

March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent

# RENEWAL



**Franciscan Renewal Center**  
Peace. Renewal. Good.

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*All are welcome.*



Today's Gospel story of the "Prodigal Son," really highlights the greatness and magnitude of God's Mercy and God's willingness to forgive.

Truth be told, God is more merciful and forgiving than we can even imagine. But what about us? Failure to forgive others is a major human problem. It tears up families, communities, nations, religions, and it causes great pain in relationships.

"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who have trespassed against us." We say the Our Father most every day, do we believe it?

Sacred Scripture is very clear about forgiveness; "if you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their transgressions, neither will your Father forgive you." (Matthew 6: 14-15)

Forgiveness is not an emotion, it is an act of the will. You don't have to feel forgiving to forgive. Forgiveness does not mean forgetting, that's denial. Forgiveness is letting go of our revenge or our right to be right.

We must learn to return good for evil and pray for those who have hurt us.

Forgiving others can be very difficult. My personal advice, "Get over it. You'll be much happier if you can let it go."

We are not alone in our challenge to forgive others. Jesus has told us: "I am with you always, even to the end of time."

Peace and Good,

Dcn. Hervé Lemire, OFM Affiliate

The Conventual Church of

# OUR LADY of the ANGELS

at the Franciscan Renewal Center

<b>Sunday Mass</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:30 am; 9:15 am; 11:00 am</b>
<b>Daily Mass</b>	<b>Monday – Friday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
<i>Sat. 4 pm, Sun. 9:15 am, and Monday – Friday Daily Mass also available on <a href="https://www.youtube.com/theCasaFRC">YouTube.com/theCasaFRC</a></i>		
<b>Taizé Prayer</b>	<b>2nd &amp; 4th Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Reconciliation</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2:00 - 3:00 pm</b>
<i>Visit the website for additional times in Lent</i>		
<b>Guest Services</b>	<b>Sun. – Sat.</b>	<b>6:00 am - 7:30 pm</b>
<b>Adoration</b>	<b>1st Friday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>Bookstore</b>	<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8:00 am - 1:00 pm</b>
	<b>Mon. &amp; Tues.</b>	<b>Closed</b>
	<b>Wed &amp; Thu.</b>	<b>10:00 am - 2:00 pm</b>
	<b>Fri.</b>	<b>10:00 am - 6:00 pm</b>
	<b>Sat.</b>	<b>11:00 am - 5:30 pm</b>

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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### Holy Week 2025

Palm Sunday: April 13, 2025  
*(outdoors in Palm Court)*  
Masses at 7:30 am & 10 am  
No Saturday Mass.

Holy Thursday: April 17, 2025  
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 pm  
*(in Church)*

Good Friday: April 18, 2025  
Stations of the Cross at 12 noon  
*(outdoors in Palm Court)*

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm  
*(in Church)*

Holy Saturday: April 19, 2025  
The Easter Vigil at 8 pm *(in Church)*

Easter Sunday Mass: April 20, 2025  
6:30 am, 8:30 am, and 10:30 am  
*(outdoors in Palm Court)*

### Lent Reconciliation Opportunities

Every Saturday: 2-3 pm  
*(No confessions Sat. April 19)*  
Tuesday, April 1 9-10 am  
Friday, April 4 11 am-12  
Monday, April 7 3-4 pm  
Thursday, April 10 4-5 pm  
Monday, April 14 9-10 am  
Wednesday, April 16 1-2 pm

### Fridays in Lent

5:30 pm – Stations of the Cross  
6-7 pm – Simple Soup Supper  
7 pm – Taizé Prayer Around the Cross

### A Call to Serve During Holy Week

Please consider volunteering this year to help:

- ~ Hospitality Ministers
- ~ Carrying the cross on Palm Sunday
- ~ Setting up chairs for the outdoor liturgies

You can sign up after Mass in the narthex, or reach out to Rosa in the Liturgy Office. Your willingness will help to make this Holy Week a truly blessed time for all who come to gather in prayer and thanksgiving. May our service of others reflect the love of God, who calls us to serve one another in Christ's name.

# Wondrous Love

*two performances:*

**Saturday, April 5, 2025 ~ 7 pm**  
**Sunday, April 6, 2025 ~ 2 pm**

**“This is love: not that we loved God,  
but that God loved us.”** (1 John 4: 9-10)

The Casa Choir and Musicians present this beautifully moving Lenten musical event. With God's incomparable love as the central theme, "Wondrous Love" recounts the earthly life and ministry of Jesus, which ultimately led Him to a path of sacrifice and death on a cross — and then the resurrection. Familiar melodies and poignant narration provide a compelling rendition of the Passion story of Jesus.

All are welcome to this free event.

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## Celebrate Jubilee!



*Where did Jubilee Come From and What Does It Mean for Us Today?*

Saturday, April 26, 9:00 am - 1:30 pm

Register Now on [frc.retreatportal.com](http://frc.retreatportal.com) (\$30, lunch included)

Join us for a half-day event for the whole Casa community.

*Hear from the following presenters on these topics:*



Part I:  
The Biblical Roots  
of Jubilee  
*Sister Dianne Bergant, CSA*



Part II:  
Jubilee in the  
Church Today  
*Dr. Massimo Faggioli*

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



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

*10th Anniversary Celebration of Laudato Si'*

Thursday, May 22, 5:30 – 8:45 pm

Fee: \$35 (dinner provided)

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

**Registration deadline is Tuesday, May 20.**

May 2025 marks the 10th anniversary of the groundbreaking encyclical by Pope Francis — *Laudato Si': Care for Our Common Home*. In the past decade, the Casa community has aimed to foster a deeper respect for creation, promote sustainable habits, and deepen our commitment to a lifestyle that respects the Creator's handiwork. We invite all to join the celebration where we will recognize our community's past accomplishments and inspire all to continue this work.

Questions can be directed to Patti Sills-Trausch at [pattist@thecasa.org](mailto:pattist@thecasa.org).

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)

**Scholarships available for teens 16–18 years old (first-come, first-served)**

## *You're Invited!*



VISION 2050

What will the Casa look and feel like in 25 years?

Discover Vision 2050, our pathway forward shaped by a year-long collaboration with community, staff, and board members. Enjoy a social gathering followed by a special presentation outlining our plans for the future. There will be time for questions and answers.

## VISION 2050 COMMUNITY SUMMIT

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 5:00 to 5:30 pm | Welcome Reception in the Lobby             |
| 5:30 to 6:30 pm | Presentation in the San Damiano Auditorium |

We hope to see you there!

*Fr. Page Polk, OFM*, Rector, Our Lady of the Angels Church  
*Diane Catlin*, Chair of the Board of Directors, Franciscan Renewal Center  
*Charles Brown*, Executive Director, Franciscan Renewal Center

### RSVP by April 1, 2025 | Space is limited

online: <https://forms.office.com/r/DsbNarLZ9U> or scan the QR code

by phone: 480.948.7460

in person: at the guest services desk (lobby)



Assorted cheeses/crackers, crudité, cookies, and coffee/tea/soft drinks will be served at the reception.





**Just Scripture**  
**Virtual Conversation**  
**Saturday, April 12**  
**10–11:30 am**

We consider biblical issues of justice and mercy that impact our world today and talk about how the Sunday readings connect with daily life. Discussed from a perspective of Franciscan values, *Just Scripture (JS)* occurs on Zoom on the second Saturday of each month, **10–11:30 am**.

*To register, please visit the FIA LinkTree. The session is free. No previous study of Scripture is needed. Contact Kathleen Garast [kgarast@aol.com](mailto:kgarast@aol.com) for the JS readings that will be discussed.*

**All are welcome.**

Last chance to Register



**Popcorn, Pizza and**  
**Peace Movie Night**  
**Fee \$15**

Film: *"Disturbing the Peace"* Documentary  
**Friday, April 4, 5:15–8:30 pm**

Register here: [frc.retreatportal.com](http://frc.retreatportal.com)

*Love is more powerful than the most destructive weapons of war.*

Fee includes film, pizza, popcorn, and additional refreshments. Held on a Friday in Lent, meatless options will be available. Those who attend the 5:30 pm Casa Stations of the Cross can still join us for the dinner and the movie.

Complete flyer with all details found here:  
<https://tr.ee/rlmbjtxll6>

Registration closes Wed., April 2, at 7 pm



Find out more about the  
**Casa Peace Ministry**

Team members will be  
tabling after Mass

**Today, Sunday March 30**

All morning Masses

*"Energized by prayer with the Holy Spirit, the Casa Peace Ministry creates peace through nonviolence in our hearts, our communities, and our world. Our mission is to to serve God by promoting peace: through contemplative prayer and reflection, loving our neighbor, and enthusiastically working for the common good."*

Stop by our table and find out how you can help and also learn about our upcoming programs.

**Café Justo Coffee Sale**

**Saturday & Sunday,**  
**April 5 & 6**  
**Sold after all Masses**



Try our delicious, fair-trade, organic, shade-grown, recently roasted (fresh) coffee. The cost of the coffee is \$10 per one-pound bag. Your purchase helps families in the Cafe Justo Farmers' and Roasters' 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 part of the after-Mass selling team, contact [casagrounds@thecasa.org](mailto:casagrounds@thecasa.org).*

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

## COMMUNITY CONNECTION



In nature, St. Francis saw the imprint of God. The beauty of God's creation was a vehicle for him to find and follow God who is incarnated in our world. It is because of this Franciscans believe that care for creation must characterize every aspect of our Franciscan ministries, from how we use and conserve our resources to the size of the footprint our ministries leave on God's earth. In response to this, all the staff at the FRC has developed departmental projects to decrease the use of limited resources, engage more with renewable energy sources, promote educational and spiritual opportunities to increase our love and connection to God's amazing works, and reduce our waste.



One such effort comes from our kitchen staff. To reduce the amount of food scraps that end up in a landfill, which causes methane—a toxic greenhouse gas, the kitchen staff decided to work with Recycled City, a food composting company. The company provides the Casa with a large container to hold the kitchen waste. In our busy season, the staff will take their small container that sits next to the chopping board out to the large one provided by Recycled City 2-3 times a day. Fruit and vegetable peels, potato scraps, eggshells, coffee grounds, and much more are being diverted to a farm in south Phoenix to be turned into good soil. Individual households can also use the company to do their own composting. You can find more information at [recycledcity.com](http://recycledcity.com).

— Patti Sills-Trausch  
Mission Integration/Special Projects



### DISCOVER THE VISION

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

#### 1st Thursdays of the Month

Upcoming dates:

April 3	11:00 am
May 1	11:00 am
June 5	11:00 am

#### Reserve Your Spot Today

online: [thecasa.org/discover-the-vision](http://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 School of Theology extend its deepest gratitude to the Casa community for donating \$25,831 to support the people and programs of our school.

Continuing Education Opportunities at FST:

- Franciscan School of Theology's online program this summer! Choose from two enriching courses: June 23–27 or July 7–11. Learn more and register today: [fst.edu/degrees-programs/continuing-education/](http://fst.edu/degrees-programs/continuing-education/)
- Online Certificate in Franciscan Theology—a flexible, engaging program designed for those seeking a deeper understanding of Franciscan spirituality. Learn more at: [fst.edu](http://fst.edu)

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Mass Offerings		Mass Attendance	
3.16.25	\$23,816	3.16.25	1,819
3.17.24	\$26,001	3.17.24	1,749

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**RETREAT**

Your Spiritual Legacy

**April 4 – 6, 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.

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



**WORKSHOP SERIES**

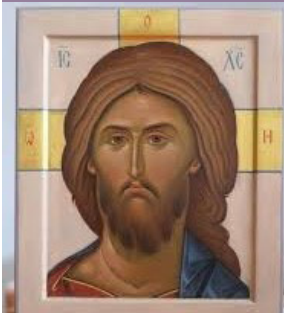
Protecting Our Own Well Being in Challenging Times

**Saturdays: Apr 5, 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. Registration Details:** [frc.retreatportal.com](http://frc.retreatportal.com)



**ICONOGRAPHY RETREAT**

A Brush with God

**April 10 – April 13, Thursday – Sunday**

*Peter Pearson, MDiv, ThD*

We will walk through the ancient process of creating an icon of the face of Christ, using this image which was created by a contemporary master as our guide. No experience required.

**Fee, incl. meals: \$600 single room; \$400 commuter.** Register: [frc.retreatportal.com](http://frc.retreatportal.com)



**RETREAT**

Holy Week 2025

**Part I: April 12 – 16 | Part II: April 17 – April 20**

*Fr. John Quigley, OFM*

Part I: Stay as many nights as you wish between April 12 –16. To register, email [lora@thecasa.org](mailto:lora@thecasa.org), call 480.948.7460, or visit the Casa's Guest Services Desk.

Part II: The Paschal Triduum. Online registration available.

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



**RETREAT**

Living Into the Truth of God's Extravagant Love

**April 25 – 27, Friday – Sunday**

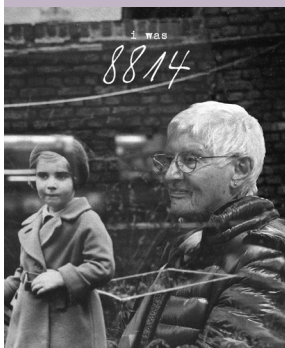
*Roger L. Parks, Psy.D*

Join this contemplative retreat to realign your view of God with His true nature. Engage in meditation, prayer, and reflection for a more loving, biblical perspective.

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

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**SPECIAL EVENT AND PRIVATE SCREENING—NEW!**

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**

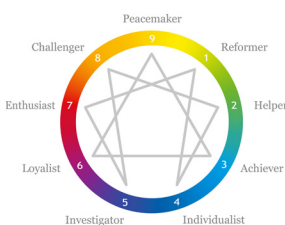
Managing Divisiveness in Society: How Differentiation Will Save the World

**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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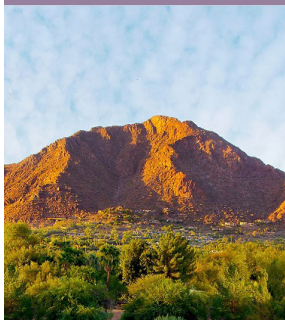
A Grateful Heart Animates Your Spiritus

**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**

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)

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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 March 30 – April 5, 2025

<b>Sunday</b>	
<i>Salomon Jaramillo</i>	7:30 am
<i>Robert Ryan</i>	9:15 am
<i>Jim Keeley</i>	11:00 am
<b>Monday</b>	
<i>John &amp; Caroline Czekaj</i>	8:00 am
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<i>Maria Vu Thi Hong</i>	8:00 am
<b>Wednesday</b>	
<i>Maurine Tobin</i>	8:00 am
<b>Thursday</b>	
<i>Anthony Seminario</i>	8:00 am
<b>Friday</b>	
<i>Lily Hance</i>	8:00 am
<b>Saturday</b>	
<i>Family Peace</i>	4:00 pm

The intentions listed here will be the intentions of the priest and will not be announced to the gathered assembly.

### 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 for single individuals aged 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.

### 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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