

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



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PASTORAL REFLECTION



In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy, goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Jesus refers to the treasure, to where we

know and experience that we belong to God, and that we are cherished and cared for. It is where we have committed ourselves to the noblest values of the human heart that feeds our hunger and quenches our thirst.

The Kingdom of Heaven excites us as a child is excited at Christmas or a bride on the morning of her wedding. It has the calming touch of a nursing mother, the joy of being with a good friend. The reign of God is the fulfillment of our deepest desires and hope. Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing to sacrifice everything to attain it.

The treasures that we find in our lives is really a gift that is given. It's not anything that we have earned in any way. It is given to us by God, and all we have to do is accept it.

Br. James Seiffert

Fr. James Seiffert, OFM Vice-Rector Our Lady of the Angels Church

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	e: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 <u>YouTube.com/theCasaFRC</u>		
Taizé Prayer	2nd & 4th Wednesd	lay 7:00 pm

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Reconciliation	Saturday	2:00 - 3:00 pm
Guest Services	Sun. – Sat.	6:00 am -7:30 pm
Adoration	1st Friday	6:00 pm
Bookstore	Sunday Monday & Tues Wed Fri. Saturday	8:00 am - 1:00 pm day Closed 10:00 am - 2:00 pm 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



Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic?

If you or anyone you know are considering joining the Catholic Church and would like more information on the process, come to an information session. The next gathering is Sunday, July 30, 2023, following the 11 am Mass from 12 noon – 1 pm in Piper Hall. The next opportunity for this type of gathering is Sunday, August 27. You are welcome to just drop in.

For more information you may contact Steve Zaccari at <u>smzaccari@gmail.com</u>.

The Feast of Our Lady of the Angels

Wednesday, August 2 Festive Liturgy at 6 pm

Come celebrate our feast in this festive liturgy! Learn more of our Franciscan heritage as we commemorate our namesake: "the Portiuncula" in Assisi.

Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula

Saint 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. It was heard that the angels often visited there, so it came to be known as Saint Mary of the Angels. Francis decided to stay there permanently out of reverence for the angels and love for the Mother of Christ. He loved this spot more than any other in the world. It was here that he began his religious life, and it was here that he died. 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."

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.

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FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Reflecting on the Word

This week we are once again pondering the Kingdom of Heaven reflected upon by Jesus in parables. Today's parables reveals a different quality of God's Kingdom. A treasure buried in a field is so wonderful that once discovered, it brings much joy and changes the finder's whole life. A pearl that is so valuable that once found, it is worth all to the finder. Jesus told us these parables because he wants us to discover for ourselves how the Kingdom of Heaven is life changing for us!



Discussing the Word

ON THE WAY TO MASS...

Describe the Kingdom of Heaven in one or two of your own words.

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS...

Jesus compared the Kingdom of Heaven to treasure, fine pearls, a great catch of fish that will be sorted, and an inventory of old and new items. Think about the words you used to describe the Kingdom of Heaven on the way to Mass. Are they similar or different from

Jesus' descriptions?

Living the Word

Read these five short parables about the Kingdom of Heaven, and discuss them as a family.

- Mark 4:30-32
- Matthew 13:45-46
- Matthew 13:33
- Mathew 13:44
- Mark 4:26-29

What is similar between them? What is different?

Sacrament Preparation **Registration**

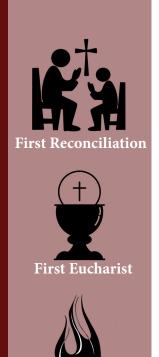
Scan the QR Code to access the downloadable registration form.



Year One - Preparation for First Reconciliation. (*children age 7 & up*)

Year Two - Preparation for Confirmation and First Eucharist. (*children age* 8 & up)

Email registration to: donna@thecasa.org





For all youth going into grades 4 -12 next fall!

- 1. Watch a movie from our Challenge list!
- 2. Discuss the Catholic themes with family and friends!
- 3. Submit your thoughts at the portal!
- 4. Win prizes!



for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, contact Cheryl Hentz at <u>chentz@thecasa.org</u>.

For Sacrament Preparation, Family Catechesis & Infant Baptism, contact Donna Kinzie at <u>donna@thecasa.org;</u>

Catholic

Youth

Summer

Movie

Challenge

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



Aug 11 at 6:30 pm • Young Adults Age 18-39 Dinner • Conversation • Friends

New location — our new Family Faith Formation Capistrano Room!

Use QR Code to sign up:





Looking for places to hang out with other young adults where you can share about life and faith? Bibles & Bagels is a great place to start!

Bibles & Bagels is a small faith sharing group that meets weekly. We explore the Sunday readings using the *Christ in Our Neighborhood* materials to guide our discussion

Join us on Sundays at 10:30 am in Capistrano Room 2. STAY CONNECTED WITH YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY





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



DISCOVER THE VISION

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

Thursdays

online: thecasa.org/		
Reserve Your Spot Today		
October 5	11:00 am	
September 7	11:00 am	
August 3	11:00 am	

discover-the-vision phone: 480.355.5631

email: rsvp@thecasa.org

Amy Jo Hutchison

<u>Heidi Dwigun</u>

Paula A Tobin

ART DOCENT TOURS *Explore the Art of the Casa*

Public Tours will return in October!

During June, July, August, and September, private tours for individuals and groups can be requested five days in advance.

Tour Requests

online: <u>thecasa.org/art-</u> <u>docent-tours</u>

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



Engaging Spirituality: Bearing Witness Virtual Program

Wednesdays, 3 – 5 pm September 13 – November 1

Two "in-person" days:

- Opening Reflection Day: Wed., September 13
- Immersion Day: Sat., October 14

How do we "bear witness" in mind, heart, body, and soul? As we address the needs of the world, in essence and in reality, how do we fully hear, lovingly support and deeply recognize the spiritual journeys, struggles, and joys of ourselves and others? In "class," in large group, small group, and paired sharing conversations, the *Engaging Spirituality* program offers guidance in spiritual practices such as mindfulness, gratitude, and spiritual reading, journaling, and listening.

Registration and Fee: the program registration fee is \$60 and includes classes, digital materials, the reflection and immersion days. Registration is required on the FRC portal. Also available in person or by calling the FRC Lobby Desk: 480.948.7460. Scholarships are available. Email es@thecasa.org with any questions or to inquire about a scholarship.

Books required for the course (\$50) are paid for separately. An FRC overnight room is optional on Tuesday night, September 12 (and includes an additional fee of \$120). All details are available on the informational flyer found on FIA LinkTree.

"Contemplative and compassionate" daily practices.



Reminder: Just Scripture Saturday, August 12 10 - 11:30 am

All are welcome. Join the Zoom session at 9:45 am. Visit FIA LinkTree (online bulletin board) for registration link. More details next week.

Victor Jaimes

Laura Libertore

Approaching 10 Years: Evangelii Gaudium

Published on November 24, 2013, Evangelii Gaudium (or The Joy of the Gospel) is an apostolic exhortation by Pope Francis. He sought to address complacency in the Church, both within Church laity and hierarchy. He reminds us of our obligation to the poor and is critical of clericalism and overcentralization within the Church, as well as overemphasis on doctrine. In this context, Pope Francis calls for a "pastoral conversion," which includes pastoral creativity and empathy in church ministry.

Evangelii Gaudium set the stage for the Pope's encyclical, Laudato Si', a few years later. To this day, Evangelii Gaudium is an enlightening document that reminds us that church ministry is a collaborative effort, not a clerical one.

Visit FIA LinkTree for this information and sources.



Potluck, Popcorn, and Peace Saturday Movie "Matinee" & Potluck Saturday, September 23 12:30 - 3:30 pm | Fee: \$10

Featured Film: "Lidia Celebrates America, Flavors that Define Us." Emmy-award winning TV host, Lidia Bastianich, an author, and restaurateur, explores the immigrant experience through food. Register now on FRC portal.

Celebrate World Peace Day: Registered participants are asked to bring a potluck item to share for our "World Table." Details are available on the informational flyer found on FIA LinkTree.

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COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Some people might wonder how the Franciscans distinguish themselves from other Catholic religious orders or diocesan priests. As with any religious order, Franciscans follow the spirit and ministry of their founders: St. Francis and St. Clare. Over the many centuries of religious and lay people living out and writing about their understanding of what it means to be Franciscan, a set of principles, values, and actions can be assembled. Most recently, the St. Barbara Province created a new set of characteristics as a guide for all the Ministries (organizations) in the Province. These characteristics offer staff, community members, and volunteers a framework for choosing not only what to do, but also the manner and spirit in which any action is taken.

The Five Characteristics of Franciscan Ministry are:

- 1. We follow the Gospel call to serve others.
- 2. We recognize the dignity of each individual.
- 4. We honor the connectedness of all of creation.
- 5. We recognize the good.

3. We are peacemakers.

As you can see, these Christian principles are not unique to Franciscans. But as a Franciscan community, we strive to put this set of principles directly into action. The current effort of Provincial leadership is to help our staff and volunteers ponder these characteristics to ensure that we are intentional in living these out in our day-to-day actions. For the Franciscan Renewal Center to fully embody its Franciscan identity, it takes all of us, Friars, community members, staff, and volunteers to contemplate and incorporate these principles into our lives. — *Patti Sills-Trausch, Mission Integration Coordinator*



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 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. <u>counseling@thecasa.org</u>

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Mass Offerings

7.16.23	\$17,369
7.17.22	\$20,029

In-Person Mass Attendance

716.23	951
7.17.22	820

Books and Blessings Gift Shop

at the Franciscan Renewal Center Teresa & Craig Abernathy, Proprietors

> For store hours see page 2. Visit our website: booksandblessingsgiftshop.com

EDUCATION, RETREATS, AND EVENTS — Pre-registration required.



WORSHOP — NEW!

Art & Beauty in the Franciscan Tradition *Br. Kevin Hamzik, OFM* | **August 2, Wednesday, 7 – 8 pm** Explore key events in the life of Francis of Assisi and see how his love of art and beauty inspired others to see beauty in everything and everything as a work of art.

Fee: \$10. Register: frc.retreatportal.com

Come with Me to the Sea of Galilee Retreat | **September 8 – 10, Friday – Sunday** *Fr. Page Polk*

Be inspired by the nine Beatitudes, what they mean, and how these blueprints/bombshells have the potential to shape our thinking and living.

Fee, incl. meals: \$300 single room; \$150 commuter. Register: frc.retreatportal.com

Nurturing Your Compassionate Heart Retreat | September 15 – 17, Friday – Sunday *Ruth Baker and Colleen Shephard*

Explore the movement of compassion and the areas that impede our spiritual growth.

Fee, incl. meals: \$300 single room; \$150 commuter. Register: frc.retreatportal.com



DISCUSSION & INSIGHTS — NEW!

An Evening with Fr. Dan Horan | September 15, Friday, 7 – 8 pm Join this popular Franciscan scholar for an evening you won't forget! Enjoy an evening of insight and discussion around relevant Franciscan topics with Fr. Dan, friar, scholar, author, and speaker.

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



RETREAT — NEW!

Our Unfinished Stories Retreat | **October 13 – 15, Friday – Sunday** *Diane Millis, PhD, Author of "Re-Creating a Life"*

Are you trying to make sense of the space between what you thought your life was going to be and what it actually is? You can recreate your inner narrative to reflect who you currently are and who you are being called to become.

Fee, incl. meals: \$300 single room; \$150 commuter. Register: <u>frc.retreatportal.com</u>

Camino Franciscano Retreat | October 27 – 29, Friday – Sunday

Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy, OFM

Let Saints Francis and Clare be your guides as they walk with you through the town of Assisi, focusing on going forth and going within on the soul's journey.

Fee, incl. meals: \$300 single room; \$150 commuter. Register: frc.retreatportal.com

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

Legacy Retreat | October 28 – 29, Saturday – Sunday Mary Dunn and Alanna Mack

Fee, incl. meals and single room: \$200. Register: frc.retreatportal.com

Contemplation as Gazing & Grazing | Nov. 2, Thurs., 7 – 9 pm | Nov. 3, Fri., 10 am – Noon *Tom Stella*

Fee: \$20. Register: <u>frc.retreatportal.com</u>. Offered twice. Choose a morning or evening workshop.

Thich Nhat Hanh and Thomas Merton: Guides for a Life of Prayer and Peace Retreat *Tom Stella and Jerry Braza* **November 3 – 5, Friday – Sunday**

Fee, incl. meals: \$300 single room; \$150 commuter. Register: frc.retreatportal.com

Marriage: It's Not for the Faint of Heart Retreat | November 17 – 19, Friday – Sunday *Erica Tatum-Sheade, LCSW and Ryan Sheade, LCSW*

Fee, incl. meals: \$175 pp double room; \$150 pp commuter. Register: frc.retreatportal.com

Live Your Relationships as a Spiritual Practice Retreat | December 1 – 3, Friday – Sunday LaShelle Lowe-Charde

Fee, incl. meals: \$300 single room; \$150 commuter. Register: <u>frc.retreatportal.com</u>

A Brush with God Iconography Retreat: The Virgin of Guadalupe *Peter Pearson, M Div* | | **December 7 – 10, Thursday – Sunday**

Fee, incl. meals: \$600 single room; \$400 commuter (incl. 2 dinners, 1 lunch). Register: frc.retreatportal.com



RETREAT — NEW!

Grief and Loss Retreat | **December 8 – 10, Friday – Sunday** *Timothy Ringgold, MT-BC*

Fee, incl. meals: \$250 single room; \$135 commuter. Register: <u>frc.retreatportal.com</u>



RETREAT — NEW!

New Year's Eve Retreat | December 30 – January 1, Saturday – MondayPeter Pearson, MDiv & ThD

Fee, incl. meals: \$300 single room; \$150 commuter. Register: <u>frc.retreatportal.com</u>

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

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 <u>spiritualdirection@thecasa.org</u>

Faith Sharing & Prayer Groups at the Casa

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

Contemplation in the Desert gathers in the Meditation Chapel every Monday at 7 – 8 am through Oct. 9, to appreciate God's natural creations through readings, prayer, silent wandering, and reflection. <u>CareforCreation@thecasa.org</u>

Cornerstone Contemplative Meditation Wednesdays, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. We are located in the Spiritual Direction room located behind the East parking lot. Joanne Rapp: joannemr@cox.net

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

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. Currently, we are discussing "Poverty and Joy, The Franciscan Tradition," by Br. William Short, OFM. Zoom available. Steve Hempelman 602.821.7178. <u>meninspirit@thecasa.org</u>

Prayer Partners petition prayers and prays for our human family. Send requests to: <u>casaprayerpartners@thecasa.org</u>.

Rosary Group Meets Tuesdays at 6 pm in the meditation Chapel. Requests for meeting information and prayer intentions contact: <u>rosary@thecasa.org</u>

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.



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Mass Intentions July 30 – August 5, 2023

Sunday	
Therese Painter	7:30 am
Michael Kotecki	9:15 am
Larry Sorensen	11:00 am
Monday Edie Reyno	8:00 am
Tuesday Nancy Noonan	8:00 am
Wednesday Richard Zahner Casa Friars and Community	8:00 am 6:00 pm
Thursday Alicia Bachofner	8:00 am
Friday Billie Styers	8:00 am
Saturday Kay King	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 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 is a sponsored ministry of the Province of St. Barbara and works cooperatively with the Diocese of Phoenix.



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