

August 7, 2022

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

RENEWAL

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



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Clare was the daughter of a prominent and noble family of Assisi. Besides being very beautiful, Clare was also quite intelligent and thoughtful. She was a favorite in the family, and several suitors sought her in marriage. But, she interested herself in the poor and frequently denied herself things to be able to give more to the poor. She loved prayer, and she loved quiet contemplation in the presence of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Clare was only 18 years old when she heard St. Francis preach in the cathedral of Assisi during the Lent of 1212. His words so earnestly affected Clare that she consulted with him and soon recognized God was calling her to lead a life similar to his in the seclusion of a convent. At the age of 18, Clare left her wealthy noble family to follow a life of contemplation and simplicity inspired by the preaching of Francis of Assisi, establishing an enclosed order for women — the Poor Clares — whose members now number more than 20,000 living in 76 different countries. She did not hesitate to carry out God’s plans. She served God in great poverty and complete seclusion. She was the embodiment of the Franciscan Ideal.

Among Clare’s writings, we have her Testament and four letters to her friend Agnes of Prague, a Bohemian princess who opted for an austere religious life over one of luxury and comfort. We’ll be reading and singing from those texts at the Transitus of St. Clare on Wednesday evening. Come and see how this faithful woman can be an inspiration for us today.

Norbert Zwickl, Director of Liturgy & Music

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	Monday – Friday	8:00 am
<i>Sat. 4 pm, Sun. 9:15 am, and Tuesday – Friday 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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Mass with the Anointing of the Sick Sat., Aug. 27 at 10:30 am

When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age.

*Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray.
Is anyone in good spirits? He should sing praise.
Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. (Ja 5:13-20)*

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

These areas face economic and social hurdles of enormous debt, epidemic, severe poverty, natural disasters and political unrest. This fund serves the most vulnerable populations like the elderly, disabled, children, and expectant mothers; provides grants for outreach programs, schools, evangelization, construction of shelters, communal cooking facilities, and distribution of living supplies.



August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. Mass at 8 am

This solemnity celebrates that Mary, the Blessed Mother of Jesus, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. By contemplating this, we grasp that the earth is not our definitive homeland either, and that if we fix our gaze on eternal goods we, too, will one day share in this same glory. We must not lose our serenity and peace even amid the thousands of daily difficulties. The image of Our Lady taken up into Heaven shines out even more brightly when sad shadows of suffering and violence surround us. Supported by this awareness, let us continue confidently on our path of Christian commitment, and forge ahead in our lives under Mary's guidance.

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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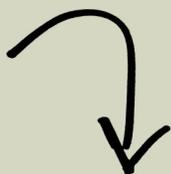
Gospel Reflection for Parents

Jesus' instructions on how to be ready for the coming judgment continue in the stories and sayings found in today's Gospel. We are not to be like the greedy rich man in last Sunday's Gospel who planned to store his great harvest in barns rather than share it. We are, instead, to share our wealth with those in need. The antidote for anxiety brought on by the coming judgment is to relinquish our possessions and provide for the needs of others. Our treasure will be in heaven, where it will not wear out or be destroyed.

The other major way to be ready for the coming judgment is to be watchful. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about watchfulness to begin making this point. We must be like servants waiting for the master's return from a wedding banquet, which, even now, can last for a few days in the Middle East. We must be watchful so that even if the master comes after midnight, we will be ready for him. This is what the coming of the Son of Man will be like.

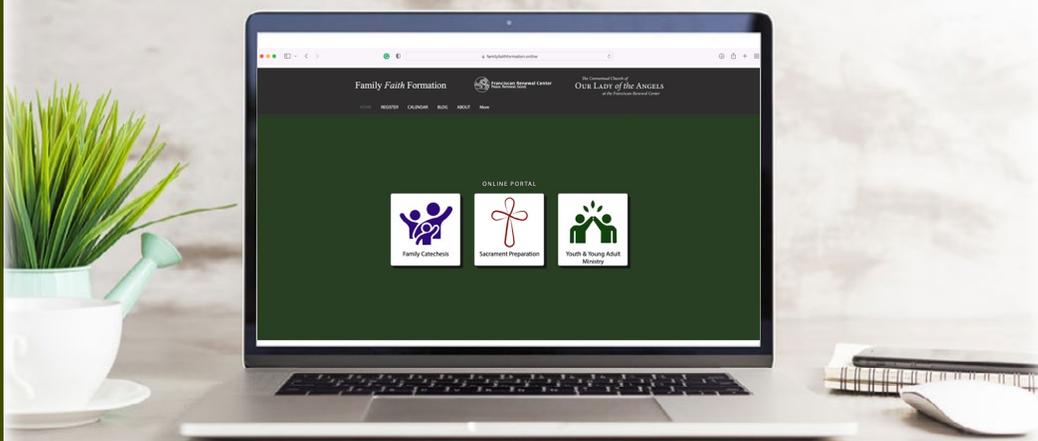
Peter asks if this parable is meant for the apostles or for the large crowd that has gathered to listen to Jesus. Without answering Peter's question, Jesus responds with another parable about servants awaiting the return of their master. It begins with a question: "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?" This parable adds to the theme of watchfulness; it explains how to wait and reminds us of the reward for the faithful follower at the heavenly banquet after the judgment. If it is addressed to the apostles, then it could also be addressed to leadership in the early Church. Either way, the parables remind us that we should be found doing our jobs when the master arrives. If we are doing our jobs, our reward will be great. But if we relax, neglect our duties, and begin to act like the greedy rich man—eating, drinking, and making merry—we will not have a place in the kingdom. Watchfulness means living in such a consistently moral and obedient way that we are always ready to give an account to God of how we have lived. (adapted from Sunday Connection, Loyola Press)

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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.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



OLA YA (Our Lady of the Angels Young Adult) is a Franciscan Catholic ministry which offers a spiritual home for young adults who are seeking a place where they belong and wish to explore and experience their spirituality alongside other young adults.

OLA YA offers opportunities for:

- Socializing with friends
- Exploring your curiosity and spiritual growth
- Belonging to a community
- Making a difference by putting your faith into action

OLA YA ongoing events include:

- Weekly bible study
- Small group faith sharing
- Service to others
- Social gatherings

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

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>
November 3	11:00 am <i>In person</i>

Reserve your spot today:

online: thecasa.org/discover-the-vision
phone: **480.355.5631**
email: rsvp@thecasa.org

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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Healing of Memories for Veterans Workshop

Begin the Healing Journey

October 7 – 9, 2022
Friday – Sunday

The Healing of Memories Retreat is a major step that a person can take to begin the healing journey. It provides a safe space for participants to:

- Explore personal histories and gain insight and empathy for themselves and others
- Tell their stories buried deep within, opening the door to healing
- Bond with one another on their past experiences

To begin the registration process, contact Mike Wold at 651.687.9767. Free for veterans.

Matthew 25 Ministry



Serve asylum seekers this summer by joining the Matthew 25 ministry!

Matthew 25 is looking for volunteers to serve on the **2nd and 4th Mondays of each month** at the Phoenix Welcome Center.

Out of town and can't serve at the Welcome Center? Want to serve? For service inquiries and to learn other ways you can serve our migrants, contact matthew25@thecasa.org.

**August Service Dates:
August 8 & 22**

SEPTEMBER IS



Mark your calendar.
Future bulletins will
offer ways to join in
Hunger Action Month
Activities.

Here is what we know, Summer 2022:

“Our food bank responders have seen food insecurity become a reality for more people as they struggle with hunger for the first time in their life. This year, over 100,000 adults, children and seniors walked through our doors in need of hunger relief such as backpack meals or emergency food boxes. *Thank you volunteers of the Hunger Action Ministry at the Casa, and members of the OLA community, for caring when it would be so easy to pass that burden onto someone else.*”

[Matthews Crossing Food Bank, Chandler AZ]

*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.*

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

COMMUNITY CONNECTION



I came to the Franciscan Renewal Center in 1999 as a member of Peace Fraternity at the request of the friars. During one of our meetings, Fr. Joe Schwab asked that we consider volunteering. I thought about it and began helping (now retired) staff member Bonnie Wasniewski with marketing the retreats in various newspapers. I also became a volunteer seller with the Apache Fair Trade Crafting Cooperative. I am still involved with this ministry as it undergoes some changes. I worked on the Peace Committee for the International Day of Peace. This started as a prayer service and grew into an event reflecting peace and its attributes. We also developed a Peace Award for nominees from across the country.

I am an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist and led a Wednesday group taking communion to homes and rehab facilities of the sick in our community. I also sent cards to community members who lost someone and had a funeral or memorial service at the Casa. I am a community member who attends daily Mass. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, I join the Casa Rosary Group in reciting the Rosary and praying for intentions left in the Meditation Chapel. I am a Catholic Coalition for Migrant Justice member, encouraging our legislatures to pass just laws on immigration.

Volunteering at the Franciscan Renewal Center is rewarding and develops a sense of community within the different ministries. Are you being called to a ministry here? Visit thecasa.org/volunteer

— Rosemarie LeClerc

Would you like to share your Casa story (250 words)? We'd love to hear from you! Email jbruzza@thecasa.org

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

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

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MONDAY– WEDNESDAY RETREAT

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 single-room lodging: \$125.

Additional fee for reflexology and massage.

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

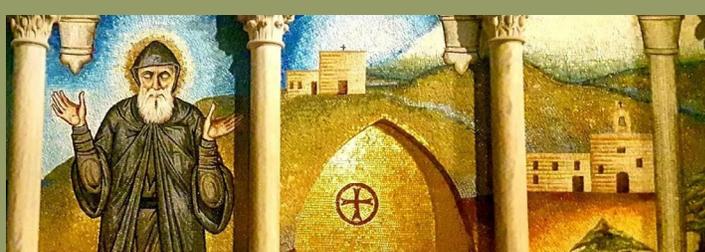
Boundless Compassion for Self and Others

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



FULL-DAY WORKSHOP

St. Sharbel: Love for the Eucharist, Love for Mary, October 8, Saturday | 9 am – 4 pm

with Dr. Anne Borik

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.

Fee, with lunch: \$45. 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.



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**



WEEKEND RETREAT — NEW!

Emmaus Retreat for Grieving Parents

December 9 – 11, Friday – Sunday

with Marianne Gouveia and Greg Eckerman

Of all the pains that life can hand us, arguably the most searing is the loss of a child. During this weekend, just as Jesus joined his distraught disciples on the road to Emmaus, we pray for all of our parents and we ask Jesus to join us as we walk the horrendous journey of grieving our loss every day. EMMAUS Ministry for Grieving Parents is a unique ministry that serves the spiritual needs of grieving parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago.

We focus on the promise of eternal life and the rich teachings of our faith to help these terribly broken parents. We ask questions such as:

- Where is God in my pain?
- Where is my child right now?
- Why do I feel abandoned by God?
- How could God let this happen?

The retreat is offered by grieving parents who have lost children of their own. We provide an opportunity for parents to gather in a sacred, warm, and compassionate space with others who know their pain. Many parents find peace and comfort, at least for a time. All faiths are welcome. For additional information, contact Eric's Mom, Marianne Gouveia, at 602.549.8932.

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



FULL-DAY WORKSHOP

**Live Your Relationships as a
Spiritual Practice**

November 5, Saturday | 9 am – 4 pm

with LaShelle Lowe-Charde

Create the relationships you want by integrating the wisdom and skills of three powerful modalities: Hakomi, Nonviolent Communication, and mindfulness.

Fee, with lunch: \$85. 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
August 7– 13, 2022**

Sunday	
Terry ELDUKE	7:30 am
Mary Smith	9:15 am
Christopher A. Ray	11:00 am
Monday	
Friars, staff, and Casa community	8:00 am
Tuesday	
Leoncio A Gil	8:00 am
Wednesday	
Pat & Stan Gilles	8:00 am
Thursday	
Mary Maloney	8:00 am
Friday	
Kathleen Mary Akins	8:00 am
Saturday	
Mike Manuzza	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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