

July 31, 2022

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

RENEWAL

The Franciscan Renewal Center • *A Community of the Franciscan Province of Saint Barbara*



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On Tuesday, August 2, we are celebrating our Franciscan community's patronal feast day, the Feast of Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula. The name Portiuncula means little portion, and this was a gift of a small piece of property and a dilapidated church from the Benedictine monks given to St. Francis of Assisi.

After hearing the words spoken to him from an icon of Christ crucified, that said, "Go and repair My house which, as you can see, is falling into ruin," St. Francis took this literally and started repairing dilapidated churches. One of them was the Portiuncula, the little Church of Our Lady of the Angels. It was at the Portiuncula where St. Francis began to understand that God was calling him with a community of brothers to rebuild the Church by going back to following the Gospel life with Jesus as the example of serving the poor and the marginalized.

Like St. Francis, we have the opportunity of rebuilding the Church as well. We can rebuild our Church by reconciling ourselves with God and one another. We can rebuild by allowing God's healing transformation in our life. We can rebuild by using our God-given gifts in serving our brothers and sisters in need. On our patronal feast day, we are celebrating that we have been given the gift of rebuilding the Church by the witness of our life in Christ and making known the presence of God in our world.

Deacon James Seiffert, OFM

The Conventual Church of
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	Tuesday – Friday	8:00 am
<i>Sat. 4 pm, Sun. 9:15 am, and Daily Mass also available on YouTube.com/theCasaFRC</i>		
Taizé Prayer	2nd & 4th Wednesday	7:00 pm
Reconciliation	Saturday	2:00 - 3:00 pm
Guest Services Desk	Sun. - Sat.	6:00 am - 7:30 pm
Bookstore	Sunday	8:00 am - 1:00 pm
	Monday & Tuesday	Closed
	Wed. - Fri.	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
	Saturday	11:00 am - 5:30 pm

Please see pg. 10 for this week's Mass Intentions.
For weekly readings, visit <https://bible.usccb.org/>.

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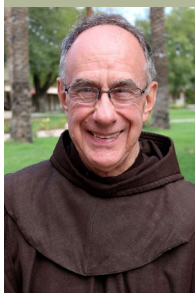
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The Feast of Our Lady of the Angels

Tuesday, August 2

A Festive Liturgy at 5 pm

Come celebrate our community feast day!
Learn more of our Franciscan heritage
as we commemorate our namesake ...
“the Portiuncula” in Assisi
(The Chapel of Our Lady of the Angels.)



**A Message from Our Rector
Fr. Page Polk, OFM**

**Effective August 8, 2022, we
will resume Mass on Monday
mornings at 8 am.**

Daily Mass will be celebrated
Monday – Friday at 8 am.

Creche Festival 2022

Saint Francis wanted to see with his own eyes
the simplicity, poverty and humility
of Jesus' birth.

With the help of the townspeople of Greccio, Italy
a manger was constructed in a forest clearing.
Mangers are still assembled to this day as part of
our Christmas tradition to recall St. Francis' vision
and to celebrate the humble birth.



Coming this December!

The 3rd Annual Casa Creche Festival planning has begun!

In December 2019, we had hundreds of “creches” – or, nativity scenes – on display in our Community Life Center. This exciting collection of diverse and interesting nativity sets were on loan from members of the Casa community. Obviously, due to the pandemic, we were not able to have the festival since then. Now, after a two-year hiatus, this December we are planning to display nativity sets once again from as many different cultures and traditions as possible.

If you would like to be involved in the planning of this special and unique holiday experience this year, please email norbert@thecasa.org. This is such an important part of the Franciscan story – and we've missed having it these last two years. Please consider helping us make it very special this year!

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Gospel Reflection for Parents

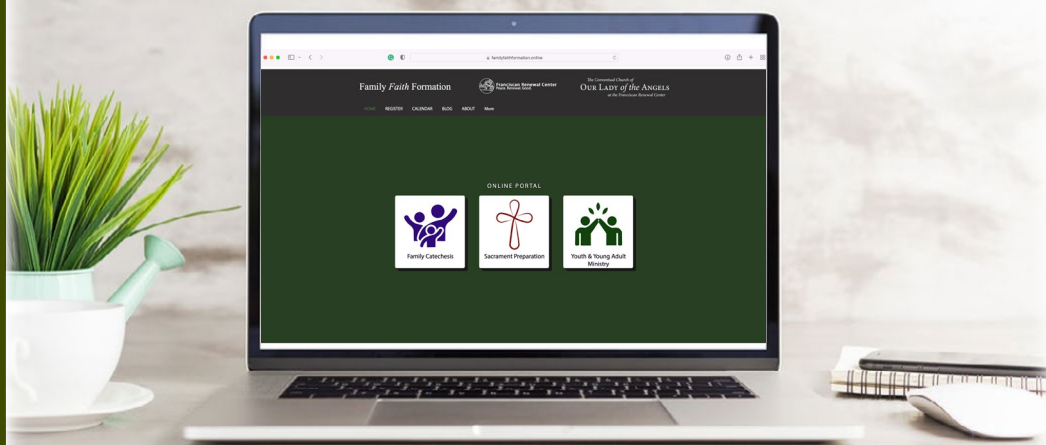
In the Gospel this week, we hear the parable known as the “Rich Fool.” The Jewish people had long held the requirement to share their excess with those in need, acknowledging that everything belongs to God. In the early Christian Church, members shared their wealth so everyone’s needs could be met. A major underlying theme of the Gospel of Luke is the right use of wealth and money. The underlying issue behind today’s Gospel is greed, and Jesus teaches a lesson about the futility of a life spent amassing material possessions. The goods of the earth are essential to our survival, but they do not satisfy the deepest longings of the human spirit.

As parents, it is important to stress to our children that wealth in and of itself is not seen as wrong. Instead, amassing wealth and the underlying issue of greed in this story is where we can bring the focus to our children. Possessions do not last; at death, they are passed on to another without knowing how they will be used. Jesus has established a new situation where people are more interested in the kingdom of God and using our time here in this life to prepare for that. In our commitment to Christ, we discover that we can transform what is transitory in life by giving it away in love. We often hear stories of the rich and famous being desperately unhappy despite their abundant wealth. Material comfort cannot protect us against suffering, and many people in the poorest circumstances can be happier than those who live in affluence and comfort. The questions raised in today’s readings focus on our priorities—where do we find our true fulfillment, and to what do we commit ourselves? Consider sharing with your child an example of a time you experienced great happiness that didn’t involve money or possessions. How important is the acquisition of material possessions to you? Sometimes the drive to material security can distract us from what is truly important. As a family, consider finding an avenue to share some of your possessions and wealth with those in need. *(adapted from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland)*

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For Sacrament Preparation, contact Patty Tafolla at dcm@thecasa.org;
 for Family Catechesis & Infant Baptism, contact Donna Kinzie at donna@thecasa.org;
 for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, contact Cheryl Hentz at chentz@thecasa.org.



Bibles & Bagels



SUNDAY, AUG 7 | 10:15 AM | CAPISTRANO RM



Parents and young adults, we get together to read and discuss the Sunday readings while eating bagels and other snacks. All are welcome to join us.

For this and all other Young Adult Ministry events, sign up for our newsletter or contact Cheryl Hentz.

GET CONNECTED WITH OLA YA



For Young Adult Ministry, contact Cheryl Hentz at chentz@thecasa.org



DISCOVER THE VISION

An introduction to the Casa's mission and ministries.

Thursdays

August 4	11:00 am <i>In person</i>
September 1	11:00 am <i>In person</i>
October 6	11:00 am <i>In person</i>
October 20	4:30 pm <i>Virtual</i>

Reserve your spot today:

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ART DOCENT TOURS

Explore the Art of the Casa

Public Tours will return in October!

During July, August, and September, private tours for individuals and groups may be requested 10 days in advance.

Tour Requests

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*Here is some important
Primary Election
information...*

- New Redistricting Map and information: azcleanelections.gov
- On **August 2**, Primary Election polls will open from 6 am – 7 pm.
- To learn about your Primary Election candidates and for voter information, visit my.arizona.vote.
- To get in touch with the **Maricopa County Recorder**, please contact **602.506.1511**

"It is the duty of citizens to contribute... to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom...For this reason, co-responsibility for the common good makes it morally obligatory to vote..."
(No. 2240), Catechism of the Catholic Church

Mark your calendar. Future bulletins will offer ways for you to be involved in Hunger Action Month.

SEPTEMBER IS



*Here is what we know,
Summer 2022: Older adults
are the fastest growing food
insecure population.*

According to an AARP study, 10,000 Americans turn 65 every day. Not only are they the fastest growing population, they are also the *fastest growing food insecure population*. It is heartbreaking that so many older adults approach the end of their working careers and find themselves without enough nutritious food. One program to help alleviate nutrition access: Food box deliveries, started during the height of Covid, ensure homebound older adults have enough to eat. <https://azfoodbanks.org/older-arizonans-and-food-insecurity-good-changes-are-coming/>



Matthew 25 Amazon Registry

Out of town?

Staying home to avoid the scorching heat?

You can still serve our migrants at the Phoenix Welcome Center by purchasing from the Welcome Center registry on Amazon! Here are some items you will find on the registry:

Children's underwear, toiletries, menstrual products, infant products, and to-go snacks for our migrants.

To find the Amazon registry link, visit our **LinkTree**.

*How does God speak to you
through Scripture?*

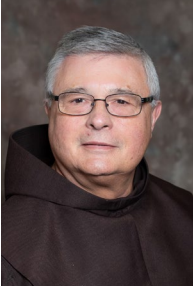


Just Scripture Virtual Conversation: August 13

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* occurs on Zoom on the second Saturday of each month from 10-11:30 am. **To register, please visit our LinkTree.**

The session is free. No previous study of Scripture is needed. Contact Kathleen Garast kgarast@aol.com for the Scripture readings that will be discussed. **All are welcome.**



To the Casa community,

On behalf of the Fraternal Care Trust of the St. Barbara Province, thank you for the generous donation of \$17,319.60 to the Trust on June 2, 2022. The Casa community continues to be extraordinarily generous to the friars, especially to those who can no longer minister because of health conditions or age. I can assure you that the friars in care centers are quite aware that their care is being provided for by good people such as yourselves. In their twilight years, they may not be able to do much, but they can pray. You are remembered by them in thanksgiving at this time in their lives.

Let me tell you the story of one friar who was cared for by the Trust, who passed away, and served at the Casa. Fr. Ben Innes, OFM, was stationed at Mission San Luis Rey as guardian of the friars and executive director of the Mission. He did so much while he was there, but he was also known for his preaching throughout the West Coast and at the Casa. His claim to fame was being interviewed by Mike Wallace on "60 Minutes." Wallace saw him giving a conference for 1,000 teenagers and was enthralled that Ben had them in the palm of his hand. Fr. Ben spent his last days at Mercy Center, Oakland. Your gift is taking care of friars like Fr. Ben, who preached the Gospel until they could no longer do so.

The Trustees are especially grateful to you for assisting the friars in taking care of their brothers, who in a simple way tried to make a difference in the world as St. Francis and St. Clare did in their world. We also pray in thanksgiving for your supporting the new brothers who will carry forward this mission.

— Gratefully, Melvin A. Jurisich, OFM, Chair, Fraternal Care Trust

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

One-on-One Therapy for 18+
Available by appointment.

Grief and Loss Support Group
Second Wednesday of Month | 5:30 – 7 pm
Facilitator: Joyce Brimhall, LMSW

Donations for one-on-one therapy and support group sessions 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.



MONTHLY MENTAL HEALTH SERIES – CEUs Available

First Friday Lunch and Learn | 11 am – 1 pm
August 5: Conflict Resolution
with Greg Moody, PhD, LAC

We'll identify what causes conflict, what *bad* conflict is, how to resolve conflict in a *good* way, what the differences are when you do it better, and finally, what to do when all this doesn't work!

Fee, w/lunch: \$25; \$49 w/CEU. Register: frc.retreatportal

Ryan M. Sheade, LCSW, Director of Therapy, Support, and Counseling Ministry
counseling@thecasa.org



EVENING WORKSHOP

It's Okay to Have Jesus *and* a Therapist

August 5, Friday | 6 – 9 pm

with Steven Young, OFM and Ryan Sheade, LCSW

A desire for better mental health and a commitment to spirituality need not be at odds with one another; in fact, the two can often work together toward a more grounded and peace-filled life.

Hear from a Franciscan friar and a therapist about the challenge and reward of turning toward the inner life. Through personal stories, psychological theories, spiritual concepts, and Biblical narratives, Steven Young, OFM and Ryan M. Sheade, LCSW will explore the ways in which we interpret external events, for better or for worse.

Are we doomed to feel angry every time someone cuts us off on the road? How can we better discern God's movements in everyday events? What must we let go of in order to move forward on our human journey?

At the intersection of mental health and spirituality, greater insight into these and other questions awaits.

This evening begins with dinner at 6 pm, followed by the program at 7 pm.

Fee, with dinner: \$25. Visit: frc.retreatportal.com



MONDAY– WEDNESDAY RETREAT — NEW!

Spiritual Spa Getaway

August 29 – 31, Monday - Wednesday

with Pam Bork

Take time to pause, remember to breathe, and come back to your center. Maybe you need to be alone to sit in quiet prayer or simply rest. If you enjoy the companionship of others, you can do that, too. Opportunities include spiritual direction, massage, reflexology, group prayer, an Art Barn, and a Water Movement session with Susan Wrubel.

Fee, with meals and lodging: \$125.
Additional fee for reflexology and massage.
Visit: frc.retreatportal.com



WEEKEND RETREAT

Boundless Compassion for Self and Others

September 9 – 11, Friday – Sunday

with Ruth Baker and Colleen Shepard

The rhythm of a compassionate life will be offered as a mission statement, lived through joyous energy, curiosity, and choices.

Fee, including meals: \$250 single room; \$135 commuter. Visit: frc.retreatportal.com

To see all of our upcoming programs and to register, please visit frc.retreatportal.com. Registration can also be made by visiting or calling our Guest Services Desk, or emailing lora@thecasa.org.



FULL DAY WORKSHOP — NEW!

**St. Sharbel:
Love for the Eucharist, Love for Mary**
October 8, Saturday | 9 am – 4 pm
with Dr. Anne Borik

St. Sharbel is a Maronite Catholic Monk and Hermit from Lebanon. He is one of the most active Saints in the Church today, with well over 30,000+ miracles attributed to God through his intercession. Join this workshop led by Anne Borik and get to know St. Sharbel as we walk through the five virtues (Chaplet of St. Sharbel) of Poverty, Chastity, Obedience, Love for the Eucharist, and Love for Mary. You will learn about St. Sharbel and see video footage from time spent at St. Sharbel's Monastery/Hermitage in 2018, as well as hear several powerful testimonies of healing attributed to St. Sharbel's intercession. We will have a Relic of St. Sharbel to venerate at the end and much more.

Fee, with lunch: \$45. Visit: frc.retreatportal.com

MORNING WORKSHOP

The Rosary: Discover the Treasure
October 8, Saturday | 9 am – noon
with Elizabeth Marietti and James Peck

This workshop reaches out to those seeking to learn the spiritual depth of the Rosary with the guidance of Saint John Paul II, who implored the Church to rediscover “a prayer so easy and yet so rich.”

Fee: \$20. Visit: frc.retreatportal.com



FULL-DAY RETREAT

**Your Story, Your Legacy:
A Full Sensory Exploration**
October 7, Friday | 9 am – 4 pm
with Mary Dunn, Kelly Emme, and Alanna Mack

This full-day retreat 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. Join us for a soulful day of self-discovery and spiritual companionship that will renew and strengthen you for the journey ahead.

Fee, with lunch: \$85. Visit: frc.retreatportal.com



WEEKEND RETREAT

**The Way to Peace:
Daring to Stretch Beyond
Our Comfort Zone**
**October 14 – October 16,
Friday – Sunday**
with Philip Chircop, SJ

Fr. Philip Chircop returns to the FRC campus for everyone who desires to be artists of good news, wanting to make a difference in the world! We will let music, stories, poetry and silence boldly but gently challenge us to resist the forces of evil and negativity with the spirit of goodwill, gratitude and generosity. We will explore how we can all make a difference for good in ordinary ways without necessarily being heroes or saints on a pedestal.

Fee, with meals: \$250 single room; \$135 commuter. Visit: frc.retreatportal.com

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*Blessing
of the Animals*
Saturday, October 8
9 – 11 am in Palm Court

Spiritual Direction Ministry

An Invitation to Spiritual Growth

The times we live in can leave us uncertain and asking where God might be during challenges. 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 spiritualdirection@thecasa.org

Faith Sharing & Prayer Groups at the Casa

Men in Spirit. This faith sharing group of Christian men meets every other Saturday via Zoom for discussion, study, lectures and guidance. Contact Al Sapia-Bosch 602.748.6149, Chuck Jirauch 480.290.9687. MenInSpirit@thecasa.org

Prayer Partners petition prayers and prays for our human family. Send requests to: CasaPrayerPartners@thecasa.org.

Rosary Group Tuesdays on Zoom. ID : 622-903-5992 Passcode: 537381 Prayer intentions can be emailed to Elizabeth Marietti at emarietti@cox.net

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

Cornerstone Contemplative Meditation will resume in-person meetings September 28. To join our current Monday Zoom meetings from 12 –1 pm, please contact Joanne to register: Joannemr@cox.net or 602.799.7525.

Interfaith Healing Prayer Group meets every Friday following 8 am Mass in the back of the church. Contact Terri at healingprayer@thecasa.org. All are welcome.

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: Pat Kennedy, OFS, at 602.284.9343

Mass Intentions July 31 – August 6

Sunday	
<i>Joe Bartlett</i>	7:30 am
<i>Gary Bishop</i>	9:15 am
<i>Marjorie Telfer</i>	11:00 am
Tuesday	
<i>Herbert Bool</i>	8:00 am
Wednesday	
<i>Kim Crea</i>	8:00 am
Thursday	
<i>Edward J. Marcell</i>	8:00 am
Friday	
<i>Bill Macaulay</i>	8:00 am
Saturday	
<i>David Suttie</i>	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 (Tues. - 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 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. The Franciscan Renewal Center remains an active religious community that seeks to follow in the footsteps of Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi. The Casa is guided by the Franciscan Friars and works cooperatively with the Diocese of Phoenix.



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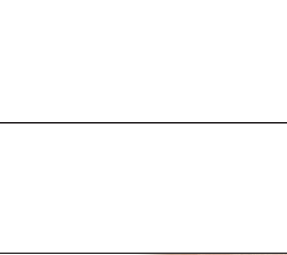
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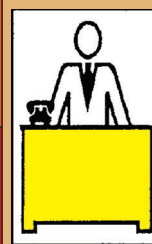
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