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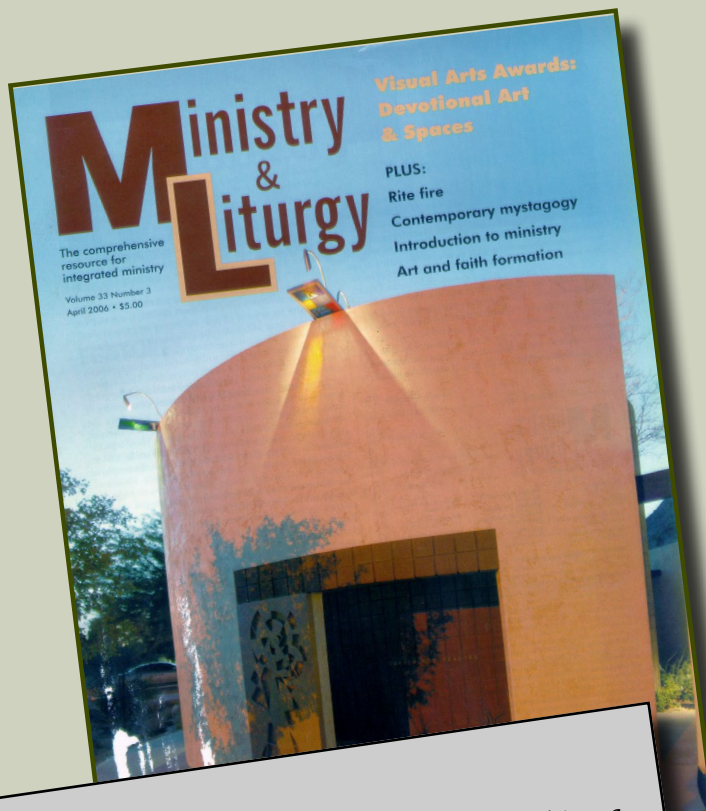
The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

RENEWAL

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In 2004, our Blessed Sacrament Chapel was dedicated in honor of St. Clare of Assisi through a generous gift from Jacqleen Ferrell.

(This is the conclusion of a five-week series.)

St. Clare, through her dedication, became a light to the entire Church. On the occasion of her canonization on August 15, 1255 (just two years after she died), Pope Alexander IV praised her in words which still ring true. Even her name Chiara, which in Italian means light, became a vehicle for praise of God, just as Clare had dedicated her life to praise. The pope said:

"Clare shines brilliantly; brilliant by her bright merits, by the brightness of her great glory in heaven.

In this Clare, a clear mirror of example, has been given to this world; through this Clare, obvious remedies are felt here on earth.

O how great is the power of this light and how intense is the brilliance of its illumination!

While this light remained in a hidden enclosure, it emitted sparkling rays outside.

Hidden within, she extended herself abroad. Clare was silent, yet her reputation became widespread.

A light so enkindled, so illuminating, could not be kept from shining brilliantly and giving a clear light in the house of the Lord."

Sisters and brothers, may the Christ who is hidden within a tabernacle enclosure and under the form of bread be the light that shines forth within you, who form the house of God.

Through Clare's intercession may you come to realize the dignity you bear because of your call to house the light of Christ and carry the light through the world in your lives and work.

May this new Eucharistic chapel be a place of encounter with the humble God who calls us into the fire of his love which we touch in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

(Excerpt from the welcome by Br. Joe Schwab, OFM, at the Dedication Mass of the St. Clare Blessed Sacrament Chapel on March 4, 2004)

To view the other four parts from this series, you can access previous bulletins by [clicking here](#) or at thecasa.org/bulletin

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Adult Ministry



Ministry that is designed for adult Casa community members (young adults and older). Some programs within this ministry are directly coordinated and facilitated by the Faith Formation staff. Another way in which this ministry

functions is to promote Casa retreats and workshops that are not initiated by our department.

Volunteers Needed:

- OCIA Special Needs Team Member
- OCIA Sponsor
- OCIA Team Leader – Dismissal
- OCIA Team Leader – Support
- OCIA Team Leader – Organizer
- Baptism Mass Team
- Baptism Class Child Care

Young Adult Ministry



Ministry for young adults in collaboration with the diocese. Programs within this ministry fall into multiple categories that may or may not be mutually exclusive (can be

grouped by age, marital status, cultural background, etc). This includes Young Families (OLA Community members with young children), Young Singles, Young Couples (married or engaged without children) and College-Age.

Volunteers Needed:

- Young Family Ministry Planning Team
- Young Adult Ministry Planning Team
- Four Elements Hiking Retreat Team

Other Volunteers Needed

- Video Production Specialist
- Flyer/Poster/Brochure Design Specialist

Family Ministry



Ministry for parents & children Grades K – 6. It is a 6 – 7 year process consisting of age-specific and intergenerational programs that are designed to help OLA families live out their baptismal call within a caring, Christian community.

Volunteers Needed:

- Phase 1 Catechist
- Phase 2 Catechist
- Phase 3 Catechist
- CLOW Catechist
- CLOW Helper

Youth Ministry

Ministry for teenage youth and their families (Grades 7–12.) It is a 6-year process consisting of age-specific and intergenerational programs that are designed to help OLA families live out their baptismal call within a caring, Christian community.

Volunteers Needed:

- GCYP Hospitality
- GCYP Ambassador
- Antioch Retreat Catechist
- Service Trip Chaperone
- 7th & 8th Grade Catechist



Whole Community Ministry

Ministry that is specifically designed for all generations within the Casa community to come together.

Volunteers Needed:

- Whole Community Sunday Team Leader
- Whole Community Sunday Child Care
- Whole Community Sunday Catechist

Volunteer Job Descriptions & Inquiry Form:
casafaithformation.org/vjd

In Spotlight

Calling All Casa Families!

Do you have a child in kindergarten through 6th grade this fall?

Family Ministry is here to serve you!



Scan the QR or email donna@thecasa.org to get connected.

Adult Minister
Youth Minister
Visit our online Faith Formation portal: casafaithformation.org

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DISCOVER THE VISION

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

Thursdays

August 1	11:00 am
September 5	11:00 am
October 3	11:00 am

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

thecasa.org/art-docent-tours

October – May

1st & 3rd Wednesday	11:30 am – 12:30 pm
1st & 3rd Sunday	12:30 – 1:15 pm

Registration Required or Request a Summer Tour

online: thecasa.org/art-docent-tours
email: churchtours@thecasa.org
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Summer of Service Hunger Action Ministry

St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) main kitchen, Mondays, 8:45 am – Noon. Help plate 1,000 daily meals sent to Phoenix area homeless shelters. For those experiencing homelessness who have nowhere else to go for nutrition, these meals are truly life saving. *Students 14 to 16 years old, accompanied by an adult, are invited to participate.* Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/3erjt62u>

- Monday, **July 1**, 8:45 am – noon
- Monday, **August 5**, 8:45 am – noon
- Monday, **September 9**, 8:45 am – noon

Additional Dates in the Fall:

October 7, November 4, and December 2.

Desert Mission Food Bank (DMFB), Wednesdays, from 8:45 am – 11 am. In the Sunnyslope community, volunteers sort and bag food items, prepare senior and student supplemental food bags, and help distribute food to waiting clients.

Summer service dates:

- **July 24**
- **August 14**
- **September 18**

Use this link to sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/yw37744e>

Contact hungeraction@thecasa.org for more information.



Just Scripture Virtual Conversation: June 13, 10 – 11:30 am

Hear and discuss the message of love, salvation, and unity within the living Word of God.

All are welcome. *Just Scripture* occurs on Zoom on the second Saturday of each month from 10 – 11:30 am. 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.

We consider biblical issues of justice and mercy that impact our world today and talk about how the Sunday readings connect with daily life and Franciscan values. Zoom link for sign-up found at FIA LinkTree.

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- The *Books and Blessings* Gift Shop
- The FRC Lobby *Guest Services Desk*.

We need you! *To join this ministry and become a seller, contact casagrounds@thecasa.org.*

Need a summertime iced coffee? Brew your coffee with less water (might we suggest our Robusta bean or ground); let it cool/chill before pouring over ice. Or, plan ahead, and make “coffee ice cubes” for less diluted coffee.



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

COMMUNITY CONNECTION



On May 25, the Franciscan School of Theology graduated fifteen students — one seminarian, three traditional students, and eleven online students. The excitement was palpable as these graduates traveled from Arizona, Pennsylvania, Florida, Texas, Nevada, other cities in California, and even Canada! The picturesque setting of the Historic Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside provided the perfect backdrop as we celebrated the achievements of the remarkable graduates.

The graduation ceremony was a vibrant reflection of hope and optimism for the future. These exceptional graduates, enriched by their experiences at the Franciscan School of

Theology, are poised to become guiding lights and champions of positive change across a diverse range of sectors such as education, the creative arts, climate change advocacy, and parishes.

None of this would have been possible without your invaluable support. Your contribution enables us to pursue our mission of equipping individuals for professional ministry in the Roman Catholic Church, for careers in theological education, and for living a life dedicated to solidarity with those on the margins of society.

—With heartfelt gratitude, The Franciscan School of Theology

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, LCSW

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.

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

Mass Offerings

6.16.24 \$25,316

6.18.23 \$21,230

Mass Attendance

6.16.24 1,199

6.18.23 1,056

Spiritual Direction Ministry



An Invitation to Spiritual Growth

Our Spiritual Direction Ministry offers one-on-one listening and support for finding God in our lives and deepening that relationship. To set up an appointment with one of our directors, contact Cathy Olds, Coordinator of the Spiritual Direction Ministry, at spiritualdirection@thecasa.org

MENTAL HEALTH
SUMMIT



SPECIAL EVENT

Mental Health Summit: Understanding Today's Challenges

July 26 – 28, Friday – Sunday

Ryan Sheade, LCSW and Mental Health Expert Panel

This summit is designed for anyone who would like to learn what mental health is, what it isn't, and how best to understand it. Mental healthcare professionals can earn 9 CEUs.

Fee, incl. meals: \$195 single room; \$100 commuter.



RETREAT

Spiritual Spa GetAway

August 5 – 7, Monday – Wednesday

Pam Bork

This flexible retreat lets you decide your schedule — this time is for you! Take time to pause, remember to breathe, and come back to your center.

Fee, incl. meals: \$200 single room.



WORKSHOP

Enneagram Typing Workshop

Saturday, August 17 | 9 – 11 am

Mary Linam

Discovering your accurate Enneagram type is critical to unlocking a personalized roadmap to self-awareness and growth. Come ready to get involved!

Fee: \$40 per person.



RETREAT — RESCHEDULED

Gifted and Called

August 16 – 18, Friday – Sunday

Norbert Zwickl

This is our 23rd annual retreat for anyone who identifies as LGBTQ. Gather and celebrate with hope and thanksgiving, while taking time for yourself and God.

Fee, incl. meals: \$300 single room; \$150 commuter.



RETREAT

Retirement & Purposeful Aging

August 23 – 25, Friday – Sunday

Jim Briggs

As you think about your retirement years and move into this next chapter of your life, this retreat will explore the benefits and joys as well as the challenges and concerns.

Fee, incl. meals: \$300 single room; \$150 commuter.

To see all of our upcoming programs and to register, visit thecasa.org/programs and click on Programs Portal. Registrations can also be made by visiting or calling our Guest Services Desk, or by emailing lora@thecasa.org.



CLASS

The Stories You Need to Tell

Saturdays: Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Oct. 5 and 12 | 11 am – 12:30 pm

Cristiane Busato Smith

We are all storytellers, and telling stories about our spiritual journeys — our individual contact with God and the Divine within us — can be enlightening and healing.

Fee: \$150 for six sessions.



CLASS

Learning to Play the Native American Flute

September 28, Saturday, 9 am – 12 pm

Nathan Tsosie and Sherry Vames

Join us for this fun, hands-on beginner class. This beautiful instrument is very player-friendly, and reading music is not required.

Fee: \$30, plus \$60 materials fee (payable at class) incl. Authentic Native American Flute.



RETREAT — NEW!

Broken and Blessed

October 4 – 6, Friday – Sunday

Marianne Gouveia and Greg Eckerman

The Broken and Blessed Retreat will help those bereaved by suicide reconcile and process their pain, understand their feelings of powerlessness, and find comfort in God's mercy.

Fee, incl. meals: \$250 single room; \$135 commuter.



RETREAT

Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 11 – 13, Wednesday – Friday

Arasely Rios

Find a new devotion to Jesus through Mary. This retreat shares the miracle of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Fee, incl. meals: \$325 single room; \$175 commuter.



RETREAT — NEW!

New Year's

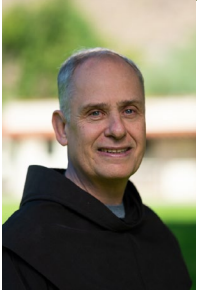
December 30 – January 2, Monday – Wednesday

Peter Pearson, M.Div, Th.D

Come away for a bit. Pause, breathe, and reflect. Make this ending/beginning an opportunity to live more intentionally.

Fee, incl. meals: \$300 single room; \$150 commuter.

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Let's pray for Fr. James as he makes his transition toward ministry at San Solano Missions on the Tohono O'odham Nation. Fr. James' last days at the Casa will be July 6 and 7, when he will preside at the weekend Masses.

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

Franciscan Friars of California have filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Visit the link below for important information regarding the deadline for filing claims:

www.donlinrecano.com

Faith Sharing Groups at the Casa

Centering Prayer meets Wednesdays at 8:45 am in the Meditation Chapel. SpiritualDirection@thecasa.org

Contemplation in the Desert gathers in the Healing Garden on Mondays at 7 am. CareforCreation@thecasa.org

Cornerstone Contemplative Meditation meets Wednesdays, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, in the Spiritual Direction room between the Guadalupe and Tekakwitha conference rooms.

Interfaith Healing Prayer Group meets Fridays following 8 am Mass in the back of the church. HealingPrayer@thecasa.org.

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. Zoom available. MeninSpirit@thecasa.org

Rosary Group meets Tuesdays at 6 pm in the Meditation Chapel. Requests for meeting information and prayer intentions, contact: Rosary@thecasa.org

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.

Mass Intentions June 30 – July 6, 2024

Sunday	
<i>Jeannette Olson</i>	7:30 am
<i>Thomas Waite</i>	9:15 am
<i>Alice Fleury</i>	11:00 am
Monday	
<i>Ellen Etzel</i>	8:00 am
Tuesday	
<i>Fr. Denis Kigozi</i>	8:00 am
Wednesday	
<i>Jimmy Major</i>	8:00 am
Thursday	
NO MASS	8:00 am
Friday	
<i>Simon & Jane Skilondz</i>	8:00 am
Saturday	
<i>Christine Craft</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 (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, including those 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 works cooperatively with the Diocese of Phoenix.



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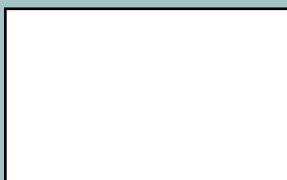
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