

April 20, 2025

The Resurrection of the Lord

# RENEWAL



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*All are welcome.*

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## PASTORAL REFLECTION



Dear Friends, HAPPY EASTER!  
We have completed the beauty of Holy Week. The liturgies have invited us to remember and celebrate Passion Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. How blessed we are!

On this Easter Sunday, the reality, the glory, the promise, and the assurance of eternal life after earthly death is our gift. The Collect (Opening Prayer) for today has us pray: O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, that we who keep the Solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life.

Death has been conquered. The path to eternity has been unlocked for us. Our lives are renewed by the Holy Spirit. How blessed we are!

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, we are encouraged to refocus our attention and energy on being a people of Hope. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has invited us to be signs of hope and to look for signs of hope in our broken and fragile world.

In his *Spes Non Confundit* (Hope Does Not Disappoint) ... See Romans 5:5 ... document, the Holy Father writes that the death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart and basis of our hope. He asks us to look for signs of hope:

- Desire for peace in our world
- Enthusiasm for life and a readiness to share it
- Signs of hope to be shared with the sick
- Signs of hope for the young
- Signs of hope should be present for migrants
- The elderly deserve signs of hope
- For those who lack essentials of life...dignity, food, water

Jesus is risen from the dead. ALLELUIA!! As His disciples, there is much for us to do. Let's get to work. Happy Easter!

Fr. Page E. Polk, OFM, 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**  
*Visit the website for additional times in Lent*

**Guest Services**      **Sun. – Sat.**      **6:00 am - 7:30 pm**

**Adoration**      **1st Friday**      **6:00 pm**

**Bookstore**      **Sun.**      **8:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Mon. & Tues.**      **Closed**

**Wed & Thu.**      **10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Fri.**      **10:00 am - 6:00 pm**

**Sat.**      **11:00 am - 5:30 pm**

Please see pg. 10 for this week's Mass Intentions.

For weekly readings, visit [bible.usccb.org/](http://bible.usccb.org/).

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## Franciscan Centenary



In recent years, Franciscans have been commemorating several significant 800th anniversaries in the life of Saint Francis of Assisi. This series of celebrations, known as the “Franciscan Centenary,” began in 2023 with the marking of the Franciscan Rule of Life and the first Christmas at Greccio, where Saint Francis created the first living nativity scene. Next, the 800th anniversary of Saint Francis receiving the stigmata was observed. This year (2025), attention is focused on the 800th anniversary of St. Francis' beloved poem, the "Canticle of the Creatures." In 2026, the centenary will culminate with the anniversary of Saint Francis' death.

St. Francis wrote the "Canticle of the Creatures" when he was almost blind, but with faith and gratitude, he experienced the beauty of creation and recognized the Creator behind it. To Francis, all creatures were brothers and sisters, created by the same God. As we celebrate the 800th anniversary of this poem, we can be reminded to shift from using creation for our own gain to caring for it as a shared home. This is an ecological challenge and personal one, as caring for the earth also requires us to care for our hearts. The Canticle calls us to live in harmony, as Francis did, and to practice forgiveness and love, which can lead to healing both for the world and ourselves.

## The Holocaust Day of Remembrance

Eighty years have passed since the Holocaust — or what our Jewish brothers and sisters call the Shoah — came to an end. As the survivors and eyewitnesses have aged and passed on, it is more important than ever that younger generations remember the horrors of the past to help prevent them from happening again. Between 1941 and 1944, more than six million Jews were killed. But it was not only the Jewish people who suffered. Millions of other so-called "undesirables" were also victims, including Christians, homosexuals, Romani people and other ethnic minorities, as well as individuals with physical disabilities. In solidarity, we invite you to observe Yom HaShoah, the Holocaust Day of Remembrance, which this year begins at sundown on Wed. April 23, and ends at nightfall on Thu. April 24. You may wish to light a candle in your home and offer the following prayer.

Thank you for sharing in our mission to unite people of all faiths in common prayer. May God grant you peace and good.



*God of time and eternity,  
grant that we never forget the men, women, and  
children killed during the Holocaust whose lives  
are symbolized by this gentle flame. May their  
memory inspire us to hold sacred all human life  
that we may live each day more meaningfully.  
May we have the courage to stand against all  
forms of hatred and oppression so that such  
violence may never again rage up against any  
group of people. May it be Your will, O Lord  
our God and God of our ancestors, that You  
accept our prayer and bring peace, healing,  
and blessings to all. Amen.*

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# Celebrate Jubilee!



**Saturday, April 26**

**Where Did  
JUBILEE  
Come From  
*and*  
What Does it Mean  
for Us TODAY?**

9 am – 1:30 pm

\$30 (lunch included)

**Last chance to sign up!**



**Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA**

## ***Part 1: The Biblical Roots of Jubilee***

Sr. Dianne, a Sister of St. Agnes of Fond du Lac, WI, is one of the most respected Scripture scholars and teachers of sacred Scripture in the country.



**Dr. Massimo Faggioli**

## ***Part 2: Jubilee in the Church Today***

Dr. Massimo Faggioli is a professor in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at Villanova University. He is widely published and one of the leading American voices today in Catholic theology.

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Visit our online Faith Formation portal: [casafaitformation.org](http://casafaitformation.org)

# THE APPALACHIA HELP WEEKS



July 20-26 or July 27–August 2, 2025  
(for high school teens and adults)

Contact: Vincenzo Torsiello, Youth Minister [vincenzo@thecasa.org](mailto:vincenzo@thecasa.org)

**FIRST 4 TEENS TO SIGN-UP GO FOR FREE!**

## Stewardship: Living as Faithful Disciples of Christ

Everything we have — every moment, every skill, every blessing — is a gift from God. And Jesus calls us to be faithful stewards of those gifts, not just for ourselves, but for the good of others and the building up of His Church.

Stewardship is not just about donating or volunteering occasionally — it's about how we live every day as disciples of Jesus. It's about recognizing that my life, your life, is not our own. It belongs to God. And because God is so generous with us, we are invited to respond with generous hearts.

Henri Nouwen, in "The Return of the Prodigal Son," speaks beautifully of this movement from receiving God's love to sharing that love freely with others. That is the heart of stewardship — becoming more like Christ, who gave everything out of love for us.

Here at Our Lady of the Angels Church and the Franciscan Renewal Center, we are each part of something holy. This is a place of peace, healing, and transformation — not just for us, but for all who come seeking Christ. Stewardship allows that mission to continue.

Have you paused to ask God how He might be calling you to serve? Perhaps you feel a tug toward liturgical ministry, hospitality, teaching, or outreach. Maybe it's through a gift of financial support that helps sustain the Casa's ministries.

*Lord, all I have is from You. Show me how to give it back, in love, for Your glory.*

Questions? Join me for a cup of coffee or tea. Email me at [christopher@thecasa.org](mailto:christopher@thecasa.org) or call 480.355.5634.



## 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Laudato Si'

*A Celebration of the Casa's  
Care for our Common Home*

Thursday, May 22,  
5:30 – 9 pm  
Fee: \$35 (dinner provided)



**Register Now on  
[frc.retreatportal.com](http://frc.retreatportal.com)**

*Email Donna Kinzie ([donna@thecasa.org](mailto:donna@thecasa.org))  
for info on family rate.*

**Registration deadline is Monday, May 19.**

Keynote Speaker:



Fr. Sam Nasada, OFM

Our celebration will include (but not limited to):

- Blessing of New Solar Panels
- Commemorative Dinner & Fellowship
- Special Program for small children and pre-teens
- Laudato Si' Prayer and Presentation
- Acknowledgement of Accomplishments
- Next Steps

We invite all to join the celebration where we will recognize our community's past accomplishments and inspire all to continue this work.

Questions? Email [victor@thecasa.org](mailto:victor@thecasa.org).

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For volunteer opportunities and FIA events, visit: [linktr.ee/socialconcerns](http://linktr.ee/socialconcerns)

## Spring Service Projects

*Sign up for these service projects now  
before summer rolls around*

### Hunger Action Ministry

[hungeraction@thecasa.org](mailto:hungeraction@thecasa.org)

St. Vincent de Paul (Phoenix):

Friday, April 25, 8:45 – 11:30 am



### Casa Habitat for Humanity

*Questions? Email*

[thecasahabitat@thecasa.org](mailto:thecasahabitat@thecasa.org)

Saturday, April 26, early morning

Sign up for these service dates and stay posted on upcoming spring/summer service projects by going to the FIA LinkTree:

[linktree.com/socialconcerns](http://linktree.com/socialconcerns)

## Memorial Day Rosary

Sunday, May 25

10:30 am

Capistrano Room



The *Casa Veterans Ministry* along with the Casa Rosary Group will pray the rosary in remembrance of our service members who made the ultimate sacrifice to defend our country.

Stay tuned for April/May dates to submit names of your Veteran in the Hospitality Area.

You can submit the name of your beloved veteran online. To do so, please visit the Casa Veterans LinkTree at [linktree.com/casaveterans](http://linktree.com/casaveterans).

Names will also be accepted the day of the rosary.



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## COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Easter Sunday 1981 ©Mike Rupp Photography

### Easter Sunday at the Casa, 1980s

“At dawn ... the first of three Masses are held at Palm Court. Again, thousands come. The music is glorious. The opening procession is colorful, the Mass is joyful, and always...Father Peter appeared...and danced in the concluding procession. Children joined him and danced, Nuns, too. Adults join the kids dancing through the roses. Christ is risen! Salvation is ours! We are the Easter people!” (Devine, L. 2021. *House of Peace and Good: The Biography of a Community*. The Franciscan Renewal Center, Inc.)

### A Call to the Casa Community

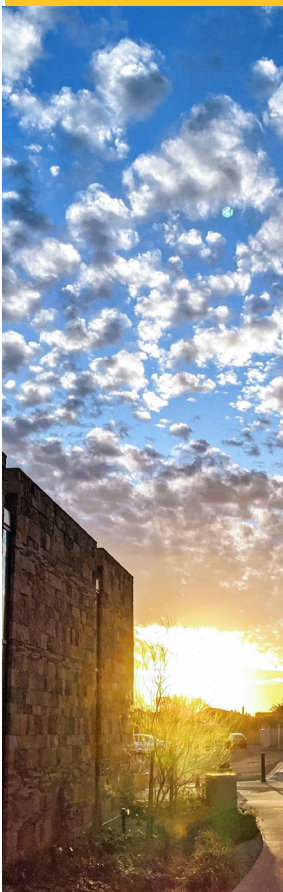
Are you interested in preserving and sharing the 73-year history and archives of the Franciscan Renewal Center, here at the Casa? This is a potential volunteer opportunity/ministry. Contact Jenifer with your interest.

### Upcoming Casa Volunteer Handbook (Re-)Orientation:

Thursday April 24 at 11 am

Reserve your spot with Jenifer: [jenifer@thecasa.org](mailto:jenifer@thecasa.org), 480.355.0350

—Jenifer Tull-Gauger, Director of Volunteer Talent



### DISCOVER THE VISION

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

### 1st Thursdays of the Month

Upcoming dates:

May 1                      11:00 am

June 5                      11:00 am

### Reserve Your Spot Today

online: [thecasa.org/  
discover-the-vision](https://thecasa.org/discover-the-vision)

phone: 480.355.5631

email: [rsvp@thecasa.org](mailto:rsvp@thecasa.org)



Franciscan School of Theology  
at the UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

### THE FRANCISCAN VISION LECTURE SERIES

Sunday, May 11, 9 – 10:30 am | Auditorium

*The Franciscan Vision and Suffering: Reflecting on Suffering with St. Francis and Job* with Dr. Angela Zautcke

For more information and a listing of future programs, visit: [frc.retreatportal.com](http://frc.retreatportal.com)

### *Books and Blessings Gift Shop*

*at the Franciscan Renewal Center*

Teresa & Craig Abernathy, Proprietors

For store hours see page 2.

Visit our website:

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### RETREAT

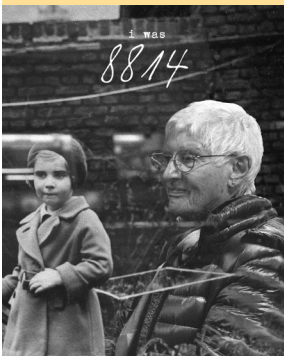
Emmaus Retreat for Grieving Parents

**April 25 – 27, Friday – Sunday**

*Marianne Gouveia and Greg Eckerman*

We provide an opportunity for parents to gather in a sacred, warm, and compassionate space with others who know their pain. All faiths are welcome.

**Fee, incl. meals: \$250 single room; \$135 commuter.** Register: [frc.retreatportal.com](http://frc.retreatportal.com)



### SPECIAL EVENT & PRIVATE SCREENING

A Garland for Ashes — Three Journeys

**Saturday, May 3 | 1 – 3:30 pm**

Spend an afternoon with Holocaust survivor Hanna Miley and hear her story of forgiveness and reconciliation. Hanna will join us for a private screening of her documentary "i was 8814." She will speak after the movie, and we will have time for Q&A. The documentary is an exclusive screening for the Casa community.

**Fee, incl. refreshments: \$15;** Register with this private link: <https://shorturl.at/Txc33>



### WORKSHOP SERIES

Protecting Our Own Well Being in Challenging Times

**Saturdays: May 3, Jun 7 | 9 am – Noon**

*Wayne Tormala*

Workshops designed to build knowledge and skills for sustainable life balance and awakened decision-making amidst the many distractions and stressors in life.

**Fee: \$75 per workshop.** Register: [frc.retreatportal.com](http://frc.retreatportal.com)



### WORKSHOP

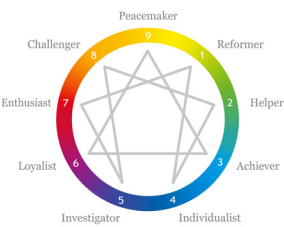
Managing Divisiveness in Society: How Differentiation Will Save the World

**Sunday, May 4 | 1– 4 pm**

*Fr. Page Polk, OFM and Ryan M. Sheade, LCSW*

Learn how we can use therapy theory and spiritual connection to become less reactive and solve this problem of divisiveness. Let's become part of the solution.

**Fee: \$10.** Register: [frc.retreatportal.com](http://frc.retreatportal.com)



### COMMUTER RETREAT

St. Francis and the Enneagram

**May 16 – 17, Friday – Saturday**

*Steve Spilde*

Dive into the Enneagram using stories of St. Francis to explore its nine personality types. Join this retreat for reflection and meaningful discussions for all levels.

**Fee, incl. dinner on Friday, lunch on Saturday: \$140.** Register: [frc.retreatportal.com](http://frc.retreatportal.com)

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**RETREAT**

A Grateful Heart Animates Your Spiritus

**May 23–25, Friday – Sunday**

*Julie Bevirt*

Come together for this transformative experience and explore gratitude as a deliberate and enriching spiritual practice, a way of being that permeates our lives with purpose.

**Fee, incl. meals: \$300 single room; \$150 commuter.** Register: [frc.retreatportal.com](http://frc.retreatportal.com)



**RETREAT**

Holy Trinity

**May 30 – June 1, Friday – Sunday**

*Chaplain Mary George-Whittle*

This retreat is designed to unite minds, hearts, and voices to gain a greater personal connection and deeper awareness of how active our Triune God is in your life.

**Fee, incl. meals: \$300 single room; \$150 commuter.** Register: [frc.retreatportal.com](http://frc.retreatportal.com)



**RETREAT**

The Spirituality of Interdependence: Forging Peace by Being Franciscan

**June 1 – 6, Sunday – Friday**

*Darleen Pryds, Ph.D.*

A retreat exploring Franciscan spirituality, focusing on relationality, peacemaking, and faith-based skills to rebuild meaningful relationships in a polarized world.

**Fee, incl. meals: \$500 single room; \$275 commuter.** Register: [frc.retreatportal.com](http://frc.retreatportal.com)



**RETREAT**

Second Annual Mental Health Summit

**June 19 – 22, Thursday – Sunday**

*Ryan Sheade, LCSW and Guests*

Spend the weekend on 25 acres of serene desert beauty while hearing from expert licensed professionals speaking on timely and informative topics.

**Fee, incl. meals: \$350 single room; \$200 commuter.** Register: [frc.retreatportal.com](http://frc.retreatportal.com)

**PRESENTATION—NEW!**

Bridging Faiths: A Rabbi and a Priest in Conversation

**Tuesday, June 24 | 6 – 8:30 pm**

*Fr. Page Polk, OFM and Rabbi Bonnie Sharfman*

Join us for a thought-provoking and enriching presentation by Fr. Page Polk, OFM, and Rabbi Bonnie Sharfman as they delve into the similarities and differences between Christian and Jewish rituals.

**Fee: \$20.** Register: [frc.retreatportal.com](http://frc.retreatportal.com)



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### 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. To set up an appointment with one of our directors, contact Cathy Olds, Coordinator of the Spiritual Direction Ministry, at

[spiritualdirection@thecasa.org](mailto:spiritualdirection@thecasa.org).



### Therapy, Support, and Counseling Ministry (TSCM)

[thecasa.org/tscm](http://thecasa.org/tscm)  
TSCM offers donation-based professional behavioral health therapy to help individuals, couples, and families cope with life's challenges — such as relationship issues, stress, depression/anxiety, and personal growth.

Ryan Sheade, LCSW, Director of Therapy, Support and Counseling Ministry. [counseling@thecasa.org](mailto:counseling@thecasa.org)

### Mass Intentions April 20 – 26, 2025

#### Sunday

*Rosemarie LeClercq*

6:30 am

*Amy Lambert*

8:30 am

*John Francis Pastore*

10:30 am

#### Monday

*No Mass*

#### Tuesday

*Edwin-Marian-Arlene Noncek*

8:00 am

#### Wednesday

*Marti & Mark Schwietz*

8:00 am

#### Thursday

*Isabella Giovenco*

8:00 am

#### Friday

*Thomas Garland*

8:00 am

#### Saturday

*Edward Richards*

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 is a place for spiritual growth, healing, and community that is open to everyone, regardless of faith. Activities 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, including those in service of the poor and vulnerable
- Spiritual direction

The Franciscan Renewal Center (the Casa) was founded in 1951 by the Order of Friars Minor as a Catholic retreat, called *Casa de Paz y Bien*. 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.

### Faith Sharing Groups at the Casa

**Centering Prayer** meets Wednesdays at 8:45 am in the Meditation Chapel. [SpiritualDirection@thecasa.org](mailto:spiritualdirection@thecasa.org)

**Contemplation in the Desert** gathers in the Healing Garden on Mondays at 11 am. [CareforCreation@thecasa.org](mailto:CareforCreation@thecasa.org)

**Cornerstone Contemplative Meditation** meets Wednesdays, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, in the Spiritual Direction room between the Guadalupe and Tekakwitha conference rooms.

**Interfaith Healing Prayer Group** meets Fridays following 8 am Mass in the back of the church. Send prayer requests to [HealingPrayers@thecasa.org](mailto:HealingPrayers@thecasa.org)

**Men in Spirit.** Christian men meet on the first Saturday of the month at 8 am for breakfast in the dining room, followed by discussion. Zoom available. [MeninSpirit@thecasa.org](mailto:MeninSpirit@thecasa.org)

**Rosary Group** meets Tuesdays at 6 pm in the Meditation Chapel and on Zoom. Requests for meeting information, Zoom link, and prayer intentions, contact: [Rosary@thecasa.org](mailto:Rosary@thecasa.org)

**Singles40plus Group** is a social group for singles, widows, widowers, and divorced individuals 40 or older. For more information email us at [Singles40plus@thecasa.org](mailto:Singles40plus@thecasa.org).

**The Order of Secular Franciscans (OFS) Peace Fraternity** meets on the second Sunday of the month. This Canonical Order of the Catholic Church is open to lay Catholics. Contact: John Elder, OFS, at [johnelder@gmail.com](mailto:johnelder@gmail.com) or 480.580.7750.



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