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Be of Service/ Be Reflective

The Scriptures for this Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time have a common theme: Be of service/ be reflective.

In Gen. 18: 1-10, Abraham welcomes three strangers. He greets them, brings them water, feeds them, and invites them to rest under a tree. He is of service to them. The strangers give Abraham a thought for reflection.

Col. 1: 24-28 reminds us to be of service in bringing the Good News of Jesus to others; our hope and glory. How well do we reflect on this gift given to us so that we might give the gift to others?

The passage from St. Luke (10: 38-42) follows immediately after the story of the Good Samaritan. The neighbor to the man who had been beaten up, robbed, and left half dead was the Samaritan who cared for his needs. He was attentive to the injured man. He helped when help was needed. Who has helped you and me? To whom have we offered help? Two questions for reflection.

Verses 38 - 42 find our Lord visiting with Martha and Mary. Martha is busy about many things. Mary chose to be quieter and reflect on what Jesus was teaching. Thus, we face the balance between being of service, of being hospitable, and giving ourselves time for quiet and reflection.

We are called to service; we are called to be quiet and reflective. Let us take advantage of both gifts.

Blessings,

Fr. Page Polk, OFM
Pastoral Minister
“Taizé Prayer Around the Cross”
Wednesday, July 24 at 6:30 pm

Making time for quiet reflection is important, especially in our very busy and very noisy lives. Taizé prayer consists of meditative singing and periods of silence in order to reach a contemplative state.

All are welcome to join in this beautiful and unique prayer!

We gather in the church on the fourth Wednesday of every month, and the prayer service lasts about 35-40 minutes.

A new chapter … for Jaime Gonzalez ...

It’s with excitement for him and sadness that we say farewell to Jaime Gonzalez as our Assistant Director of Liturgy and Music. Jaime’s journey continues on a new career path … that of software development. He has been working toward this move into the tech world for some time now. He's prayed hard, studied hard, and made a lot of sacrifices to reach this point. After having served our community for the last four years, Jaime may be leaving his position at the Casa, but he is not leaving the community. You can expect to see him at the monthly Taizé services and involved with the beautiful “Wrapped In Love” ministry that creates the handmade blankets that we give the parents of our newly-baptized infants. We are grateful to all that Jaime has shared with us over the years. We wish him all the best and send him into this next chapter with our prayers and deeply-felt gratitude.

Thank you Jaime! May you know and feel the Spirit’s love and companionship along your way!

And a new chapter … for Richard Guerra...

And so, we turn the page and welcome Richard Guerra as the new Assistant Director of Liturgy and Music. Richard was chosen from among a field of highly-qualified applicants from five different states. An interview team, comprised of staff and volunteers, were involved in the final three interviews and the selection process. The team was unanimous in their recommendation. Richard comes to us with more than 25 years of experience in pastoral work in the Diocese of Phoenix, primarily in contemporary liturgical music, as well as helping train hundreds of people in liturgical ministries and helping to plan liturgies and retreats.

Welcome Richard! May you find a warm welcome in this community as you begin this new journey.

And so we all turn the page … and begin anew.

Are you considering becoming Catholic?

If so, then you are invited to explore “A Journey in Faith: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults” — known as the R.C.I.A. The R.C.I.A. is the sacramental formation process that prepares individuals for living the Christian life in the Roman Catholic community and tradition. The R.C.I.A. sessions will begin in October. The first four “inquiry sessions” are designed to help you discern whether or not you want to continue on this Journey in Faith through full initiation into the Roman Catholic Church next Easter.

Please call Kathleen Garast at 480.483.3803 for more information. You can also email your questions to rcia@thecasa.org.
We Welcome You!

Please congratulate our newly baptized children and their families!

Saturday 5 pm Mass:  
**Kallen Robert** (10 months) &  
**Kaden Edward** (age 6),  
sons of Alysa and Ryan Quigley  
**Brooklyn Carrie** (7 months),  
daughter of Jennifer & Brett Burwell

Sunday 9:15 am Mass  
**Ariana Barbosa** (9 months),  
daughter of Ann and Garrin Rose

Sunday 11 am Mass  
**Katherine Elizabeth & Parker Ann** (10 months),  
twin daughters of Bridget & Matthew Daley

Family Faith Activities  July 21  
The Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

**REFLECTION:** Today, we find Jesus visiting His good friends, Mary and Martha — Mary sitting at His feet, Martha buzzing around taking care of all the things that need to be done.

Yikes! Once again, the Lord is talking directly to me! In my own life, especially here at the Casa, I get caught up being Martha. In order to provide a place for families to encounter Christ, there is a lot of preparation to be done! I think that all of us can relate to Martha — so many responsibilities, work, homework, activities, etc.

The question we need to ask ourselves in this busy world is, do I allow for “Mary” time? Do I create opportunities to give Christ my undivided attention? Honestly, I can do much better! Both of these roles are important, but our Mary moments give us the clarity and strength to be able to get through the busyness of our lives.

So, I am challenging myself to create more time to sit at Christ’s feet. I invite you to join me and see what a difference this makes in our lives.

**CONVERSATION:** If Jesus was coming to visit you today, how would you prepare?

**PROCLAMATION/DISCUSSION:**  
Read Luke 10:38-42:  
- How does Mary welcome Jesus?  
- What is Martha busy doing?  
- Why does Martha get upset with Mary?  
- What does Jesus tell Martha and Mary?

**ACTION:** Focus on Jesus: Make a finger Labyrinth, using colorful paper plates and puffy paints. Draw the outline of a labyrinth on the plate, then trace over with the puffy paint. Let dry and use as a prayer tool! You can find more ideas on finger labyrinths at: [http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/search/label/labyrinths](http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/search/label/labyrinths)

**PRAYER:** O God, Your Love is all around us. Thank You for showing us Your love through words and actions. Amen.

For Baptisms, Sacramental Preparation and Family Catechesis, contact Patty Tafolla at 480.355.0359 or dcm@thecasa.org; Donna Kinzie at 480.355.0344 or donna@thecasa.org. For Youth Ministry, contact James Whitaker at 480.355.0343 or youth@thecasa.org.
Changes are coming to the

Casa Safe Environment Program

Our Safe Environment Enrollment and Renewal is transitioning to a new database. Details will be coming soon. Meanwhile, your current status will remain be effect. Watch for information about our new and improved program.

For volunteer opportunities, contact Pat Bennier at volunteer@thecasa.org or 480.355.0361

SUPPORT GROUPS

VOLUNTEER VOICE – Ordinary People, Extraordinary Hearts!

Books and Blessings
bookstore & spiritual boutique at the Casa

No appointments required. All are Welcome.

**Monday:**
6:30 - 8 pm: Divorce/Separation/Relationship Endings

**Tuesday:**
5:30 - 7 pm: Grieving the Loss of a Loved One
6:30 - 8 pm: Depression and Anxiety

**Wednesday:**
6:30 - 8 pm: Addiction & Family

Books and Blessing is still open all summer. We are open 7 days a week. Stop in and see us!! Over the summer, we will be featuring local artists, here in the bulletin. This week, our featured artist is Sue Messmer, with her glass cross collection. Her beautiful glass crosses have been a hit and are all made by hand. These very colorful crosses make great gifts. Available in the gift shop.

Books, statues, jewelry, rosaries, crosses, memorial crosses, grief books, greeting cards, prayer cards, art, caps, plus much more. Many items from local artists and authors. See our website for information about the store: BooksandBlessingsGiftShop.com.

For more information about our Counseling Ministry, please call 480.948.7460, ext. 134 or email: counseling@thecasa.org
Casa Hunger Action Sunday
September 22
Through Our Hands We Serve in Love

The Hunger Action Ministry promotes Hunger Action Month at the Casa starting in mid-August.

- Visit us in the Hospitality area to find out what you can do to ACT on Hunger.
- Sign-up to contribute items to the Casa Food-for-a-Meal bags.
- Join us Sep. 22, and learn how to impact hunger by wasting less food. Speaker is Yolanda A. Soto, from Borderlands Produce Rescue, whose mission is to help feed the vulnerable, nutritionally. We will assemble Casa Food-for-a-Meal bags for Desert Mission Food Bank.

Details and additional information will be in future bulletins and on the Casa website.

Hunger Action Summer Service
Families Are Welcome!

Service Opportunity for Saturday morning, August 3, with Hearts and Hands at Saint Vincent de Paul. Activities are focused on projects to teach our youth the impact of giving and service.

Volunteers engage in craft projects, making hygiene packets, sandwiches, and more, depending upon the need that month. All are welcome, including children 5 yrs and up with adult; 16 on own are welcome. For more information, contact Dolores or Kathy at hungeraction@thecasa.org to receive the sign-up genius link.

Reusable Water Bottles

In order to reduce single-use plastics on the FRC campus, the Care for Creation Ministry team created stainless-steel water bottles with the Franciscan Renewal Center Logo. These bottles are now for sale at the FRC Front Desk for a limited time at only $5 until all are sold.

Pick up a water bottle for use on a summer retreat or workshop. The FRC has water refilling stations in Piper Hall, the main lobby, the lobby of the Community Life Center, and in the Coffee and More room located in Palm Court.

Help the FRC continue its ecological efforts.

Casa Habitat for Humanity
Not a "builder?" How else can you help?

Help the Habitat Ministry provide breakfasts and lunches for the 35+ members of our volunteer construction teams. This gives our build volunteers a hearty breakfast and lunch while they give their time and energy to eliminate homelessness, one family at a time.

How do you feed 35 people breakfast and lunch? We have a fund to help cover the costs, we need you to shop and "make and bake."

1. Provide the entire meal(s) or parts of the meal without any cost to you. Sign-up in the Hospitality area or through email indicating that you want to help with meals. You also bring the food to the Habitat build site; meet the volunteers and see the build. Please keep your receipt and submit it for reimbursement.

2. Help us keep the lunch fund available into the future: Get a group of friends and/or partner with three other kind-hearted folks who also donate $25 ($100 total) and contribute the funds. The Habitat ministry team will do the shopping!

Email the The Casa Habitat ministry (thecasahabitat@thecasa.org) to indicate your interest in either option and to find out more details.

For more information about Faith in Action Ministries, contact Patti Sills-Trausch at 480.355.0348 or socialconcerns@thecasa.org; Laura Libertore at 480.355.5645 or laura@thecasa.org.
Don’t Miss Out on These Summer Programs!

July 28         Women In Diversity
August 16 - 18  Paint From Your Soul
August 23 - 25  Spiritual Spa Weekend—Mothers & Daughters
August 25       Women In Diversity
September 6 - 8  Boundless Compassion Retreat

Please visit the online registration portal to learn more about these and other upcoming programs. You can read about the presenters, and register online at:

frc.retreatportal.com/events

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Mindful Meditation
Saturday, Sep. 7, 9 am - 3 pm
Debbie Holexa

When we contemplate the meaning and impact of a world of nonviolence we often fail to include our self in the equation. Many of us are deaf to the voice of our inner critic; those inner violent narrative tapes playing on repeat. The first place to begin in the development of nonviolence is to go within and become aware of how we relate to our self. This course will provide the science, strategies, skills and meditative practice experience necessary for developing a nonviolent relationship with our self. Change ourselves, and we change our world.

Fee: $50, Includes lunch. Pre-registration required.

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St. Francis Repairs the Church
Friday, Sep. 13—Sunday, Sep. 15
Br. Bill Short OFM

As a young man, St. Francis of Assisi heard the voice of Christ calling to him: "Francis, go! Repair my house! It is falling into ruin!" In the early 1200s, Francis started a spiritual journey by repairing ruined church buildings near his home. But he soon realized that Christ was calling him to repair the broken members of Christ’s body, the Church. He eventually realized that the Christ's "house" included all creatures, his brothers and sisters.

Retreat fee including meals: $135; with lodging $250 single, $150 double per person. Check-in: Friday 5 pm; dinner 6 pm. Retreat ends Sunday, 1 pm. Pre-registration required.

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For more information or to register for any of these programs, visit thecasa.org or call 480.948.7460 ext. 132
World Peace Day
Saturday, Sep. 21, 9 am - 2 pm

The PEACE DAY Aerial Photo is Back by Popular Demand! You can sign up now to be a part of the Aerial Photo for Peace Day on September 21. Casa Peace Ministry will have a table in the Hospitality area after all Masses on the following dates:

- Sign up - July 21
- Sign up - August 18
- Sign up - September 8

The word this year is: “PEACE.” Following the photo, you are welcome to proceed to the Auditorium for an Interfaith Prayer and the Presentation of the Casa Peace Award. The Dances of Universal Peace and pool side picnic will follow.

Orange tee-shirts are suggested for the photo.

All are welcome to attend. Bring the whole family!

Compassionate Communication

Thursdays, Starting Sep. 26 through Oct. 17, 10 am - 12 pm
Christine Dove, LCSW

Are you weary of not being heard and understood? Are you challenged by trying to maintain connection when anger is involved? Are you curious about how to resolve conflict mutually? Compassionate Communication offers a process that helps us find a way through these difficult situations. You will learn how to speak authentically and listen empathically.

Fee: $70 for four sessions. Pre-registration required.

Retirement and Conscious Aging
Friday, Sep. 27—Sunday, Sep. 29
Jim Briggs
Making Room for the Spirit as We Grow Older

As you think about your retirement years and grasp the reality of growing older, this retreat will explore the benefits and joys as well as the challenges and concerns ahead. How do we live this stage of our life well and see aging as a blessing? The combination of reduced work responsibilities and growing older provides an opportunity to live life differently and more contemplatively. Discover how we can share our Spirit-given gifts, talents, and experiences in new ways that bring joy to ourselves and others and give continued meaning and purpose to our lives.

Fee: Commuter $135, Single room $250, Double occupancy $150 per person. Fees include meals. Pre-registration required. Please call Amy at 480.948.7460 ext. 132 or register online.

Who Am I? I am Grieving
Thursdays, Oct. 17 - Oct. 31
6:30 - 8:30 pm
Marcy Moore, MPS

If you are being called to contemplate and discover a new sense of who you are, this course addresses a healing of the heart. You’ll be invited to examine your inner thoughts and feelings through reflection, meditation exercises and journaling. This series of interactive workshops, including group discussions and presentation of new material, invites you to heal and reflect on your current direction and hopes for the future.

Fee: $40 per person for 3 classes. Pre-registration required.

For more information or to register for any of these programs, visit thecasa.org or call 480.948.7460 ext. 132
Points of Light

Former President of the United States, George H.W. Bush, used the phrase, “a thousand points of light” in his presidential campaign and in his inaugural address, referring to individuals and organizations across the country helping others through service. A few years later, he founded Points of Light — an international nonprofit, nonpartisan organization based on that same vision. I love the idea of “a thousand points of light” and the beautiful image that comes to mind when I hear it; beacons of light across the country and the world, people helping people.

This year’s Points of Light conference was in St. Paul, MN, and I was fortunate enough to attend with our Director of Volunteer Services, Pat Bennier. The conference was filled with engaging speakers, innovative ideas, and inspirational stories. It was exhilarating to be surrounded by people from around the world who believe so much in volunteerism and service to others that they’ve dedicated their careers to the advancement of it. Every sector was represented; faith, government, non-profit, private, corporate, etc; all coming together to share what’s worked for them, learn from what’s worked for others, and have conversations about what’s needed most in our communities at this time. In addition to the great information we came home with, I felt very blessed to be a part of this caring community.

It reminded me again what a special place the Casa is, and how we feel so blessed to be a part of it. With a shared mission of Spiritual Growth, Healing and Transformation, and Service to Others, it’s no wonder that those new to the Casa feel how special it is on their first visit, and it’s no wonder that those who’ve been here for decades still feel the same way.

— Colleen Rogers, Donor Relations, 480.306.4914

For information regarding the RENEWING LIVES initiative, please call 480.355.0357 or email sarah@thecasa.org

“I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the water to create many ripples.”

- Mother Teresa

Until the end of time, there will be people who need our love and care. How can we leave a part of ourselves behind so that those who follow will know the grace and goodness of being loved?

YOUR LEGACY can be the stone that creates ripples for generations to come. At the Casa, we have many options to help you meet your family’s needs and create a legacy of love.

Join the members of the LA Verna Legacy Society who together are doing something wonderful for others. The good you do today will never be forgotten.

For more information on planning your legacy and joining the La Verna Legacy Society, visit our legacy website: www.FRClegacy.org, or contact Mary Dunn, 480.355.0345, endowment@thecasa.org.
Faith Sharing Groups

Casa Prayer Partners Ministry petitions prayers and prays for our human family. Send requests to: CasaPrayerPartners@gmail.com

Casa Rosary Prayer Group meets every Tuesday, 6 pm in the Meditation Chapel to share our prayer intentions, and those of the community. Through the Rosary, we seek to deepen our relationship with Christ and each other as we contemplate with Mary the face of Christ.

Casa Singles Single, Divorced, Widowed — AGES 40+, meets on the 2nd Friday of each month at 7 pm. For more information and to be added to the email list, contact rick@thecasa.org.

Cornerstone at the Casa Meditation Wednesdays 11:30 am Mondays 5 pm in the Spiritual Direction/Cornerstone Center. "Be Still and Know that I Am God."

Men in Spirit This group of Christian men meets the first Saturday of every month for 7 am Mass, breakfast, then discussion, study, lectures and guidance. Contact: Al Sapia-Bosch or Chuck Jirauh: MenInSpirit@thecasa.org

Weekly Interfaith Prayer for Healing Saturdays, following the 7 am Mass. Room location will vary. Please check with the Front Desk for location, or email healingprayer@thecasa.org. All are welcome.

The Order of Secular Franciscans (OFS) Peace Fraternity meets at the Casa on the second Sunday of the month from 2 - 4 pm. This canonical Order of the Catholic Church is open to lay Catholics. Contact: Pat Kennedy, OFS, at 602.284.9343.

Nonprofit Meetings and Conferences

Nonprofit organizations are offered an exclusively serene gathering place for meetings, conferences and special events. For more information about hosting your next nonprofit event at the Casa, contact Indra Rodney, Director of Meetings & Conferences at 480.355.5632 or indra@thecasa.org.

Spiritual Direction

A spiritual director/companion is trained to listen and encourage you to explore a closer relationship with God through conversation, listening and prayer. If you are curious about spiritual direction at the Casa, or would like to make an appointment, please contact: Cathy Olds at 480.948.7460, x162 or spiritualdirection@thecasa.org.

Upcoming Special Collections

August 9,10: Special Needs—African/Latin America/Eastern Europe
Sept. 14,15: The Catholic University
Sept. 28,29: Franciscan Missionary Union (Province)

Mass Intentions

July 21 – July 27, 2019

Sunday Pro-Populo
Jean Kane
Patricia Evans
David Blamm

Monday Karoline Ross

Tuesday John Flynn

Wednesday LaVonne Joy Sanders

Thursday Dick Becker
Andres Avelino Rosa Ayala

Friday Stanley Czekaj
Dick Becker

Saturday Dick Becker

Mass Intentions for Next Week


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

In 1951, the Casa de Paz y Bien began as a Catholic retreat center in Scottsdale. Now, as the Franciscan Renewal Center (still affectionately called the Casa) we offer opportunities for spiritual growth, healing and transformation that moves lives into the service of others.

The Casa was founded by and is today an active religious community of the Order of Friars Minor — part of the worldwide Franciscan family, following the footsteps of Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi. The Casa is a wholly owned entity of the Franciscan Friars Province of Saint Barbara, based in Oakland, California, that works cooperatively with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix.

Activities at the Casa include daily Mass, Sunday services, private retreats, gathering space for non-profit groups, as well as volunteer ministries that assist the poor or vulnerable, empower individuals to improve their circumstances, care for the environment, and build community fellowship. Discover more at thecasa.org or call 480.948.7460.