

May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

# RENEWAL



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## PASTORAL REFLECTION



Today's Gospel reading reminds me of a song from the folk-music era of my childhood: "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love." Written in 1966 by Fr. Peter Scholtes, a Catholic priest in Chicago, the song is based on John 13:35 — "By this everyone will

know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Originally composed for a youth gathering, the song quickly became an anthem of Christian unity and social justice, especially during the civil rights movement. Its message of love crossed denominational lines, making it a favorite in ecumenical and interfaith gatherings. (We sang it a lot in those days, with my sister accompanying us on guitar at the "Folk Mass.")

The song calls Christians to embody Jesus' example of sacrificial love—not to claim moral superiority, but to serve as a witness to the Gospel. Authentic Christian love is not inward-looking; it must be shared with all, following Christ's command to love our neighbors—and even our enemies.

At its core, this is what our faith is about. Jesus didn't say we'd be known by our words or status, but by our love. And so, love must remain the defining mark—and goal—of every Christian.

Norbert Zwickl  
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 [YouTube.com/theCasaFRC](https://www.youtube.com/theCasaFRC)*

**Taizé Prayer**      **1st 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**      **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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## The Council of Nicaea 1700 years later...

This week, the Church marks the 1700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea, which began on May 20, 325 AD. This was a foundational moment in Christian history. Nicaea is a city located in northwestern Turkey (its modern-day name is İznik) and was an important city in the Roman and Byzantine Empires.

The council was convened by Emperor Constantine in response to a growing theological crisis of the time. He brought together bishops from across the Christian world to address divisions threatening the unity of the faith—most notably the “Arian controversy.” Arius, a priest from Alexandria, taught that Jesus Christ was *created* by the Father and therefore he was not fully divine. This teaching threatened the heart of Christian faith: if Christ were not truly God, how could He save?

The council met for about two months, and—guided by the Holy Spirit—firmly rejected this teaching and proclaimed that the Son is “*begotten*, not *made*, *consubstantial* with the Father.” Consubstantial is an important word that means “of the same substance or essence.” Jesus is of the same divine essence or being as God the Father—he is fully and truly God, not a lesser or *created* being.

From this historic gathering at Nicaea emerged the Nicene Creed, a profound affirmation of Christian belief that continues to unite diverse denominations. Those words have shaped worship, theology, and identity for centuries.

This anniversary is not just a commemoration of the past, but a call to unity today. In an age marked by division, the spirit of Nicaea urges Christians to seek truth together, guided by love and a shared confession of faith in Christ.

May this milestone inspire reflection, renewal, and a deeper communion among all who profess the name of Jesus, the one in whom the fullness of God dwells.

## Why Two Creeds?

You may notice that the Catholic Mass sometimes uses the Apostles’ Creed and other times the Nicene Creed—and occasionally, a Renewal of Baptismal Promises. Why the variation?

The Apostles’ Creed is the older and shorter of the two, rooted in the early Church as a simple summary of faith. It’s often chosen during Lent, Easter, or in liturgies when children might be present or when catechesis is emphasized because of its clarity and simplicity.

The Nicene Creed, developed at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD, is longer and more detailed. It was written to defend the full divinity of Jesus and the Holy Spirit at a time of great controversy.

Both creeds affirm the same core truths of the Christian faith, expressed in different ways from different moments in the Church’s history. And to add a bit more richness: on certain feast days, like the Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday, and on baptismal feast days, the Renewal of Baptismal Promises may be used instead of a Creed—reminding us of our identity as baptized members of Christ’s Body.

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# Celebrating 10 Years of Laudato Si'

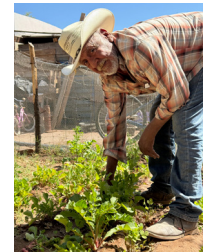


In 2015, Pope Francis released the landmark encyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care for our Common Home*. These seven (7) markers dictate a framework for incorporating the *Laudato Si'* principles into our lives and to help us become more sustainable.

Your challenge this 10-Year Anniversary Week (May 18-24) is to **celebrate one principle per day!**

## Sunday – Response to the Cry of The Earth:

Consider how you can conserve water and energy in your home.



## Monday – Response to the Cry of the Poor:

Support local charity programs by contributing your time, talent, or treasures to food banks and shelters.



## Tuesday – Ecological Economics:

Consider where you shop and the products you purchase. Are they contributing to a healthy planet?

## Wednesday – Adoption of Simple Lifestyle:

Cut down or eliminate single-use plastics and foam-based containers. Reduce food waste and meat-based meals.



## Thursday – Ecological Education:

Attend an ecological program at the Casa.  
Attend the Laudato Si' Celebration on May 22.  
Registration closes Monday, May 19.



## Friday – Ecological Spirituality:

Find a place in nature today to quiet the mind and connect to the spirit within. One suggestion is *Contemplation in the Desert* on Mondays at the Casa.

## Saturday – Emphasis on Community Involvement:

Research and serve with an organization that is focused on your interest and begin volunteering. The **Care for Creation Ministry** at the Casa can benefit from your time and talent.



Visit our online Faith Formation portal: [casafaithformation.org](https://casafaithformation.org)

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
*to the 2025 class for*  
**Confirmation and First Eucharist**

Colbee Abts  
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Sienna Adams  
Maximillion Africa  
Sloane Beckwith  
Luke Brewer  
George Butterfield  
Mary Butterfield  
Brayleigh Caudill (OCIC)\*  
Evangeline Caudill (OCIC)\*  
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Serenity Zimmerman (OCIC)\*

**Celebrated on Saturday, May 17, 2025**  
**with Bishop Eduardo A. Nevares**

*Auxiliary Bishop for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix*

*\*Children in the OCIC program (Order of Christian Initiation for Children) received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Great Easter Vigil on April 19, 2025*



**DISCOVER THE VISION**

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

**1st Thursdays of the Month**

Upcoming dates:

June 5                      11:00 am

August 7                    11:00 am

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[thecasa.org/art-docent-tours](https://thecasa.org/art-docent-tours).

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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](https://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).



Honor Juneteenth  
Popcorn, Pizza, and  
Peace Movie Night



Featured Film: "Summer of Soul"

June 20, 5 – 8:30 pm | \$15 Registration Fee

Registration closes Wednesday, June 18, at 7 pm.

This eclectic 2021 documentary is a blend of historical accord and musical prowess. Questlove's Oscar-winning film centers on the 1969 Harlem Cultural Festival, which was a celebration honoring Black history, political unrest, perseverance, culture, and fashion. "Summer of Soul" features never-before-seen concert performances by Stevie Wonder, Nina Simone, Sly and the Family Stone, B.B. King, and more.

Fee includes film, pizza, popcorn and additional refreshments. Conversation will follow the film.

Flyer with all details: <https://tr.ee/mQVp1Z1mON>.

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/mvubp2at>.



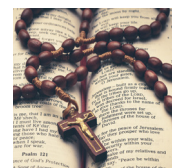
Memorial Day Rosary

Sunday, May 25 at 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.

If you would like to join us virtually, please visit the Casa Veterans LinkTree at [linktree.com/casaveterans](https://linktree.com/casaveterans) for the Zoom link.



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

Names will also be accepted the day of the Rosary.

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



## COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Greetings from Illinois!

My deceased husband, Gary, and I started to attend Mass at the Casa in the early 1990s while on vacation. When we both retired and began searching for that perfect place, we purchased a small motor home and began our travels. We saw a great deal of our world from North to South and East to West, Canada and Mexico. We enjoyed every minute of our travels. But it was an eye-opener. How and why would humans be so thoughtless about their backyard? The natural beauty of God's Creation was so often destroyed by litter! We found the Care for Creation Ministry at the Casa when we retired to Arizona and began our calling for caring for our world. I may no longer live in AZ, but I am grateful to still be involved in this meaningful ministry. Stop and visit Gary's garden, near the restrooms between the Konfara building and the Auditorium.



Pope Francis gifted us with his Encyclical Letter "Laudato Si'" in 2015, and we are celebrating the 10th Anniversary of this wonderful guideline for caring for our common home. Please come and celebrate with the Care for Creation Ministry (C4C) this Thursday, May 22! "Our" Fr. Sam Nasada will return and share his life experiences here in Arizona with the poor and marginalized that Pope Francis spoke of in his letter. Find out just what the C4C has done at the Casa and remember that we all can do something. Come and discover what you may feel called to do!

—Anne Yarwood, Care for Creation Ministry Volunteer

Therapy, Support,  
and Counseling Ministry (TSCM)  
[thecasa.org/tscm](http://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.

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*The Conventual Church of*  
**OUR LADY of the ANGELS**  
*at the Franciscan Renewal Center*

### Mass Attendance

5.4.25     1,447

5.5.24     1,324

## Books and Blessings Gift Shop

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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

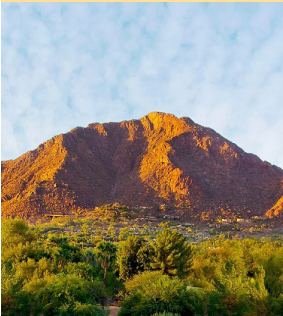
#### Divorced and Separated

**June 6 – 8, Friday – Sunday**

*Judith McHale, MA, LPC and Angel Montemayor, LPC*

This retreat will help you not only live through the end of your relationship but show you how that ending can be transformed into an opportunity for personal growth.

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



### RETREAT

#### Grief and Loss

**June 6 – 8, Friday – Sunday**

*Timothy Ringgold, MT-BC*

This retreat provides a supportive setting where you will gain new insights into the grief process and discover ways to heal from this intense and painful period.

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



### RETREAT—NEW!

#### Dry Heat Retreat

**June 13 – 15, Friday – Sunday**

*Peter Pearson, MDiv, ThD*

Let's spend the weekend together learning from The Desert Mystics and exploring what the silence can teach us.

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

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### RETREAT

#### Spiritual Spa GetAway

**June 20 – 22, Friday – Sunday**

*Pam Bork and Team*

Take time to pause, remember to breathe, and come back to your center. Maybe you need to be alone and sit in quiet prayer or simply rest.

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



### CLASS SERIES

#### Synergy Oasis Yoga

**Choose Between: Tuesdays: September 2–October 7 -or- October 14–18**

*Suzanne Brier, CYT, BFA*

Join our immersive, inclusive practice of self-care where we explore yoga-based movement blended with simple tools to nurture your nervous system.

**Fee: \$90 for six-week session.** Register: [frc.retreatportal.com](http://frc.retreatportal.com)



### PRESENTATION

#### 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)



### RETREAT—NEW!

#### At Home in Our Own Skin

**August 1 – 3, Friday – Sunday**

*Terry Hershey, Richard Wing, and Charles Brown*

Take part in a transformative experience where vulnerability is strength, stillness is wisdom, and you are reminded—you are already enough.

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



### CLASS SERIES

#### Compassionate Communication

**Wednesdays: September 17, 24, and October 1, 8 and 15 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

*Christine Dove*

In this five-session class, you will learn the four-step process that promotes more connection in our everyday work and family lives.

**Fee: \$125.** 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.

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

### 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 7 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.

## Mass Intentions May 18 – 24, 2025

### Sunday

<i>John D. Wernert</i>	7:30 am
<i>F. Quinn Stepan</i>	9:15 am
<i>Randy Beauchamp</i>	11:00 am

### Monday

<i>James Silhasek</i>	8:00 am
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### Tuesday

<i>McNamara Family</i>	8:00 am
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### Wednesday

<i>Maria Encarnacion Lavin de De Leon</i>	8:00 am
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### Thursday

<i>Socorro Jones</i>	8:00 am
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### Friday

<i>Joan Coyle</i>	8:00 am
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### Saturday

<i>Jim Silhasek</i>	4:00 pm
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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.



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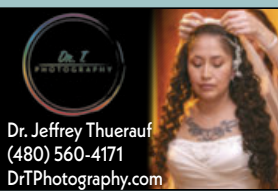
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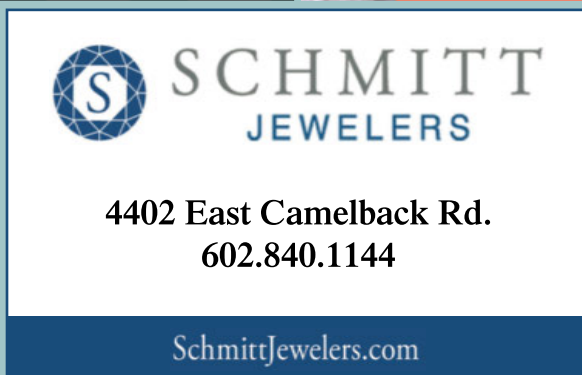
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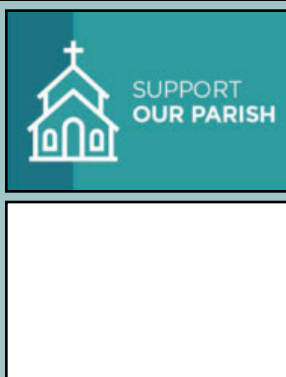


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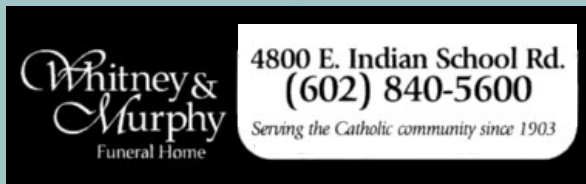
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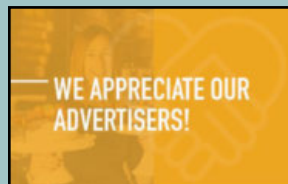
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