

August 1, 2021

Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

# RENEWAL

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Dear OLA Community members and Casa friends,

I'm sure there have been earlier periods of popularity, but within my lifetime, angels and angelology had become a really trendy topic of interest in the 80s and 90s. I can

remember a documentary on the subject (*In Search of Angels*, 1994, with an accompanying soundtrack) as well as several TV series (*Highway to Heaven* 1984-89, *Touched By an Angel* 1994-2003) that featured angels, disguised as helpful humans, doing good in the world. Much later, *Saving Grace* 2007-2010 featured a grittier version of an intervening angel. One of the writers, Nancy Miller, was a parish member where I was pastor, St. Francis of Assisi, in Los Angeles.

Nowadays, our culture has seemed to turn its attention on demons, zombies, and vampires, both the benevolent and bellicose kind. And we don't have to wait long before the next episode or sequel of a superhero figure or space cowboy. What a reversal! Angel lovers, I'm sure, are alive and well, yet I wonder if the secular interest in all these characters hasn't become a substitute for authentic spirituality, which, in our Judeo/Christian tradition, includes all the marvelous stories in the Bible.

We are blessed to have our community church named after Our Lady, Queen of Angels. Because the basic biblical definition of an angel is a messenger of God, we can understand Mary as supreme above all that are sent by God, even though she had a human body, unlike the angels. In that light, Mary certainly can be considered one who made herself available to all that God asked of her. After she

was assumed into heaven, the Church gave her many titles, and most of these can be found in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Among these titles, Mary is called Queen of apostles, patriarchs, prophets, virgins, martyrs, confessors, all saints, and of course, Queen of angels!

Our Church owes its blessed title chiefly to the connection of St. Francis with the Portiuncula, his pet name for the chapel of Our Lady of the Angels, which he was given permission to use by the Benedictines in 1209 and which he refurbished and cherished as a very special place, both personally and for the Order. The chapel held many gatherings, and Francis died there in 1226. On August 2, the Franciscan family and all Christians still celebrate the great "pardon," requested by Francis and authorized by Pope Honorius III in 1216 in honor of this chapel but extended to any Christian who visits a Franciscan chapel or church and follows the protocols to receive the indulgence.

Whether angels are in or out of popularity, we most certainly need God's messengers to carry on the mission of Christ. All baptized Christians are anointed to be the holy presence of God in the world, to speak and act on behalf of God, and to be servant leaders. Every Mass we attend always ends by sending us back to our families, our workplaces, our communities with the good news of Jesus Christ. The spirit of living the Gospel is alive and well in our community and can always grow. May we be confident that the prayers of our holy Franciscan predecessors continue to guide us, as well as the intercession of Our Lady, Queen of Angels!

Together with you on mission!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel F. Barica, OFM".

Fr. Daniel F. Barica, OFM  
Rector, Our Lady of the Angels Church

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

**PUBLIC MASS TIMES**

<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>Tuesday – Friday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
<b>Saturday 4 pm, Sunday 7:30 am, and Daily Mass also available on <a href="https://www.youtube.com/theCasaFRC">YouTube.com/theCasaFRC</a></b>		
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12:00 - 12:30 pm</b>
<b>Taizé Prayer</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Reconciliation</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2:00 - 3:00 pm</b>
<b>Front Desk</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:15 am - 12:30 pm</b>
	<b>Monday - Friday</b>	<b>8:45 am - 12:00 pm</b>
	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Bookstore</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 am - 1:00 pm</b>
	<b>Monday &amp; Tuesday</b>	<b>Closed</b>
	<b>Wednesday - Friday</b>	<b>10:00 am - 2:00 pm</b>
	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11:00 am - 5:30 pm</b>

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**Readings and Mass Intentions**

**August 1 - 8, 2021**

*Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35*

*Raquel Tapia Miranda  
 Carol & Claude Czeka  
 Kay Baron*

*Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21*  
 No Daily Mass

*Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14*  
 Marion Giarrusso

*Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28*  
 Benefactors FMU

*Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23*  
 G. Tom Simmons

*Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10*  
 Souls in Purgatory

*Saturday Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20*  
 No Daily Mass

*Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2; Jn 6:41-51*

*The son of Nancy & Bill Anger (Saturday Vigil)  
 Pro Populo  
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## The Feast of Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula

Francis came to a place called the Portiuncula (“the little portion”) where there was an old church dedicated to the Mother of God, which had been abandoned with no one to look after it. This was a tiny chapel, hidden away in the woods and marshes near Assisi.

Francis had a great devotion to Mary, and when he saw that the church was deserted, he began to live there constantly in order to repair it. He heard that the angels visited it so much that it used to be called Saint Mary of the Angels. He decided

to stay there permanently out of reverence for the angels and love for the Mother of Jesus. He loved this spot more than any other in the world. It was here that he began his religious life in a very small way; it was here that he made such extraordinary progress, and it was here that he came to a happy death. This was the place where St. Francis founded the Order of Friars Minor. He often said to the friars, “See that you never abandon this place! If you are driven out of one door, re-enter by another, for this place is holy indeed; it is the dwelling place of Christ and His Mother.”

The Basilica, which now covers the little chapel, was begun in 1569. It was meant to accommodate the huge crowds of pilgrims who came every year on August 2 for the “indulgence.” As we honor Our Lady of the Angels, may we find inspiration for our own growth and development in the Gospel way of life that Francis embraced and lived so completely.



## Special Collection next weekend for the Church in Latin America, the Church in Africa, and the Church in Eastern Europe.

Next weekend, we are invited to participate in the annual “**Special Needs collection**” for the Church in Latin America, the Church in Africa, and the Church in Eastern Europe.

For those of you who have opted to use our Collection Envelope program, you will find an extra envelope for this purpose in your pack.

### Why do we join in these collections?

We demonstrate our care and concern for the larger Church, of which we are a part. Offering what we can to the special collections is a reminder and invitation to remember we, as Catholics, belong to a worldwide Church and how we can help others is a way to say thank you to God for the kindness we have been shown.

**In Eastern Europe**, after decades of oppression under the Soviet regime, the Catholic Church entered a new era of freedom. The people are rebuilding the Church and society after decades of persecution. Catholics live primarily in rural villages, where it is all but impossible to find medical care. Vulnerable populations like the elderly, disabled, children and expectant mothers suffer the most.

**In Latin America**, the contributions have supported the construction of transitional shelters and communal cooking facilities and the distribution of living supplies to families impacted by earthquakes and other natural disasters.

**Africa** faces the economic and social hurdles of enormous debt, epidemic, severe poverty, and political unrest. Despite these challenges, the Church in Africa has almost tripled in size in the past 30 years. The Fund provides grants to finance pastoral projects, including outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers.

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## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION



### IT'S TIME....FOR... BACK TO... FAMILY FAITH FORMATION!

Greetings everyone! It is the first weekend of August and time to prepare for fall and its back to school themes. This includes Family Faith Formation programs!

Registration begins this weekend for all the programs for families and youth.

All our sessions (except special events) are held on Sunday mornings from 10 am – 12 pm.

#### Family Catechesis –

Monthly faith formation for the entire family!

#### Family Sacrament Preparation:

First Reconciliation Grade 2 and above

First Eucharist and Confirmation Grade 3 and above

#### RCIA for Children

For kids (over the age of 7) and teens who are interested in the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

#### Youth Groups

Friends of Francis Youth Group for Grades 4/5

Middle School Youth Group for Grades 6-8

High School Youth Group for Grades 9-12

Patty Tafolla, Director of Catechetical Ministries



### Family Faith Formation Registration Begins This Weekend!

For more detailed information on our programs, check out our [WELCOME LETTER](#)

Ready to register? [CLICK HERE!](#)

#### Summer Stuff for Families!

Check out these great ideas to close out your summer with a load of fun and faith!

#### Summer Scavenger Hunt

14 different hunts to choose from!

#### Summer Challenge!

It's not too late to win prizes!

#### Saint's ABC Game

This is a tough one from Loyola Press!



Click on calendar to download!

### Happy Feast Day! August 2 is the Feast of Our Lady of the Angels!

Called the Portiuncula or "little portion." this church was very special to Francis. It was a tiny chapel hidden away in the woods and marshes of Assisi.

Here he began his religious life, grew in faith, and here that he came to a happy end. Today the Portiuncula is covered by the Basilica of Our Lady of the Angels.



For Sacrament Preparation, contact Patty Tafolla at [dcm@thecasa.org](mailto:dcm@thecasa.org); for Family Catechesis & Infant Baptism, contact Donna Kinzie at [donna@thecasa.org](mailto:donna@thecasa.org); for Youth and Young Adults, contact Cheryl Hentz at [chentz@thecasa.org](mailto:chentz@thecasa.org)



### Synodality!

The second recommendation from the National Dialogue’s Final Report is to do more synodal listening with one another. But what exactly does this mean? It means we are invited to open ourselves up to just listen to another person, even if that person is different from us or isn’t always agreeable. We are a very diverse community. Yet, we are a community on a journey that is always in motion and in communion with others along the way. The Synod Fathers stated synodal listening beautifully, “Drawing together in this way creates the conditions for the Church to become a place of dialogue and life-giving fraternity... listening makes possible an exchange of gifts in a context of empathy.”

“Ministry with young people has to be synodal; it should involve a ‘journeying together’ ... a participatory and co-responsible Church, one capable of appreciating its own rich variety, gratefully accepting the contributions of the lay faithful, including young people and women, consecrated persons, as well as groups, associations, and movements. No one should be excluded or exclude themselves.” ~ Pope Francis, *Christus vivit* (206)

Whether you are young or not so young anymore, don’t exclude yourself! Be co-responsible! Join me in the challenge to be a countercultural Church, one where we seek to listen and understand one another. Talk with one another. Listen to each other.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

#### Summer Reading Challenge!

- Read books!
- Send a photo!
- Earn prizes!



Choose books from the reading list or from Books & Blessings Bookstore! Then **email Cheryl Hentz** a photo of you and your book!

*Click the reading challenge image to download the PDF with the full list of book suggestions.*

**Reading Challenge ends August 15!**



### UPCOMING EVENT

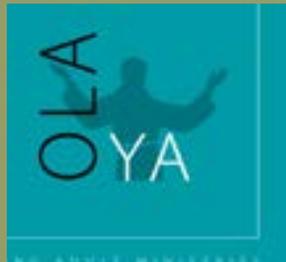
All our youth in Grades 4 – 12, join Cheryl for an adventure game day!

#### **Road to Bethlehem**

Sunday, August 8, 10:30 to noon

Meet in the youth room after Mass.

**Click the Life Teen logo to sign up!**



### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Faith formation for young adults in every stage of life from ages 18 to 39.

**\*\*Sign up for ministry updates\*\***

#### **Volunteer for this growing ministry!**

We are seeking those who feel called to work with young adults.

- People who can be mentors, guides, and friends to our young people.
- People who are willing to share their lived faith stories and walk with young people through their joys, transitions, struggles, and concerns.

Do you have more questions about walking with young people on their faith journey? Contact Cheryl Hentz for conversation and coffee (or your beverage of choice ).

For Youth and Young Adult, contact Cheryl Hentz at [chentz@thecasa.org](mailto:chentz@thecasa.org)

## VISION CORNER



There are so many ways to support the Franciscan Renewal Center in addition to your Sunday giving.

A couple of them are so simple that you don't even realize you are donating money. Did you know you can choose the Franciscan Renewal Center as your charity of choice every time you shop on Amazon? You simply log into **Amazon Smile**, choose the Franciscan Renewal Center, and a percentage of your order's cost will be donated to the Casa.

Fry's Food and Drug Stores has an easy way to give back, as well. Choose the Franciscan Renewal Center as your charity of choice via the **Fry's Community Rewards Program** and link it to your VIP Card. Then, every time you shop at Fry's, a percentage of your grocery shopping bill will be donated to the Casa. Volunteering is another way to give back.

Liturgy, Faith in Action, Family Faith Formation, and programs can always use an extra set of hands.

Also, consider becoming a member of the Tau Society and/or La Verna Society. A 5-year Tau Society pledge helps sustain the Casa today by supporting the many impactful ministries and programs provided by our team of volunteers and staff. In addition, these gifts help us maintain a beautiful and welcoming campus. The La Verna Society sustains the Casa into the future. When you name the Franciscan Renewal Center in your will, you help ensure that the Casa can continue to renew lives through spiritual growth, healing and transformation, and service to others for generations to come.

No matter how you choose to give back to the community, your love, generosity, and support is greatly appreciated.

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## DISCOVER THE VISION ON ZOOM

### You're Invited to Discover the Vision, Virtually (In-Person Tours Begin September 2, 2021)

An introduction to the Casa's mission and ministries

#### Thursdays

August 5	11:00 am	Virtual
August 19	4:30 pm	Virtual
September 2	11:00 am	In-Person
September 16	4:30 pm	Virtual

*Reserve your spot today:*

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## Hunger Action Month

Service/Outreach  
Opportunity at  
St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, September 25, 7:30 – 11:30 am

**SIGN-UP NOW**

Join other members of the Our Lady of the Angels community at St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP). The in-person volunteer service event will take place at the SVdP Watkins Campus Food Bank and at the nearby Urban Farm from 7:30 – 11:30 am on Saturday, September 25.

The deadline to sign up is Friday, September 10. **Click here to register.** Spaces are available for 30 volunteers. *Children six and up can volunteer with their parents.*

**Click Here** and see page 2 of the flyer for details on the service project and more.



## JustScripture

Virtual Conversation  
August 14

*How does God speak to you  
through Scripture?*

Discussed from a perspective of Franciscan values, including compassion and justice, *Just Scripture* will occur on Zoom on Saturday morning, August 14, from 10 – 11:30 am. All are welcome to participate. **Registration is required for you to participate**, and there is a 25-person limit for this session. The session is free. No previous study of Scripture is required.

To register, please follow this **link** and you will receive additional meeting information. Contact Kathleen Garast **kgarast@aol.com** for Scripture readings, etc.



## 35th Anniversary of the U.S. Bishops Document *Economic Justice for All*

In January of 1986, the U.S. Catholic Bishops released the pastoral letter on the economy. Given this anniversary and that the pandemic wreaked havoc on our economy and unemployment, this is a good time to revisit the main themes within that Church teaching.

From the opening paragraph of the document: “We are believers called to follow our Lord Jesus Christ and proclaim his Gospel in the midst of a complex and powerful economy. This reality poses both opportunities and responsibilities for Catholics in the United States. Our faith calls us to measure this economy not only by what it produces, but also by how it touches human life and whether it protects or undermines the dignity of the human person. Economic decisions have human consequences and moral content; they help or hurt people, strengthen or weaken family life, advance or diminish the quality of justice in our land.”

Issues addressed in the document are still relevant today and give us direction for taking action: issues such as universal basic income, income equality by gender and race, and equal opportunity for employment and credit. Our focus on budgets and policies created in local, state, and national legislative bodies, and our interaction as citizens, can bring Catholic teaching to these decisions.

To read the document in full, **Click Here.**

For more information about Faith in Action Ministries, contact Patti Sills-Trausch at 480.355.0348 or [socialconcerns@thecasa.org](mailto:socialconcerns@thecasa.org), or Laura Libertore at [laura@thecasa.org](mailto:laura@thecasa.org) or 480.355.5645.

# Welcome to the Casa Programs and Events Center

Discover new insights and inspiration

## Our Programs Portal

Browse and register for upcoming classes, retreats, and community-wide events.

[thecasa.learnitlive.com](http://thecasa.learnitlive.com)



### Tai Chi - Qigong: A Journey to Your Soul (Online)

**Tuesdays, August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 10 – 11 am**

*with Don Fiore*

Enhance your health through daily practice of Tai Chi and Qigong. Don Fiore will share tools of how a simple daily practice can help balance body, mind, and spirit.

**Fee: \$50 for five online sessions. Pre-registration is required.**



### Boundless Compassion for Self and Others Retreat (On Campus)

**Friday - Sunday, September 10 –12**

*with Ruth Baker, MA, and Colleen Shepard*

A retreat based on the work of Sr. Joyce Rupp Boundless Compassion is a way of life that begins with self-compassion. Themes include non-judgment, non-violence, forgiveness, and mindfulness.

**Fee including meals: \$135 commuter; \$150 double room; \$250 single room.**

**Pre-registration is required.**



### The Legacy Workshop: Your Story, Your Legacy (On Campus)

**Saturday, September 11 | 9 am – 12:30 pm**

*with Mary Dunn*

If you are looking for a deeper understanding of the meaning and purpose of your life, and ready to discover the sacred gift your life holds for others, the Legacy Workshop is for you. We will engage you in a thoughtful and inspiring look at the stories of how you came to be the person you are and the qualities of your life that can be a true legacy to future generations. And we will talk about important steps for documenting your legacy wishes. This is a wonderful opportunity for self-discovery and soulful conversation with like-hearted others – please join us!

**Fees: \$50. Pre-registration is required.**



### **Financial Planning in the Roaring 20s! (Online or On Campus)**

**Saturday, September 18 | 10 am – 12 pm**

*with Jeff Rattiner (Retired) CPA, CFP®, MBA*

This session focuses on an evaluation of the core areas of financial planning. Learn how to assess, evaluate, and implement specific real-life scenarios by distinguishing where you stand financially today and what may transpire into your uncertain future.

**Fees: \$20 online; \$35 on campus including lunch. Pre-registration is required.**



### **Thomas Merton, Christian Guide to Compassion Workshop ( On Campus)**

**Saturday, October 9 | 9 am – 12 pm**

*with Dr. Albert Celozza*

This experiential workshop will introduce you to Catholic author Thomas Merton, his life, his work and his encounter with God.

**Fees: \$30. Pre-registration is required.**



### **Food for Thought: Hunger Action Month Course on Hunger and Food Insecurity (Online)**

**Mondays, September 20 – October 11 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

This course starts at the macro level, then delves into micro hunger issues. Through dialogue, active listening, prayer, readings, and films, participants in these four classes grapple with the causes of hunger and food insecurity and gain new insights and awareness on what individuals can do to help reduce or eliminate hunger.

**Fee: \$25 per person for four online sessions. Pre-registration is required.**



### **Franciscan Spirituality Retreat (On Campus)**

**Friday - Sunday, October 22 - 24**

A retreat focused on Francis of Assisi and Francis of Rome: A New Time for Our Lives.

*Facilitator: Sr. Margaret Carney*

**Fee including meals: \$135 commuter; \$155 double room; \$250 single room.**

**Pre-registration is required.**



Coming in 2022



### **St. Bonaventure's Journey Into God Retreat (On Campus)**

**Wednesday - Thursday, October 27 - November 4 2022**

*with Fr. André Cirino, OFM and Josef Raischl, OFS*

Based on St. Bonaventure's masterpiece, "Itinerarium Mentis in Deum" — his Journey Into God — this 8-day retreat opens with a presentation on the life of St. Bonaventure to provide context for reflection on his work. Each day is dedicated to one of the chapters of "The Journey,"

**Fee including meals: \$700 commuter; \$850 double room; \$1,100 single room.**

**Pre-registration is required.**

For more information or to register for any of our programs, please visit <https://thecasa.learnitlive.com/> or email [lora@thecasa.org](mailto:lora@thecasa.org)



## RCIA

Have you ever wondered how to become Catholic? Or maybe you know someone who is considering becoming Catholic, is unsure how to get started? Or maybe you know of someone with a child age 7 or above who is seeking baptism.

The Our Lady of the Angels community invites you to contact the RCIA ministry for more information. The *what* you ask? Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults – the formation process the church uses to help those seeking initiation discern and prepare for full initiation into the Catholic faith.

This ongoing process rooted within the life of the community is specifically for unbaptized adults (and children ages 7 and above), those baptized in other Christian faith traditions, and anyone who was baptized Catholic as an infant but received no further instructions in the faith.

Would you like to find out more? Please contact Patty Tafolla at [dcm@thecasa.org](mailto:dcm@thecasa.org) for more information or to set up an introductory meeting. You can also meet with one of the RCIA team ministers after all Masses the weekends of Aug. 8/9; Aug. 14/15 and Aug. 21/22. Come and see where the Holy Spirit might be leading you.

To learn more about volunteering at the Casa, please visit [thecasa.org/volunteer](http://thecasa.org/volunteer) or email [volunteer@thecasa.org](mailto:volunteer@thecasa.org)



## *What's happening at the Casa?* **Sign up for our emails and find out!**

The best way to stay up-to-date on everything that is going on at the Casa is to sign up for our email list. You will receive the RENEWAL weekly bulletin, news of upcoming events, and occasional alerts to keep you in the know.

If you've previously signed up and are not receiving our emails, please contact [communications@thecasa.org](mailto:communications@thecasa.org), and we will look into it. If you have opted out or unsubscribed from our emails, please know you are significantly reducing your connection to the Casa.

## **SIGN ME UP FOR EMAILS!**

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### **Rest in Peace, Sandy Kenger**

I know I speak for everyone who ever was blessed with coming into contact with Sandy regardless of your reason for being on campus. Most of us first came to know Sandy when she worked in the gift shop for the Casa. It was several years later that she and her husband decided to invest in and become the new owner of the Books and Blessings store. In the space of her time working and owning the store, Sandy met hundreds if not thousands of guests and customers as well as spiritual companions. Sandy's many encounters with people and helping them discern and discover their spiritual path was exceptional. A friend to many and a stranger to few. Sandy and her husband Mark have three wonderful boys and two grandsons, all of whom she adored. Her love of family and her compassion for

the human condition, especially those less fortunate, is what she'll be remembered for. Sandy passed away after a challenge with breast cancer this week. She is dearly missed. Rest well, faithful servant of our Lord.

Charlie Brown, FRC Executive Director

## THErapy, SUPPORT, AND COUNSELING

### **Support Groups at the Casa**

Our monthly support groups are facilitated by volunteer licensed therapists, who also happen to have personal experience with the topic of the group. Appointments are not required, however schedules may change (especially during holiday periods), so please call 480.948.7460 or email [counseling@thecasa.org](mailto:counseling@thecasa.org) to confirm times and dates. Face masks and social distancing are required.

#### **Depression Support Group**

Second Tuesday of each month 6:00 – 7:30 pm  
Facilitator: Ryan M. Sheade, LCSW

#### **Navigating the Immigration Process**

First Wednesday of each month 5:30 – 7:00 pm  
Facilitator: Ginka Conrey, LMSW

#### **Grief and Loss Support Group**

Second Wednesday of each month 5:30 – 7:00 pm  
Facilitator: Joyce Brimhall, LMSW

#### **Parents of Children with Autism**

First Thursday of each month 7:00 – 8:30 pm  
Facilitator: Greg Moody, LAC

### **One-on-One Therapy for 18+ at the Casa**

One-on-One Therapy for 18+ is available by appointment, with safety protocols in place. Online sessions are also available. Because our therapists volunteer their time, a donation is suggested for each one-on-one session, though no one is turned away due to lack of funds or insurance. Email [counseling@thecasa.org](mailto:counseling@thecasa.org) to make an appointment. If you are or a loved one experience an immediate crisis, please call 911 or the Maricopa County Crisis Line at 602.222.9444.

Ryan M. Sheade, LCSW, Director of Therapy, Support, and Counseling Ministry [counseling@thecasa.org](mailto:counseling@thecasa.org)



### An Invitation to Spiritual Growth

We endure the isolation, manage small and large losses. The times we live in can leave us uncertain and asking where God might be in these challenges. Here at the Casa we offer the support of our **Spiritual Direction Ministry**. Spiritual direction 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. We have nineteen spiritual directors, most available via phone or Zoom. Simply contact **Cathy Olds, Coordinator of Spiritual Direction Ministry**, at [spiritualdirection@thecasa.org](mailto:spiritualdirection@thecasa.org) to set up an appointment with one of our directors. You can learn more about spiritual direction at [www.thecasa.org/spiritual-direction](http://www.thecasa.org/spiritual-direction). **During these times of grief, this Casa ministry would like to offer one free session to anyone in the Casa community.**

### FAITH SHARING

**Casa Men in Spirit.** This faith sharing group of Christian men meets every other Saturday via Zoom for discussion, study, lectures and guidance. We are currently studying/discussing Fr. Ronald Rolheiser's *Against an Infinite Horizon, The Finger of God in Our Everyday Lives*. Contact Al Sapia-Bosch 602.748.6149, Chuck Jirauch 480.290.9687. [MenInSpirit@thecasa.org](mailto:MenInSpirit@thecasa.org)

**For Prayer Requests: Casa Prayer Partners** petition prayers and prays for our human family. Send requests to: [CasaPrayerPartners@thecasa.org](mailto:CasaPrayerPartners@thecasa.org).

**Casa Rosary Group** meets every Tuesday at 6 PM in Our Lady of the Angels Church for Rosary Prayer. All are welcome to participate. You can email prayer intentions to James Peck at [jgpeck@gmail.com](mailto:jgpeck@gmail.com), and he will make sure they get offered up with the Rosary.

**Interfaith Healing Prayers** meets every Friday following 8 am Mass in the back of the church. For questions please contact Terri at [healingprayer@thecasa.org](mailto:healingprayer@thecasa.org). All are welcome to participate.

**Centering Prayer** meets Wednesdays, 8:45 am in the Meditation Chapel. All are welcome.

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

### 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 and Sunday Mass at the Our Lady of the Angels Church, private retreats, conference space for non-profit groups, individual therapy/counseling, support groups, adult education, family faith formation, 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](http://TheCasa.org) or call 480.948.7460. Sign up for a **Discover the Vision** tour to learn more about the Casa's mission and ministries.

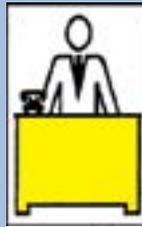
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