11:30 am

Hear and discuss the message of love, salvation and unity within the living Word of God.

All are welcome. Zoom link for sign-up found at FIA LinkTree.

Just Scripture occurs on Zoom on the second Saturday of each month from 10 - 11:30 am. The session is free. No previous study of Scripture is needed. Contact Kathleen Garast kgarast@aol.com for the Scripture readings that will be discussed.

We consider biblical issues of justice and mercy that impact our world today and talk about how the Sunday readings connect with daily life and Franciscan Values.



Memorial Day Rosary Name-Collecting

May 18 – 19 After All Masses

The Casa Veterans Ministry along with Rosary Group will be in the Hospitality Area after all the Masses on May 18 – 19 to collect names for veterans who have died while completing their service. The Memorial Day Rosary will take place on Sunday, May 26 where your veteran's name will be lovingly read.

You can also submit the name of your beloved veteran online. To do so, please visit the Casa Veterans LinkTree at linktree. com/casaveterans.



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COMMUNITY CONNECTION

We are excited to announce Amy Jo Hutchison will be taking on the new role of Community Life Director for the Franciscan Renewal Center. We are pleased to announce the hiring of Christopher Meyer as the Development Director, starting in June.



I am thrilled and humbled to join the Franciscan Renewal Center community. I look forward to meeting and working alongside you to continue the phenomenal work of Amy Jo, her team, and those who served before.

I am the eldest of three children raised in the Hoosier heartland — yes, there's much more than corn in Indiana. It was there that I was formed in the Franciscan tradition by priests, brothers, and sisters who staffed the parish and school. Until I left for college, I assumed every religious wore brown.

The Franciscan Province of St. John the Baptist, formerly headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, asked that I accept the position of Liaison to Sponsored Ministries focusing on board of director development, strategic planning, mission integration, and ministry support. It was a challenging time introducing me to my present position as Director of Development for Franciscan Media.

Over the past three years, I served the international Franciscan Media community, inviting people to join the friars' 132-year evangelization ministry of sharing God's Love in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi.

In my spare time, you will find me on the hiking paths, crafting with glass, curled up with a good book, or listening to my growing reggae LP collection. I am excited to join my aunt and cousin, who preceded me in moving to Arizona.

- Chris Meyer



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, LCSW

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. <u>counseling@thecasa.org</u> The Conventual Church of OUR LADY of the ANGELS at the Franciscan Renewal Center

Mass Offerings

4.21.24 \$31,328 4.23.23 \$24,331

Mass Attendance

4.21.24 1,660 4.23.23 1,224

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

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

There's still time to register for May retreats!

RETREAT — **REGISTER BY MAY 9!**

Holy Trinity Retreat | May 10 – 12, Friday – Sunday Mary George-Whittle Grow closer to all three persons of the Holy Trinity You are invited to reflect upon the unity and diversity of the most Holy Trinity: God

the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Chaplain Mary George-Whittle will share insights into the personalities, traits, and characteristics of each person in the Trinity and their relationship to each other and to you. This retreat is designed to unite minds, hearts, and voices together to gain a greater personal connection and deeper

awareness of how active our Triune God is in your life.

The retreat is structured by first offering an understanding of the Trinity using the Nicene/Apostles Creed as the main focus of explanation, and then we will enter into three segments on each person of the Trinity: Father, Son, Holy Spirit. The major resource for understanding the Trinity will come from Scripture as we delve into the Trinity from a threefold aspect: the emotional, mental, and spiritual context of each person individually and the harmonious unity between them. The last segment, entitled "Trinity Talk," will bring all three persons together to expand your perspective of how integral relationships are to understanding the nature of God in your own personal faith journey.

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



RETREAT

Divorced and Separated

May 17 – 19, Friday – Sunday

Judith McHale, MA, LPC and Tom Mitchell, Ph.D.

While we would like to think that time heals, it is truly insight that helps us understand what is needed to renew, restore, and rebuild after our relationship ends. This weekend retreat will help you live through the end of your relationship and show you how that ending can be an opportunity for personal growth, healing, and even joy. **Fee, incl meals: \$300 single room; \$150 commuter. Register:** <u>frc.retreatportal.com</u>



RETREAT

Emmaus Retreat for Grieving Parents May 17 – 19, Friday – Sunday

Marianne Gouveia and Greg Eckerman

Of all the pains that life can hand us, arguably the most searing is the loss of a child. Emmaus Ministry serves the spiritual needs of grieving parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago. We provide an opportunity for parents to gather in a sacred, warm, and compassionate space with others who know their pain.

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

The Spiritual Journey: A Process of Transformation May 24 – 26, Friday – Sunday *Albert Haase, OFM*

Explore the dynamics of the spiritual journey!

This retreat will explore this dynamic of the spiritual life. Special attention will be given to the four processes of the journey, the practicalities of living in the present moment, how to understand spiritual darkness, and our resistance to spiritual transformation.

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

More Upcoming Programs for Insights and Inspiration

- <u>Contemplative Prayer and Living</u> with Cathy Olds May 18, Saturday, 10 am – 12 pm
- Intercommunity Sisters Retreat with Carolyn Osiek, RSCJ June 2 – 7, Sunday – Friday
- <u>Grief and Loss Retreat</u> with Timothy Ringgold
 June 7 – 9, Friday – Sunday
- <u>Your Spiritual Legacy</u> with Mary Dunn and Alanna Mack June 7 – 9, Friday – Sunday
- <u>Dry Heat Retreat</u> with Peter Pearson
 June 14 – 16, Friday – Sunday
- <u>Gifted and Called Retreat</u> with Norbert Zwickl
 June 14 – 16, Friday – Sunday
- <u>Assisi Nights Twilight Retreat</u> with Charles Brown and Br. Matt Ryan June 20, Thursday, 6 – 8 pm
- <u>Water Movement</u> with Susan Wrubel Saturdays: July 6, 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10, 17, 24
- <u>Mental Health Summit</u> with Ryan Sheade and Mental Health Expert Panel July 26 – 28, Friday – Sunday

- <u>Spiritual Spa GetAway</u> with Pam Bork and Team August 5 – 7, Monday – Wednesday –or– August 30 – September 1, Friday – Sunday
- <u>Grief Retreat Part II</u> with Tim Ringgold August 16 – 18, Friday – Sunday
- <u>Sacred Mandala Retreat</u> with Sr. Lisa Lazlo August 18 – 23, Sunday – Friday
- <u>Retirement & Purposeful Aging Retreat</u> with Jim Briggs August 23 – 25, Friday – Sunday
- Learn to Play the Native American Flute with Nathan Tsosie and Sherry Vames
 Sep 28, Saturday, 9 am – 12 pm
- <u>St. Bonaventure's Journey Into God Retreat</u> with Fr. André Cirino, OFM & Josef Raischl, OFS Oct 31, Thursday – Nov 8, Friday
- <u>Your Spiritual Legacy Retreat</u> with Mary Dunn and Alanna Mack Nov 8 – 10, Friday – Sunday
- In Search of Boundless Compassion Retreat with Ruth Baker and Karia Lee Basta Nov 15 – 17, Friday – Sunday
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Retreat with Arasely Rios

Dec 11 – 13, Wednesday – Friday

For more information, please visit <u>frc.retreatportal.com</u>,; call 480.948.7460; visit the guest services desk; or scan the QR code. Page 9 • RENEWAL • thecasa.org





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

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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 <u>spiritualdirection@thecasa.org</u>

counseling,

Casa Prayer Partners petitions prayers and prays for our human family. Send requests to: **CasaPrayerPartners@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 11 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. <u>HealingPrayer@thecasa.org</u>.

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. <u>MeninSpirit@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 May 5 – May 11, 2024

Sunday	
Rina Vennix	7:30 am
Viola Dubay	9:15 am
Betty & Fran Beauchamp	11:00 am
Monday Pam & Chris Bork	8:00 am
Tuesday Diana Marie James	8:00 am
Wednesday JoAniita Massa Jefferties	8:00 am
Thursday Joann ఈ Jack Marmion	8:00 am
Friday James Allen Egide	8:00 am
Saturday Geraldine Eagan	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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