September 8, 2024

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

# RENEWAL

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#### PASTORAL REFLECTION



Way back in the 1970s, there was a famous and very effective magazine ad for the (then new) Volkswagen Beetle. It was mostly a blank white page with a small picture of the car on the bottom with the words, "Think Small."

In today's Gospel, we are told a story of how Jesus entered a predominately non-Jewish area (the Decapolis) where the people brought to him one of their own (presumably a non-Jew) who was deaf and mute, and they "begged him to lay his hand on him." What a perfect set-up! Now Jesus can dazzle the crowd with his healing ability and prove to everyone in that community that he is the man. This is a chance to put on a show and convert the multitudes. Curiously however, Jesus takes the man off by themselves away from the crowd. Hmmm.

What might the Gospel be saying? Might it be that Jesus is not as concerned about quantity as he is about quality? When we are honest, we may often catch ourselves thinking and believing that quantity is synonymous with "success." Worse yet, we may sometimes be so concerned with impressing large numbers of people that we neglect the one-on-one personal relationship. Thinking small and building genuine relationships, like with the man in today's Gospel, is the way in which Jesus most often preferred to do things (don't believe me? — look it up). He focused on quality. Do we do the same?

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Fred Mercadante
Director of Faith Formation

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## 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** 

Taizé Prayer	2nd & 4th Wed	lnesday 7:00 pm
Reconciliation	Saturday	2:00 - 3:00 pm
<b>Guest Services</b>	Sun. – Sat.	6:00 am -7:30 pm
Adoration	1st Friday	6:00 pm
Bookstore	Sun.	8:00 am - 1:00 pm
	Mon. & Tue.	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 <u>bible.usccb.org/</u>.

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#### LITURGY CONNECTION



## "Taizé Prayer Around the Cross" 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 7 pm.

Joing us this Wednesday, September 11, 2024

"Taizé prayer" consists of short sung chants, Scripture readings, and periods of silence which give the service a meditative character. The service typically lasts about 35 – 40 minutes.

## Liturgical Ministers: Please update MSP Ministry Scheduler Pro



Now is the time to update your MSP profile with your "unavailable dates." We are preparing the next schedule which will run October through January. Updating your profile helps the scheduling software do its job in accommodating everyone's needs. Please attend to this in the coming week. If you need assistance, please call Rosa, and she will gladly help you — she's also available to give private tutorials. Call her at 480.355.5642 or email rosa@thecasa.org.

Look for the "My Profile" tab and update with your "unavailable dates/times." You can do this continously as your schedule changes ... this helps the software in finding "subs," too.



## Quaranta Giorni Sul Monte La Verna

Forty Days on Mount La Verna

Two performances Saturday, September 28, 2024 • 7 pm Sunday, September 29, 2024 • 2 pm

800 years ago, St. Francis spent 40 days praying and fasting on a remote and rugged Italian mountain called La Verna. One afternoon while in deep prayer, he had an extraordinary mystical vision and following that encounter, his companions began to notice marks on his hands, feet, and side resembling the wounds of Christ. The musical event QUARANTA GIORNI explores the stories that led Francis to La Verna in the first place, and the legends of what happened on the mountain, as well as what followed that transformative experience.

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## The Antioch Retreat



## Sat.-Sun., November 2-3

This two-day, peer-led "encounter retreat" takes place at the Franciscan Renewal Center. With a limited capacity of 40 participants (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade), the Antioch Retreat invites young people to move one step closer to an owned, intentional, and mature Christianity. It offers a way of imaging God's love through the experience of community so that all participants are able to recognize the loving presence of Jesus in their lives. Participants will lead each other in group discussions, activities, and experiential witness to accomplish this in growing closer to Christ and to each other.

Fee: \$50 per person.

Pre-registration required.



## **Youth Ministry**

For more information, contact: Vincenzo Torsiello, Youth Minister Email: <u>vincenzo@thecasa.org</u>

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To register, visit casafaithformation.org or call 480.948.7460

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## **DISCOVER THE VISION**

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

## Thursdays

October 3 11:00 am

November 7 11:00 am

December 5 11:00 am

## **Annual Peace Pole Blessing**



Friday, September 20 | 8:45 am

Come and pray with us at the peace pole next to Piper hall after Mass on Friday, September 20.



online: thecasa.org/discover-the-vision
phone: 480.355.5631

email: rsvp@thecasa.org

Franciscan School of Theology

## THE FRANCISCAN VISION LECTURE SERIES

**Sunday, September 15, 9–10:30 am | Francis Room** "The Franciscan Moral Vision" with Fr. Thomas Nairn, OFM

For more information and a listing of future programs, visit: <a href="fc.retreatportal.com">frc.retreatportal.com</a>

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## FAITH FORMATION — FAITH IN ACTION MINISTRIES— Visit: linktr.ee/socialconcerns

Do you have election season excitement? Or burnout? Do you wonder how faith and civic responsibility intersect?

Attend any or all of the FIA Fall Series programs, *Formation of Conscience:* Living Our Baptismal Call in the World.

## **Additional Programs in FIA Fall Series**

Formation of Conscience: Living Our Baptismal Call in the World

**Sunday, September 15** (9 – 10:30 am, no fee) Franciscan School of Theology (FST) topic: *The Franciscan Moral Vision.* See Casa Programs/ Retreat Portal for details.

**Thursday, September 26** (6:30 – 8:30 pm, no fee) *Ballot Propositions: Filling in the Bubbles.* Voter education event on Arizona ballot propositions by Casa Valley Interfaith Project (VIP). Details and registration available on FIA *LinkTree*.

Potluck,
Popcorn
and Peace
Movie
Matinee



Saturday, September 21 12:30–3:30 pm, Fee \$10

Register now at frc.retreatportal.com.

**Featured Film:** "Ahimsa Gandhi: The Power of the Powerless"

**Celebrate World Peace Day:** Each year the *International Day of Peace (IDP)* is observed around the world on September 21. Registered participants are asked to bring a potluck item to share for our "Peace Potluck Table." Share a dish meaningful for you. Share a recipe if you wish.

## September: Hunger Action Month

Email <u>hungeraction@thecasa.org</u> for additional information.



**Taizé Prayer Service**, September 25 at 7 pm (church) All are welcome.

**Service Project(s):** Sign-up for service on FIA LinkTree

- St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Mondays, September 9 and October 7 from 8:45 – Noon, main kitchen. Help plate the 1,000 daily meals sent to the homeless shelters. 14-16 yrs old accompanied by an adult.
- (Sunnyslope), Desert Mission Food Bank—Wednesdays, September 18, and October 16 from 8:45 11 am. Sort and bag food, prepare senior and student supplemental bags, distribute food.
- Casa Fall Food Drive October 13.
   Volunteer to help. Email HAM.

**Donate.** Casa Fall Food Drive, Sunday Morning, October 13. Bring shelf stable, non-perishable items for St. Vincent de Paul.

## **Your Involvement Matters**

(Find detailed flyer on FIA LinkTree)

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## Just Scripture Virtual Conversation Saturday, Sept. 14, 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 <u>kgarast@aol.com</u> for the JS readings that will be discussed.

### All are welcome.

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For volunteer opportunities and FIA events, visit: linktr.ee/socialconcerns

#### COMMUNITY CONNECTION



In the early days of his conversion, St. Francis of Assisi heard God's call. With a heart full of faith, he set out humbly, inviting others to join him in repairing the small, crumbling chapel of San Damiano. Though his task seemed simple, it was the foundation of a much greater mission—one that changed the world and continues to inspire us today.

In that same spirit, I invite you to join me by becoming members of a legacy that strengthens and sustains the Casa's mission through our Tau Society.

As a Tau Society member, you are joining an 800-year history of healing, transformation, and renewal. Your Tau pledge is unrestricted funds and are the powerhouse behind growth and

daily operations. You provide a consistent stream of support allowing the Casa to budget more effectively and respond when opportunities arise. Over the past year Tau members helped fund the mental health summit, garden and landscaping enhancements, solar panel installation, counseling and spiritual direction support. By joining the Tau Society, you boldly pledge \$1,000 or more annually— payable by check, credit card, IRA disbursement, or other options. To illustrate, a pledge of \$1,000 can be broken down as follows:

• \$12.00 a week

• \$83.33 each month

• \$250 each quarter

As Tau Society members you are invited to quarterly educational and social events and receive the quarterly Tau Talk publication.

If you feel called to join the Tau Society, I would love to walk with you as you prayerfully consider this opportunity. May the peace and joy of St. Francis guide your heart as you discern your place in this legacy of love.

In gratitude, Christopher Meyer

Therapy, Support, and Counseling Ministry (TSCM) thecasa.org/tscm

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## **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. **counseling@thecasa.org** 

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### **Mass Offerings**

8.25.24 \$14,152 8.27.23 \$18,866

## **Mass Attendance**

8.25.24 1,174 8.27.23 1,088

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EDUCATION, RETREATS, AND EVENTS — To register, visit thecasa.org/programs and click on Programs Portal



### **COURSE**

Enneagram Revelations with the 9 Types Wednesdays: September 18 – November 20 | 6:30 – 9 pm

Karen Adams

A foundational and experiential training in the understanding of the 9 Enneagram types, the dynamic interrelations among the types, and the potential beyond type.

Fee: \$225 per person for all ten sessions.



#### **RETREAT**

## Broken and Blessed Retreat for Suicide Loss Survivors October 4 – 6, Friday – Sunday

Marianne Gouveia and Greg Eckerman

The Broken and Blessed Retreat will help those bereaved by suicide reconcile and process their pain, understand their feelings of powerlessness, and find comfort in God's mercy.

Fee, incl. meals: \$250 single room; \$135 commuter.



#### **COURSE**

## Compassionate Communication: Core Concepts and Practices Thursdays: October 10 – November 7 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Christine Dove, MSW

You will learn the 4-step process that promotes more connection in our everyday lives. You will learn how to use it when you or another is angry and/or overwhelmed.

Fee: \$100 per person for all five sessions.



#### WORKSHOP

## **Christian Parenting**

## October 26 & 27, Saturday & Sunday

Elizabeth Jacobs, PhD

This workshop is part "Psych 101 for Parents" and part "Spiritual Development" to help us answer the question, "How in God's name are we going to raise these children?"

Fee, incl. lunch: \$150 per person. Lodging is not available for this workshop.



#### RETREAT

## **Your Spiritual Legacy**

## November 8 – 10, 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.

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#### RFTRFAT

## In Search of Boundless Compassion

November 15 – 17, Friday – Sunday

Ruth Baker and Karia Lee Basta

Gift yourself by spending a weekend walking through the portal of Boundless Compassion using Joyce Rupp's insights as a guide.

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



### RETREAT

Marriage: It's Not for the Faint of Heart

November 22 – 24, Friday – Sunday

Erica Tatum-Sheade, LCSW and Ryan Sheade, LCSW

Join married therapists Ryan and Erica for a three-day retreat designed to help strengthen communication, respect, intimacy, and understanding in your marriage.

Fee per person, incl. meals: \$175 double room; \$150 commuter.



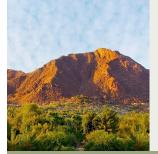
## **RETREAT**

## Our Lady of Guadalupe December 11 – 13, Wednesday – Friday

Arasely Rios

Find a new devotion to Jesus through Mary. This retreat shares the miracle of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Fee, incl. meals: \$325 single room; \$175 commuter.



#### **RETREAT**

#### **Grief and Loss**

December 13 - 15, Friday - Sunday

Timothy Ringgold, MT-BC

Experience 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: \$250 single room; \$135 commuter.



#### RETREAT

New Year's

December 30 – January 1, Monday – Wednesday

Peter Pearson, M.Div, Th.D

Come away for a bit. Pause, breathe, and reflect. Make this ending/beginning an opportunity to live more intentionally.

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

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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 <a href="mailto:spiritualdirection@thecasa.org">spiritualdirection@thecasa.org</a>

#### Faith Sharing Groups at the Casa

**Centering Prayer** meets Wednesdays at 8:45 am in the Meditation Chapel. **SpiritualDirection@thecasa.org** 

**Contemplation in the Desert** gathers in the Healing Garden on Mondays at 7 am. **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**.

**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** 

**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.** 

**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 **johncelder@gmail.com** or 480.580.7750.

## Mass Intentions September 8–14, 2024

Sunday
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Dr. John "Jack' Corrigan	7:30 am
oseph Obernuefemann	9:15 am
Maureen Anderson	11:00 am

#### Monday

Claude & Carol Czekaj 8:00 am

#### Tuesday

Beth Koehnemann 8:00 am

#### Wednesday

Fr. James Seiffert, OFM 8:00 am

### Thursday

Doyle Rausch 8:00 am

#### **Friday**

Margo Scott 8:00 am

#### Saturday

Florence Garritano Pseno 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, including those 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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