

May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

# RENEWAL



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*All are welcome.*

## PASTORAL REFLECTION



How has the Lord used your greatest mistakes as sources of renewal?

Perhaps you can find yourself relating to my experience; the things within myself that I dreaded, bungled, or trapped in vats of anxiety became the things I focused on incessantly.

For stretches of years, that focus was pejorative and stifling, because all I did was examine the flaws and scrutinize without movement. However, through a long campaign of attempting to adjust my interior life, I felt the veil over my eyes lift, and I came to a stunning, gorgeous realization:

God gave me all the tools I needed to be better, and I hadn't seen them for what they were. Flipping that switch, I found myself understanding how I had grown in all the areas that were once perceived weaknesses. I had built the muscles required to effect change without knowing, and it became clear that it was my responsibility to use this experience to help others.

This week's Gospel is the perfect example of how we, people of a broken Church, have been chosen by God to mold the world. The Lord forgave Peter in parallel to his sin, as we are all forgiven in accordance with our errors. Then, Jesus gave Peter an effective penance that He also gives us: to lead the Lord's people into the fullness of redemption.

On this Third Sunday of Easter, in celebration of new life through Christ, let us also celebrate how our failures can strengthen us in the Spirit.

Vincenzo Torsiello  
Youth Minister

*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/channel/UCv8t2vj3a">YouTube.com/theCasaFRC</a></i>		
<b>Taizé Prayer</b>	<b>1st Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Reconciliation</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2:00 - 3:00 pm</b>
<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/](https://www.bible.usccb.org/).

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## Honoring Our Mothers This Mother's Day

Mother's Day is next Sunday, and as a community, we will remember, celebrate, and give thanks for the mothers who have shaped our lives with love.

**Please email your photo by  
Monday May 5**

We invite you to email us a picture of your mother — whether living or deceased — to be included in a slideshow that will play before Mass next Sunday to help us honor these incredible women.

We'll lift up in prayer all mothers — those who are still with us and those who have passed from our sight — honoring the ways they've nurtured, guided, and inspired us. As a mother lovingly cares for her children, so too does our God tenderly watch over each of us.



Let's come together to give thanks and to celebrate the beautiful gift of motherhood.

May we always cherish and honor our mothers with deep love and lasting respect.

## The Fifty Days of Easter: A Time to Savor the Mystery

Easter isn't just one day — it's a whole season! That is, a 50-day celebration that invites us to go deeper into the joy and meaning of the Resurrection. This time is called the *Period of Mystagogy*, which means "savoring the mysteries," and is especially meaningful for those newly baptized but also a gift for all of us. During these weeks, we are to reflect more deeply on how we encounter the Risen Christ — not only as we gather each Sunday in Scripture and in the Eucharist, but in our everyday lives. In the Sunday readings, we hear how Jesus appears in surprising and tender ways, and we're invited to ask: *Where do I see the Risen Lord in my own life?*

Are there moments where your faith becomes real — not just ideas, but encounters with the "living Christ," perhaps in times of vulnerability, courage, or grace... sacred moments of human connection.

We can experience Christ present in the healing of broken relationships and the restoration of peace. Whether we are reconciling with someone else, or experiencing the grace of being forgiven by them.

We might feel Christ's own compassion in those quiet, tender spaces. At the side of someone who is suffering; when we accompany someone in doubt... or illness, or the final moments of life.

Christ is alive in the love we extend to one another; walking with someone through sorrow or struggle; comforting a friend who is troubled or grieving, supporting someone through addiction, or simply being a nonjudgmental listener.

Let's pray for open hearts, so we can recognize Christ in our midst and grow in the joy of the Resurrection.

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# ADULT BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, EUCHARIST



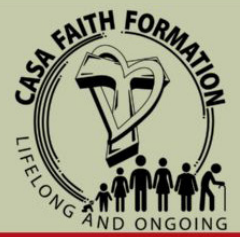
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## 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of *Laudato Si'*

*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](http://frc.retreatportal.com)

Keynote Speaker:



Fr. Sam Nasada, OFM

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

May 2025 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the groundbreaking encyclical by the late 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? Email [victor@thecasa.org](mailto:victor@thecasa.org) or call 480.306.4027.



### **The Joy of Giving: A Steward's Heart**

There is a special kind of joy that only comes when we give from the heart — when we give not because we have to, but because love moves us to do so. This is the heart of stewardship: recognizing that all we have — our time, our talents, our resources — are gifts from God, entrusted to us to share generously with others.

The world tells us happiness comes from having more. But Jesus shows us that joy comes from giving more. Henri Nouwen writes, “Those who are truly free are those who share what they have.” A generous heart is a heart that is free — free from fear, free from attachment, free to love like Christ.

Here at Our Lady of the Angels Church at the Franciscan Renewal Center, I see that joy all around us. It's in the smiles of those who greet you at the door. It's in the music that lifts our hearts to God. It's in the care shown to the sick, the lonely, and those seeking healing and peace. It's in the quiet gifts given to sustain this sacred place.

The International Catholic Stewardship Council reminds us that stewardship is not about equal gifts, but about equal sacrifice — it's about the love with which we give.

This week, I invite you to pray: “Lord, help me to give with joy. Help me to trust You more, love You more, and share all I have in service of Your Kingdom.”

Because God loves a cheerful giver — and in giving, we find joy.

Questions about stewardship? I invite you to join me for a cup of coffee or tea. Email me at [christopher@thecasa.org](mailto:christopher@thecasa.org) or call 480.355.5634.





**Just Scripture**  
Virtual Conversation  
**Saturday, May 10**  
**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.**



**Hunger Action**  
**Service Opportunities**

*Be part of the feeding and healing of our world.*

Sign-up for Monthly Service Opportunities on FIA LinkTree. Opportunities to serve the growing number of families and unhoused individuals facing food insecurity in the Phoenix Metro area. Given our uncertain economic times, the number of hungry and homeless people is expected to increase.

- **Wednesdays, May 21, June 11 and July 9:** Desert Mission Food Bank, 8:45 – 11 am (in Sunnyslope neighborhood). Sort and pack fresh foods and shelf stable items, and also pack student and senior supplementary packs. Teens 16 and older accompanied by an adult are welcome to volunteer.
- **Fridays, May 9, June 20, July 18, August 15 and September 19:** St Vincent de Paul Kitchen (plating meals) 8:45 – 11:30 am. Help with the plating of over 10,000 meals daily for dining rooms and shelters throughout Phoenix. Teens 14 and older may volunteer.

**Your Involvement Matters**

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

Last after-Mass sale until the Fall

**Café Justo Coffee Sale**

Saturday & Sunday, May 10 & 11



**Perhaps a (Last Minute) Gift for Mother's Day**

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!** Contact [casagrounds@thecasa.org](mailto:casagrounds@thecasa.org) to join this ministry and the after-Mass selling team.



**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.

The Rosary planning team will be in the Hospitality Area on May 10–11 after all Masses to collect names for the Rosary.



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

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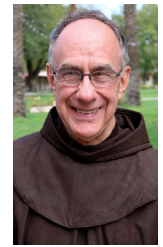
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### DISCOVER THE VISION

*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

#### Reserve Your Spot Today

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

phone: 480.355.5631

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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](https://frc.retreatportal.com)

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#### Mass Offerings

Easter 2025     \$69,870

Easter 2024     \$57,473

#### Mass Attendance

Easter 2025     5,615

Easter 2024     4,511

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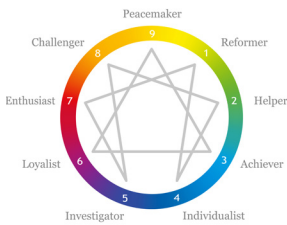
### WORKSHOP

Renewed in Grace: A Women's Workshop for Mind, Body and Soul  
**Thursday, May 8 | 7 – 9 pm**

*Michelle Newman*

In a supportive environment, you will have the opportunity to reconnect with yourself through guided meditation, meaningful discussions, and holistic wellness practices.

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



### COMMUTER RETREAT

St. Francis and the Enneagram

**Friday, May 16, 6 – 9 pm & Saturday May 17, 9 – 4 pm**

*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)



### 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**

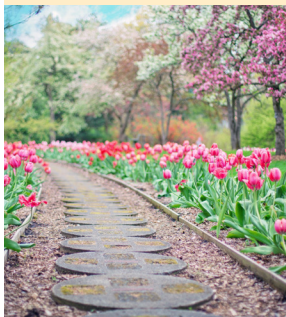
*Darleen Pryds, Ph.D.*

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)

To see all upcoming programs and to register, visit [frc.retreatportal.com](http://frc.retreatportal.com). Registrations can also be made by visiting or calling our Guest Services Desk, or by emailing [lora@thecasa.org](mailto:lora@thecasa.org).





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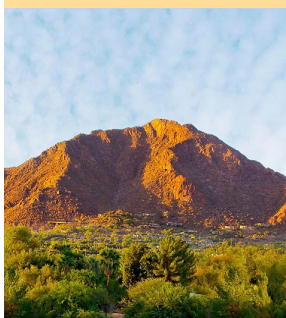
**Divorced and Separated**

**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**

**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**

**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)



**CLASS SERIES—NEW!**

**Synergy Oasis Yoga**

**Tuesdays: Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and Oct. 7 | 11 am – 12:15**

*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)

To see all upcoming programs and to register, visit [frc.retreatportal.com](http://frc.retreatportal.com). Registrations can also be made by visiting or calling our Guest Services Desk, or by emailing [lora@thecasa.org](mailto:lora@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. 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)

### 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 4 – 10, 2025

#### Sunday

*Wayne Botkin* 7:30 am  
*Jim Keeley* 9:15 am  
*Helen Czekaj* 11:00 am

#### Monday

*Rosaria Dawid* 8:00 am

#### Tuesday

*Hanley Dawson* 8:00 am

#### Wednesday

*Donald Crane Trieschmann* 8:00 am

#### Thursday

*Paula Mathias* 8:00 am

#### Friday

*James Silhasek* 8:00 am

#### Saturday

*Maria Encarnacion Lavin de De Leon* 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.



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