April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter RENEWAL

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PASTORAL REFLECTION



I have heard the Gospel of the "Good Shepherd" in the past, perhaps similar to how you've heard it. This time, I thought about it differently with a more discerning, Franciscan voice in my head. A voice that encourages me to live the Gospel. A voice that asks me to be

an imitation of Christ.

How good a shepherd am I?

Would I lay down my life for another? Do I have enough love and concern for another to place myself in their service? I am putting conditions on how far I would go...so maybe I still need to work on that.

When I see a sheep that is out on the margins, do I welcome them, and do I hold space for them so they can become part of this fold? Do I recognize the dignity of each individual and honor our interconnectedness? That is not always easy, so I keep practicing.

Do I love others with a divine and extraordinary love? Perhaps this is the greatest challenge. Paradoxically, it's the easiest because there are an infinite number of opportunities like: nurturing personal relationships, providing care for my child or elderly parent, showing up for a friend or colleague. We can also show extraordinary love when we ask for forgiveness, show mercy, or offer others grace.

Jesus did not say, "I am the Best Shepherd." I believe it's because he is inviting me to follow his example. He is asking me to become a good shepherd too.

Rosa Rodriguez-Saiz Executive Assistant to the Liturgy Office

The Conventual Church of

Our Lady *of the* Angels

	at the Franciscan Renewal Center		
Sunday Mass	Saturday	4:00 pm	
	Sunday 7:30 am; 9:1	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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LITURGY CONNECTION

Mother's Day is coming up.

Mother's Day is in a few weeks, 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.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Next Saturday, April 27, 2024 10 am Fr. Greg Schlarb, celebrant



Strengthening the Church at Home

Next week, we will participate in the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the US are considered "home missions" because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Why do we join in these collections?

Once a month, we participate in some national and international special collections. Offering what we can to these special collections is a reminder that, as Catholics, we belong to a worldwide Church and helping others is an opportunity to show gratitude to God for the kindness we have been shown.

Upcoming special collections in 2024:

- Apr. 28 Catholic Home Missions
- May 12 Catholic Communications
- June 30 Peter's Pence
- July 14 Native American & Black Mission
- Aug. 11 Church in Africa, Latin America, and Eastern Europe
- Sep. 15 Catholic University
- Oct. 20 Mission Sunday
- Nov. 24 Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)
- Dec. 8 Religious Retirement Fund

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FAITH FORMATION

Whole Community Ministry

For all members of the community and for all ages



Adult Ministry

For all adults 21 years old and older

Faith and Science Night Divine Creation and the Fertile Universe

Saturday, May 4 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm in Piper Hall Presentation from the Vatican Observatory Foundation

Two Presentations: One for high school age to adults of all ages. Another for children from 2nd to 7th grade.



For more info., scan the QR Code



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 ageappropriate reflection on the Readings.
- Family Ministry 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.
- Faith and Science Night for Families! **May the 4th (be with you!)**



Sacrament Preparation Ministry

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

- **Infant Baptism:** For more information about infant baptism preparation, contat <u>cheryl@thecasa.org</u>
- Year Two Sacrament Preparation: Family Retreat Sunday, 4.21.2024, 10:30 am – 2 pm in the Community Life Center
- OCIA Mystagogia Session: Sunday, April 21, 9:45 am in the Liturgy Room.

Fred Mercadante, Director of Faith Formation: <u>fred@thecasa.org;</u> Donna Kinzie, Sacrament Preparation, Family Catechesis: <u>donna@thecasa.org;</u> Cheryl Hentz, Youth, Young Adult, Young Family & Infant Baptism: <u>cheryl@thecasa.org</u>. Page 4 • RENEWAL • <u>thecasa.org</u>

Young Adult Ministry

For young adults – 20's & 30's



Hiking Retreats

These are peer-led retreat experiences that take place in the great outdoors! Formats may range from day-hikes to 1–5 night camping experiences. Participants are invited to connect elements of the hike to themes of spirituality through witness talks, small group discussions, activities and prayer. All retreats are rooted in the Catholic Christian Tradition.

Contact fred@thecasa.org if interested.

To find out how to get involved, visit our Casa Faith Formation Online Portal: www.casafaithformation.org



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

Thursdays

May 2 11:00 am June 6 11:00 am August 1 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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ART DOCENT TOURS

Explore the Art of the Casa

thecasa.org/art-docent-

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

1st & 3rd Sunday 12:30 – 1:15 pm

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Spring/Summer Service Opportunities



The Casa Habitat Ministry: Help build a house and change lives. Email <u>thecasahabitat@thecasa.org</u> to be put on the mailing list or to find out more. Next service opportunity to build on our 23rd Casa house: *May 11.*

Hunger Action: hungeraction@thecasa.org

- St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP), Mondays, 8:45 am to Noon, main kitchen. Help plate the 1,000 daily meals sent to the homeless shelters on May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5 and September 2. Signup: <u>http://tinyurl.com/y3urv856</u>
- Desert Mission Food Bank (DMFB), Wednesdays, from 8:45 am to 11 am. In the Sunnyslope community, volunteers sort and bag food items, prepare senior and student supplemental food bags, and help distribute food to waiting clients. On May 8 and June 12. Signup: <u>http://tinyurl.com/ fd3m7ee</u>

Matthew 25 Serving Asylum Seekers Ministry: <u>matthew25@</u> <u>thecasa.org</u>. Every Monday the Casa serves asylum seekers at the Phoenix Welcome Center. To volunteer, email and find out more such as how to be trained to serve at the Welcome Center.



Visit <u>FIA LinkTree</u> for information and to sign-up for these opportunities.

Casa Lenten Food Donation Drive Results

Thank you for donating to the Lenten Food Drive held for the Pantries of St. Vincent de Paul.



We collected **950 lbs. of food and over \$1,200**. The director of SVdP's *Drives and Partnerships* recently wrote to thank us for the time, commitment, and creativity of our Hunger Action ministry and the generosity of our OLA community.

This past year, SVdP saw a 30% increase in the need for food. In response SVdP intends to raise 1.8 million pounds of food through community donation drives like ours. As St. Teresa of Calcutta says: "If you cannot feed a hundred people, feed one." We thank you for helping to make a difference.

Casa VIP Community Conversations



Sunday, May 5, 12:15 – 1:15 pm

Casa VIP is interested in hearing your stories on concerns and issues in your own Phoenix area neighborhood. We invite you to grab a coffee and donut in the Hospitality area and join us to meet with other Casa community members about concerns that matter to you.

This event is free, but we ask that you register so that we can provide enough materials.

To register, visit FIA LinkTree or go to <u>https://bit.ly/casavipconvos2024</u>.

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COMMUNITY CONNECTION



For us, it started with Rita Smith talking about the Casa's Art and Environment (A&E) Ministry and asking us to get involved. We owe her a debt of gratitude for that! It led us to be a part of A&E's leadership for the past 10 years.

The Casa's A&E team is made up of a group of dedicated volunteers who work collaboratively "behind the scenes," primarily helping with major seasonal decorating changes for Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. Over the many years, our dedicated team has also become a community of dedicated friends, who not only work well together,

but also enjoy doing it!

We bring our varying talents and skill sets together to support our common goal — crafters and craftsmen, designers and sewers, and movers and lifters. We've packed and unpacked yards of colored ribbon and fabrics, handcrafted sconces and bows, ornaments and lights, Christmas trees, garlands and wreaths, flags, candles, flowers and plants, and lots and lots of boxes! Hours of planning and work go into what we do, but we love using the elements of art to enhance the beauty of the Casa's liturgical environment and support the community's worship.

Looking forward, A&E could use some support with sewing and occasional flower care — and the men on our team would greatly appreciate expanding their group with additional volunteers who could join them in more physical efforts. Maybe this could be of interest to you?

> — Laurie and Dave Flitner Volunteer contact: <u>volunteer@thecasa.org</u>

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>

Spiritual Direction Ministry



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 counseling, it is holy listening and discernment 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>

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Mass Offerings4.7.24\$24,034

Mass Attendance 4.7.24 1,478

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.

Register for June retreats!



RETREAT

Grief and Loss June 7 – 9, Friday – Sunday

Timothy Ringgold

For anyone feeling the loss of a loved one. Anyone who has known the joy of love has most likely experienced the pain of loss. Grief is a natural part of life, yet we all grieve differently and often need help to find our way through it. Tim Ringgold provides a supportive setting where you will gain new insights into the grief process and discover ways to heal and move forward from this intense and painful period.

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



RETREAT

Your Spiritual Legacy June 7 – 9, Friday – Sunday

Mary Dunn and Alanna Mack

Deep in your soul is the story that wants to be told. In our weekend of guided reflections, we will help you open yourself to that story and discover the treasure that lies within. The treasure that is your true legacy to others.

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

RETREAT

Dry Heat Retreat June 14 – 16, Friday – Sunday

Peter Pearson

Do you have questions about spirituality and the God Quest? After reading Sandra's Schneider's series, it occurred to Peter that we are all on that same journey as we live our lives. This lifelong search, inevitably leads us to questions about spirituality and the God Quest.

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

RETREAT — NEW!

Assisi Nights Twilight June 20, Thursday, 6 – 8 pm

Charles Brown and Br. Matt Ryan

Assisi — the Umbrian hill town that is the heart of our Franciscan culture. Immerse yourself for an hour connecting with the beloved town of Assisi. Experience spectacular photography, stories, music, and memories. The evening will begin with a delicious Tuscan dinner in the dining room. We hope you will be nourished spiritually through our time together.

Fee, incl. dinner: \$25 per person, visit: 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

Gifted and Called June 14 – 16, Friday – Sunday Norbert Zwickl

This is our 23rd annual retreat for anyone who identifies as LGBTQ. You are invited to gather and celebrate with hope and thanksgiving, participating with members of the Casa faith community.

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

More Upcoming Programs for Insights and Inspiration

- Working with the Enneagram Centers
 with Sharon Hornbeck and Mysti Rainwater
 April 30, May 7 & 14, Tuesdays, 11 am 1 pm
 or May 2, 9, & 16 Thursdays, 6:30 8:30 pm
- <u>The Rosary Workshop</u> with Elizabeth Marietti and James Peck May 4, Saturday, 9 am – 12 pm
- <u>Holy Trinity</u> with Mary George-Whittle, BCC May 10 – May 12, Friday – Sunday
- <u>Divorced and Separated</u>
 with Marianne Gouveia and Greg Eckerman
 May 17 19, Friday Sunday
- <u>Emmaus Retreat for Grieving Parents</u> with Judith McHale and Tom Mitchell May 17 – 19, Friday – Sunday
- <u>Contemplative Prayer and Living</u> with Cathy Olds May 18, Saturday, 10 am – 12 pm
- <u>The Spiritual Journey</u> with Albert Haase, OFM May 24 – May 26, Friday – Sunday
- Intercommunity Sisters Retreat with Carolyn Osiek, RSCJ June 2 – 7, Sunday – Friday
- <u>Mental Health Summit</u>
 July 26 28, Friday Sunday

- <u>Spiritual Spa Getaway</u> *with Pam Bork* August 5 – 7, Monday – Wednesday
 - <u>The Sacred Mandala</u> with Sr. Lisa Lazlo August 18 – 23, Friday – Sunday
- <u>Retirement & Purposeful Aging Retreat</u> with Jim Briggs Aug 23 – 25, Friday – Sunday
- Spiritual Spa Getaway with Pam Bork Aug 30 – Sep 1, 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



A Casa Visioning Process

It has long been the tradition of the Franciscan Renewal Center to plan thoughtfully for the future of the Casa as a place for spiritual growth, healing and transformation, and service to others, as reflected in our Vision 25, which was completed in the early 2000s. This led to many significant developments over the years, including the construction of Our Lady of the Angels Church. The Board of Directors and the Casa staff will soon embark on a new 25-year Visioning exercise to form the aspirational basis for the 2026 -2030 Franciscan Renewal Center Strategic Plan. As part of that process, we invite ministries, volunteers, and the worship community to participate in our Visioning process over April and May.

Your participation in this process would entail a single 4-hour in-person group meeting with fellow members of the FRC community that will be held on-site at the Casa. We will shortly announce dates and times for those who feel compelled to engage in this aspirational process.

If you are interested in participating in this visioning process, please email: vision@thecasa.org.

Mass Intentions	
April 21 - April 27, 2024	

Sunday Joan Johnson Colleen Bernardini Rick Hinkley	7:30 am 9:15 am 11:00 am
Monday Jack Withem	8:00 am
Tuesday Denise Fosse	8:00 am
Wednesday Fr Jeff Scheeler OFM	8:00 am
Thursday Archbishop Joseph A Fiorenza	8:00 am
Friday Patrick Chamber	8:00 am
Saturday James A. Larkin	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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