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Reconciliation please call for appointment
Rosary Tuesday 6:00 pm
Centering Prayer Thursday 7:45 am
Front Desk Hours Monday - Saturday 7:30 am - 7:30 pm
Sunday 7:30 am - 8:30 pm
Books & Blessings Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 6:30 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 6:30 pm
Sunday 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
When Are You Going To Be Ordained?

I can't tell you how many times people have asked me that question. I understand why ordination can cause such an excitement. There is a clear shortage of priesthood in the United States. For Catholics whose connection to the Church mainly consists of coming to Mass every Sunday, priests are the dominant figures in their faith lives. It is no wonder that a looming ordination makes many of you wait in joyful hope.

Yes, ordination would be an important milestone in my life. However, I am also a Franciscan. In fact, I am a Franciscan first, and priest second. I will be a Franciscan who just happens to be a priest. Just like there are some Franciscans who are nurses, teachers, and artists.

St. Francis of Assisi did not set out to form a group of priests. He himself was never ordained. His vision was for a group of brothers (friars) to live together according to the Gospel and follow the footprints of Jesus Christ in poverty, chastity, and obedience. Therefore, the primary calling as a Franciscan is to be a brother with one another. The most significant event in a friar’s life is not ordination. Instead, it is when he makes his solemn profession (which I did three years ago), giving himself with all his heart to the Franciscan fraternity, all the days of his life.

Rest assured, the date of my ordination will be announced sometime, and the ordination itself will be a cause for celebration. In the meantime, actually at all times, let us celebrate the vocations of all Franciscans, whether they are priests, artists, and others.

Peace and Good,

Deacon Sam Nasada, OFM

P.S. If you’re interested to learn more about what priesthood means in the Franciscan context, I recommend this great booklet (only 46 pages!) by Dan Horan, OFM titled: “Franciscan Priesthood: The Possibility of Franciscan Presbyters According to the Rule and Tradition.”
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 box.

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 helping others is a way we can 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 construction of transitional shelters and communal cooking facilities, as well as 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. In spite of 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.

Transitus: The memorial of the passing of St. Clare of Assisi

Saturday, August 10, 2019 at 7 pm in the Church.

Each year, lovers of St. Clare from all over the world solemnly gather to commemorate a touching event in her remarkable life. The Transitus of St. Clare is celebrated on August 10, the eve of her feast day, to commemorate her passage from earthly life to everlasting life.

Join the Casa Choir and musicians on this night as we recall some of the legends of Saint Clare while we encourage one another to live lives of praise. The Transitus uniquely celebrates our Franciscan identity by rooting ourselves ritually, both in sacred Scripture and the historical foundations of the tradition.

Mass with the Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, August 10 at 10:30 am

All are welcome to attend this special Mass.

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.

(James 5:13-20)
REFLECTION: Once upon a time, there were two guys going shopping. The first guy goes to the store and buys 31 pairs of socks! Along comes the second guy and does exactly the same thing: he buys 31 pairs of socks, exactly like the ones the first guy bought. Both take their socks and go back home. See any difference in these two guys yet? Let’s see what happens once they go home.

The first guy opens the sock packages and carefully arranges the socks in neat little rows in his dresser drawers. He is so proud that he now has a fresh pair of socks for every day of the month! In the other house, the second guy keeps the sock packages closed up, carefully sorts them into neat little bags, and then takes them to the homeless shelter where he gives the new socks to the many guests that are staying there. Everyone now has a pair of new socks to wear!

Here, we find the difference. Jesus reminds us that our lives are not built on the things we have, but on how we use the things we have. We can be greedy, using our things just for ourselves, or we can generously share our things, making us rich toward God and showing that God is our treasure.

What socks are you wearing today? (From www.onthechancelsteps.com)

CONVERSATION: What is something that you cannot live without?

• Why does this reading warn against greed?
• How can greed turn a person away from God?
• What does Jesus say the most important thing in life is?

ACTION: Pass out five index cards to each member of the family. Have them write one possession on each card that is most important to them. Now, have them give up one card, then another card. Finally, have the leader take a card from each person. What is left? How does each person feel? Do they have “enough”? Can they share what is left with others?

CONCLUDING PRAYER: Generous God, You give us every good gift. Help us to share what we have with others and to treat everyone with respect. Amen.

Hey Parents!

Faith formation is a lifelong journey! You can help your child grow in faith and love of Christ by enrolling in our Family Faith Formation programs. Don’t wait until it’s time for sacraments. Programs start in Pre-K. Kids (and parents) can encounter Christ through the Gospels, prayer, activities, and make new friends.

Sacraments completed? Faith formation continues on with Friends of Francis Youth Group for grades 4/5, Middle School Youth Group for grades 6-8 and High School Youth Group.

Next weekend is open enrollment for all of our programs. Stop by the Hospitality area after any Mass to learn more about our programs.
Hospitality begins here!

The Casa Front Desk is where Hospitality begins! On any given day, it can be the busiest place on our campus, but more important for us is that it is where our community and visitors alike are warmly greeted. We have a handful of employees who anchor this hub of activity. They are supported by friendly volunteers who welcome visitors, answer phones, and provide general information and assistance. If you would like to learn more about volunteering for this ministry of welcoming, contact me at volunteer@thecasa.org. — Pat Bennier, CVA, Director of Volunteer Services

For volunteer opportunities, contact Pat Bennier at volunteer@thecasa.org or 480.355.0361

Thank you for your stewardship!

Mass Offerings

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We received 315 collection envelopes.

SUPPORT GROUPS

No appointments required. All Are Welcome.

**Monday:**
6:30 - 8 pm: Divorce/Separation/Relationship Endings

**Tuesday:**
5:30 - 7 pm: Grieving the Loss of a Loved One
6:30 - 8 pm: Depression and Anxiety

**Wednesday:**
6:30 - 8 pm: Addiction & Family

Books and Blessing is still open all summer. We are open 7 days a week. Stop in and see us! Over the summer, we will be featuring different local artists, here in the bulletin. This week, our featured artist is Mary Meyer. Mary makes beautiful candle sets with biblical oils. Candle choices include "Time to Love," "Time to Mourn," "Time to Heal," and "Time to Be Born."

Books, statues, jewelry, rosaries, crosses, memorial crosses, grief books, greeting cards, prayer cards, art, caps, plus much more. Many items from local artists and authors. See our website for information about the store: BooksandBlessingsGiftShop.com.

For more information about our Counseling Ministry, please call 480.948.7460, ext. 134 or email: counseling@thecasa.org

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You are invited to Just Scripture next Sunday morning.
August 11 at 9 am in the Ventura room in Piper Hall.
During this monthly Scripture reflection, we discuss how the Sunday readings connect with our daily lives. No biblical training is necessary. For more information, contact kgarast@aol.com. Provide your contact information, and you will receive the monthly invitation, readings, and meeting location.

All Are Welcome!

For more information about Faith in Action Ministries, contact Patti Sills-Trausch at 480.355.0348 or socialconcerns@thecasa.org; Laura Libertore at 480.355.5645 or laura@thecasa.org.
August Programs

August 8 - 11  Brush with God
August 16-18  Paint From Your Soul
August 23-25  Spiritual Spa Weekend-Mothers & Daughters
August 25    Women In Diversity
             (A Discussion Group for Women)

Please visit the online registration portal to learn more about these and other upcoming programs. You can read about the presenters, and register online at:

frc.retreatportal.com/events

Boundless Compassion
Friday, Sep. 6—Sunday, Sep. 8
Colleen Shepard & Ruth Baker

“Compassion thrive in the heart of Jesus and His teachings. If there is one virtue that most exemplifies His life it is this one.”
— Quote from Joyce Rupp

In this retreat, we will seek to explore the boundless depths of compassion which begins with the gift of self-compassion. Through this transformational retreat based on the book “Boundless Compassion” by Joyce Rupp, we will be nudged, encouraged, and inspired to grow in the kind of love that motivated Jesus.

Fee: Commuter, $135 Includes meals; with lodging, single, $250; double per person, $150. Check in Friday 5 pm; dinner 6 pm. Retreat ends Sunday, 1 pm. Pre-registration required.

Mindful Meditation
Saturday, Sep. 7, 9 am - 3 pm
Debbie Holexa

When we contemplate the meaning and impact of a world of nonviolence we often fail to include our self in the equation. Many of us are deaf to the voice of our inner critic; those inner violent narrative tapes playing on repeat. The first place to begin in the development of nonviolence is to go within and become aware of how we relate to our self. This course will provide the science, strategies, skills and meditative practice experience necessary for developing a nonviolent relationship with our self. Change ourselves, and we change our world.

Fee: $50, Includes lunch. Pre-registration required.

For more information or to register for any of these programs, visit thecasa.org or call 480.948.7460 ext. 132
St. Francis Repairs the Church  
**Friday, Sep. 13—Sunday, Sep. 15**  
*Br. Bill Short OFM*

As a young man, St. Francis of Assisi heard the voice of Christ calling to him: "Francis, go! Repair my house! It is falling into ruin!"

In the early 1200s, Francis started a spiritual journey by repairing ruined church buildings near his home. But he soon realized that Christ was calling him to repair the broken members of Christ's body, the Church. He eventually realized that the Christ's "house" included all creatures, his brothers and sisters.

**Retreat fee including meals: $135; with lodging $250 single, $150 double per person. Check-in: Friday 5 pm; dinner 6 pm. Retreat ends Sunday, 1 pm. Pre-registration required.**

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World Peace Day  
**Saturday, Sep. 21, 9 am - 2 pm**

The PEACE DAY Aerial Photo is Back by Popular Demand! You can sign up now to be a part of the Aerial Photo for Peace Day on September 21. Casa Peace Ministry will have a table in the Hospitality area after all Masses on the following dates:
- Sign up - August 18
- Sign up - September 8

The word this year is: "PEACE."

Following the photo, you are welcome to proceed to the Auditorium for an Interfaith Prayer and the Presentation of the Casa Peace Award. The Dances of Universal Peace and pool side picnic will follow.

Orange tee-shirts are suggested for the photo.

All are welcome to attend. Bring the whole family!

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Compassionate Communication  
**Thursdays, Starting Sep. 26 through Oct. 26, 10 am - 12 pm**  
*Christine Dove, LCSW*

Are you weary of not being heard and understood? Are you challenged by trying to maintain connection when anger is involved? Are you curious about how to resolve conflict mutually? Compassionate Communication offers a process that helps us find a way through these difficult situations. You will learn how to speak authentically and listen empathically.

**Fee: $70 for four sessions. Pre-registration required.**

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Retirement and Conscious Aging  
**Friday, Sep. 27—Sunday, Sep. 29**  
*Jim Briggs*

**Making Room for the Spirit as We Grow Older**

**Fee: Commuter $135, Single room $250, Double occupancy $150 per person. Fees include meals. Pre-registration required. Please call Amy at 480.9487460 ext. 132 or register online.**

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Reach for the Stars  
**Begins Wednesday, Oct. 2 7 - 8:30 pm**  
*Susan Wrubel*

**Fee: $40. Pre-registration required.**  
*Four October evenings on 2, 9, 16 & 23*
A Warm Welcome

I love introducing new people to the Franciscan Renewal Center. When a family friend visited from Florida, we invited her to attend Saturday Mass with us. She was welcomed warmly by those sitting around us, and she enjoyed chatting with others before Mass began. Fr. Peter was the presider, and she smiled when he greeted the community.

She is not a regular Mass attendee and was not raised in the Catholic Church. However, she told me she felt so comfortable sitting in the church — it was just easy. The music was beautiful and uplifting. She enjoyed the way Fr. Peter made eye contact with the community and engaged everyone in his homily. It was unlike any experience she has had at other churches. She said the atmosphere was “happy.”

We are hoping she will be able to return when the weather is a bit cooler, as she would like to walk the grounds. We’ll make sure a Discover the Vision Tour is in her future as well, so she can learn more about the Casa’s ministries and programs. She absolutely loved the uniqueness of the Franciscan Renewal Center.

Is there a friend, family member, or neighbor you would like to invite to the Casa? Bring them to Mass, invite them to a Discover the Vision Tour, a Church Art Tour, or ask them to attend a retreat with you.

We are very blessed to have the Casa in our backyard, and I take great pride in introducing this community to others.

— Sue Force, Donor Relations Officer 480.355.5631

For information regarding the RENEWING LIVES initiative, please call 480.355.0357 or email sarah@thecasa.org

A GIFT THAT PROVIDES SECURE, STABLE INCOME FOR YOU

Great news for those looking for a way to increase retirement income! A charitable gift annuity with the Casa can give you a guaranteed stream of income for the rest of your life, and allow you to make an outright gift to the Casa at the same time.

Here’s how it works:

- You give cash or marketable securities to the Casa.
- The Casa then pays you a fixed amount of money for your lifetime.
- At the end of your life, whatever funds remain in your annuity account become a gift to the Casa.

Consider the advantages:

- In addition to receiving fixed payments for life, you are entitled to an income tax deduction for the charitable portion of your gift.
- Your capital gains tax liability is reduced if you are transferring long-term appreciated assets.
- A large portion of the income you receive from the annuity is non-taxable.

A charitable gift annuity is a wonderful way to endow what you love at the Casa. And, the remainder of your gift annuity may be designated for the endowment fund of your choice, allowing you to support, in perpetuity, the ministries that have held special meaning in your life. For more information, or to get started, contact Mary Dunn at 480.355.0345, endowment@thecasa.org, or visit our legacy website: http://www.frclegacy.org/.
Faith Sharing Groups

Casa Prayer Partners Ministry petitions prayers and prays for our human family. Send requests to: CasaPrayerPartners@gmail.com

Casa Rosary Prayer Group meets every Tuesday, 6 pm in the Meditation Chapel to share our prayer intentions, and those of the community. Through the Rosary, we seek to deepen our relationship with Christ and each other as we contemplate with Mary the face of Christ.

Casa Singles Single, Divorced, Widowed — AGES 40+, meets on the 2nd Friday of each month at 7 pm. For more information and to be added to the email list, contact rick@thecasa.org.

Cornerstone at the Casa Meditation Wednesdays 11:30 am in the Spiritual Direction/Cornerstone Center and Mondays 8:30 am in Room B. All are welcome.

Men in Spirit This group of Christian men meets the first Saturday of every month for 7 am Mass, breakfast, then discussion, study, lectures and guidance. Contact: Al Sapia-Bosch or Chuck Jirauch: MenInSpirit@thecasa.org.

Weekly Interfaith Prayer for Healing Saturdays, following the 7 am Mass. Room location will vary. Please check with the Front Desk for location, or email healingprayer@thecasa.org. All are welcome.

The Order of Secular Franciscans (OFS) Peace Fraternity meets at the Casa on the second Sunday of the month from 2 - 4 pm. This canonical Order of the Catholic Church is open to lay Catholics. Contact: Pat Kennedy, OFS, at 602.284.9343.

Nonprofit Meetings and Conferences

Nonprofit organizations are offered an exclusively serene gathering place for meetings, conferences and special events. For more information about hosting your next nonprofit event at the Casa, contact Indra Rodney, Director of Meetings & Conferences at 480.355.5632 or indra@thecasa.org.

Spiritual Direction

A spiritual director/companion is trained to listen and encourage you to explore a closer relationship with God through conversation, listening and prayer. If you are curious about spiritual direction at the Casa, or would like to make an appointment, please contact: Cathy Olds at 480.948.7460, x162 or spiritualdirection@thecasa.org.

Upcoming Special Collections

August 9,10: Special Needs—African/Latin America/ Eastern Europe
Sept. 14,15: The Catholic University
Sept. 28,29: Franciscan Missionary Union (Province)

Mass Intentions

August 4 – August 10, 2019

Sunday Benefactors FMU 7:30 am
Pro-Populo 9:15 am
Bartholomew Dennis Barry Jr. 11:00 am
Joseph “Joe” Clements 7:00 pm

Monday Berthe Urbain 7:00 am

Tuesday Cheryl Anniccharico 7:00 am

Wednesday Charles Gordoa 7:00 am

Thursday Donald Dyk 7:00 am

Friday Sean Prior 7:00 am

Saturday Maria Elena Pasaret 7:00 am
Margarita Cota 5:00 pm

Mass Intentions for Next Week


The intentions listed here will be the intentions of the priest and will not be announced to the gathered assembly.

Franciscan Friar News

In June, over 100 friars gathered here for their Chapter 2019 meetings. The Provincial Minister of the Province of Saint Barbara shares his gratitude for all that we have accomplished—together—at the Casa.

Peace and all good!

Our Chapter gathering could not have been nicer or more comfortable. I have heard nothing but praise for the thoughtfulness, great food, and indeed for the loving care all of you showed toward the friars. It was wonderful to have our Chapter at the FRC for many reasons, but especially so that all of the friars from around the Province could experience the beautiful Conventual Church of Our Lady of the Angels and the brand-new Community Life Center. All the renovations that have been done throughout the campus are impressive. The Casa is well prepared to continue to serve the people of God for decades to come.

Sincerely,
David Gaa, OFM
Provincial Minister, Franciscan Friars Province of Saint Barbara

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