

St. Peter + Prince of Apostles



Mission Statement

The Catholic Christian Community of St. Peter + Prince of the Apostles Parish welcomes all to celebrate God's love. As a Eucharistic Faith Community, we witness to the Gospel message through prayer and service; and education and sacraments; hospitality and stewardship of talent, treasure, and time.

Third Sunday of Advent—December 15, 2013

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return
and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy.

— Isaiah 35:10a

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— Parish Office Hours —

Monday-Friday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

— Mass Schedule —

(all Masses are at St. Peter's
unless otherwise noted)

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 7:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m. (NAS Lemoore)
11:45 a.m. (Stratford)
12:00 p.m. (Spanish)

— Daily Mass — Schedule

(Masses are at St. Peter's Holy Family
Chapel behind the Main Church)

Monday through Friday at 6:55 a.m.
Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

— M.I.Q. School Mass —

Wednesdays at 9:10 a.m. in
St. Peter's Church.

— Sacrament of Reconciliation — (Confessions)

Friday: 5:00-5:30 p.m.
Saturday: 8:20-9:00 a.m.

— Marriage or Baptism —

Please contact the church office for
more information.



— Adoration of the — Blessed Sacrament

Perpetual Adoration is available in
the Holy Spirit Perpetual Adoration
Chapel. For more information,
contact Lucy Jones at 924-7401 or
the Church Office.

— Bulletin Announcements —

Announcements that are dropped off
in the Church Office must be
received by 2 p.m. the Wednesday
11 days prior to the Sunday it should
run. Announcements can be emailed
to bulletinstpeters@gmail.com as
late as 2 p.m. Friday 9 days prior to
the Sunday it should run. Call Cary
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— Mary Immaculate — Queen School

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2012-2013 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

STRONGER IN *Faith**The Faithful are The Strength of The Diocesan Church*

November 18, 2013

Rev. Msgr. John Coelho-Harguindeguy
St. Peter Prince of Apostles
870 N. Lemoore Ave.
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Dear Msgr. Coelho-Harguindeguy,

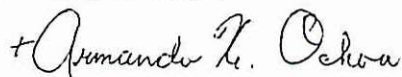
Subject: Thank You for Supporting the 2012-2013 Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA)

With sincerity and the joy of the Holy Spirit in my heart I thank you, my brother priest, and your parishioners for your support of the 2012-2013 Bishop's Annual Appeal. As you are aware, the annual appeal is a very important endeavor that supports several key diocesan ministries and the exceptional efforts of you and your parishioners to participate in the annual appeal do not go unnoticed by your bishop.

The support of your parish demonstrates your embrace of the ministries and seminarians that are supported by the annual appeal. More importantly, you and your parishioners validate your commitment to the principles of being a good steward of all God's gifts and how we are all called to share these gifts with increase to the Lord.

May God continue to bless you and the faithful of St. Peter Prince of Apostles Parish. Be assured that I continue to pray that His Truth and Love be with us all.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Armando X. Ochoa, D.D.
Bishop, Diocese of Fresno

— Readings for the Week —

- Monday, Dec. 16:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday, Dec. 17:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Wednesday, Dec. 18:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Thursday, Dec. 19:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Friday, Dec. 20:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday, Dec. 21:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- Sunday, Dec. 22:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

— Mass Intentions —

- Monday, Dec. 16:**
6:55 a.m. Angie Nunes by YLI #184
- Tuesday, Dec. 17:**
6:55 a.m. Onilla Oclaro by Phoebe Omapas
- Wednesday, Dec. 18:**
6:55 a.m. Alice Menezes by YLI #184
9:10 a.m. For The Parish
- Thursday, Dec. 19:**
6:55 a.m. Lodovico Lubas, Sr. by Maria Lubas
- Friday, Dec. 20:**
6:55 a.m. Antonio Pedro by Maria Pedro
- Saturday, Dec. 21:**
8:00 a.m. Jesus Omapas by Phoebe Omapas
5:30 p.m. Salvacio Eresuelo by Maria Lubas
- Sunday, Dec. 22:**
7:00 a.m. Polly & Joe, Garcia, Jerry & Elvie Barton by Norman & Joanne Garcia
10:00 a.m. M/M Paul Souza, M/M John Godinho by Betty Godinho
11:45 a.m. (Stratford) For The Parish
12:00 p.m. (Spanish) Padre Victor Piansay by Phoebe Omapas

— Sunday Collection Plate —

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— Prayers of the Faithful —

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for all who are sick. May they feel the healing powers of our prayers.

Prayers for the Deceased

We pray for Willie Garcia, Leonidos Gonzales, Jerry Godinho, Evelyn Bettencourt, and all the faithful departed. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

— Weekly Reflection —

PROMISE FULFILLED

Today's readings address the faithful one, the one who waits on God but may not feel God's presence. Every person who seeks God has at one time or another experienced the absence of God. Jesus himself cried out during his dark night of the soul.

The Epistle of James speaks to this. The author says that we must be as patient as the silent, fallow earth that awaits the slow, soaking rains of winter and the hard, necessary rains of spring. As the farmer is sure of the precious yield of the land, we can be sure of the precious yield of our patient waiting. God is never far away.

The messengers from John the Baptizer asked Jesus if he was the one whose coming John had announced. The messengers wanted to hear the answer that the imprisoned John already knew. Everything that John said was finally happening: because of Jesus, light shines in eyes; words of promise are received; people leap and dance.

The promise of Isaiah is fulfilled in Jesus. Wobbly knees and feeble hands are strong, the desert blooms, the savanna and steppe flower, the darkness is chased away.

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Parish Registration Form

If you would like to register for our Parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the Collection Basket or take it to the Church Office.

Name: _____
(Husband and Wife's Name, if applicable)

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Check the box if you like to receive Collection Envelopes.

— Religious Education —

Lemoore K-8 C.C.D. Program

PH: 924-2826 Ext. 209 Pat Garrett (Director)
Ext. 207 Ariana (habla Español)

Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday - 10 a.m. to Noon and 1 to 5 p.m.

For children over the age of 7: In need of BAPTISM?
Please call 924-2826 ext. 209 as soon as possible to begin
preparations for this important Event in their lives!

Baptism of infants and young children through age 6:
Please call Marcy at 924-2562 ext. 104

C.C.D. Classes

Monday Students

December 16: 4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

Tuesday Students

December 17: 4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

Lemoore C.C.D. Registration

Classes Have Begun!

Late Registration Continues!

Please remind family and friends to REGISTER ASAP!!!

Call 924-2826 ext. 207 or ext. 209

Grades: Kindergarten through Eighth Grades

Requirements for New Students: At the time of
registration for all new students, please have Birth and
Baptism Certificates with you. Registration Fees are
\$50.00 per year. Rates vary with number of children in
family. Payment due at registration or payment plan can
be set up. Scholarship available as needed.

Stratford C.C.D.—1st to 8th Grades

St Joseph's Religious Education, 19305 Empire Street

924-2826, Pat Garrett ext. 209 or

Ariana ext. 207 (en Español)

Wednesdays: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Please register children Grades 1-8 ASAP!!!

New Students: Must provide Certificates
of Birth and Baptism

Stratford Class

Wednesday, December 18

Grades 1-3: 2:15 – 3:15 p.m.

Grades 4-8: 3:10 – 4:15 p.m.



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Sunday Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:00 and 12:00 Mass Every Sunday

Please continue to join us!

This program reaches out to our young parishioners ages
4 to 7 years. Although we welcome 8 to 12 year olds, we
strongly discourage 2 to 3 year olds since they are simply
not ready for this interactive program. Parents, please
keep them with you. Thank you! Additional volunteers
are needed. Please call 924-2826 ext. 209 for info.

Life Teen Lemoore

www.facebook.com/LifeTeenLemoore

Pat Norris after 4 p.m. at 367-3550

Shawn Barboza by text any time
or by phone after 5 p.m. at 772-7190

— Adult Education Ministries—

Adult Confirmation Classes

Inquirers for Adult Confirmation, please contact Religious
Ed. Office at 924-2826 ext. 209. For Adults (over 18) who
have received Baptism and First Holy Communion.

Next Series of Classes: January, 2014

R.C.I.A = Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Welcome! Adults (over 18) seeking: Baptism,
Confirmation, Holy Eucharist. Call 924-2826 ext. 209.

R.C.I.A. Schedule—2013/2014

Sunday Mornings 10 a.m. Mass with Dismissal
at 10:30 a.m. to meeting room

— Diocesan News—

Get Connected

You can now follow the Diocese of Fresno on Twitter and
Facebook! Get connected today by going to the
Diocesan Website at: www.dioceseoffresno.org.

— Parish News—

Pilgrimage Opportunity

Join Msgr. John Coelho-Harguindeguy in the Pilgrimage
to the Holy Land and Jordan for 12 days and 11 nights.

April 22, 2014 to May 3, 2014

The cost of the Pilgrimage is \$3,350 per person in a
double occupancy from Los Angeles (additional \$450 fee
for single occupancy). Visit the Church Office for info.
and forms or visit www.anastasistoursusa.com.

Bulletin Submission Dates

Please be aware that due to Christmas and New Year's, the dates for bulletin submissions will need to be adjusted in order to meet our printer's deadlines. Please be advised that any submissions for the the December 29th bulletin will need to be received by 2 p.m. on Monday, December 16th and the January 5th bulletin will need to be received by 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 19th. Should you have any questions, please call or email Cary Clarke at 924-1532 or bulletinstpeters@gmail.com.

Christmas/New Year Schedule

Penance Service

There will be a Penance Service at St. Peter's Friday, December 20th at 7 p.m. A number of priests will be available to hear confessions. Please note, there will be no 5 p.m. confession that evening.

Special Confession Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 21 st	8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Monday, Dec. 23 rd	10 a.m. to 12 noon
Tuesday, Dec. 24 th	10 a.m. to 12 noon

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 th	5:30 p.m. English Mass
	11 p.m. Christmas Carols
	12 a.m. Bilingual Midnight Mass
Christmas Day, Dec. 25 th	7:00 a.m. English Mass
	10:00 a.m. English Mass
	11:45 a.m. Stratford Mass
	12:00 noon Spanish Mass

All Mass are at St. Peter's Main Church unless noted.

New Year's Eve Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Dec. 31 st	5:30 p.m. English Vigil Mass
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New Year's Day Mass Schedule (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, Jan. 1 st	7:00 a.m. English Mass
	10:00 a.m. English Mass
	11:45 a.m. Stratford Mass
	12:00 p.m. Spanish Mass



Gift of Warmth

Cold weather serves as a reminder that the kind of warmth and comfort that so many of us enjoy is hard to come by for others. Make a difference in the lives of those in need by giving the gift of comfort.

Shaw's Air Conditioning and Heating will be hosting its 1st Annual Blanket Drive!

Now through December 31st, you can drop off new or gently used blankets at the St. Peter's Church office for Shaw's to pick up. Shaw's will match all donations and the blankets will be donated to our local Kings County homeless shelters. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Religious Items

A group from the Holy Land (Bethlehem & Jerusalem) will be selling religious articles after Masses to support the Catholic Christian Minorities in Bethlehem. As a tradition, many of the Catholic families in the Holy Land work in small workshops to produce religious articles from olive wood. These articles represent the Christian art of the Holy Land. In the past, they used to sell their artwork to pilgrims who visit the Holy Land. However, these days they are facing an economic hardship as very few tourists visit the Holy Land due to security issues. Many of the Catholic families immigrated and left the Holy Land. The percentage of Christians left has dropped to less than 2%. The struggle to preserve the Catholic identity of the birthplace of our savior, Jesus Christ, is a serious concern for Catholics around the world. Sales will be used to help support the Catholics in the Holy Land and to encourage them not to immigrate.

— Ministry News —

Adoration Chapel to Close

The **Adoration Chapel will close for two weeks** during the Christmas Season. On **Sunday, December 22, 2013, at 6 a.m.**, the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed following the regular Sunday schedule. The Chapel will reopen for Adoration on **Sunday, January 5, 2014, at 2 p.m.**, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, also following the regular Sunday schedule.

The Chapel door **will be locked** during the two-week period.

May God Bless all our faithful weekly Guardians and their families during this Holy Season!

— Ministerios Hispánicos —

En Lemoore: Clase de Catecismo

Información de registro para venir
Teléfono: 924-2826 (pulse 207)

Lunes, 16 de diciembre

4:15 – 5:15 p.m. - Clase

Martes, 17 de diciembre

4:15 – 5:15 p.m. - Clase

En Stratford: Clase de Catecismo

Centro de Educación Religiosa de San José
19305 Empire Street, Stratford

Los estudiantes nuevos necesitan el registro: certificado de Nacimiento y certificado de Bautismo
Los niños y las niñas en Grados: 1-8

Miércoles, 18 de diciembre

Grados 1-3: 2:15 – 3:15 de la tarde - Clase

Grados 4-8: 3:10 – 4:15 de la tarde - Clase

¡Fe Viva! Campana Anual Del Obispo 2013 – 2014

“Al aproximarse la conclusión de este Año De Fe, ahora se más que nunca que nuestra fe está viva y se desarrolla en nosotros y ofrezco mi más sincera gratitud a todos los que tan generosamente has contribuido a la campana anual. Sus donativos ayudan a mantener importantes ministerios de la Iglesia Diocesana y como lo dijo nuestro nuevo Santo Padre, el Papa Francisco, lo que han dado a los demás ‘el regalo y la presencia de Jesucristo en nosotros!’ “Que Dios los bendiga junto con sus familias para que unidos continuemos en la misión de Cristo en la tierra.”

PROMESA CUMPLIDA

Las lecturas de hoy nos hablan de la persona fiel, de aquella que espera en Dios pero tal vez no sienta su presencia. Toda persona que busca a Dios, en un momento u otro, experimenta la ausencia de Dios. El mismo Jesús gritó durante la noche oscura de su alma.

La epístola de Santiago hace referencia a esta cuestión. Dice que debemos ser tan pacientes como la tierra abandonada y silenciosa, que espera las lentas y húmedas lluvias del invierno y las fuertes y necesarias lluvias de la primavera. Al igual que el agricultor es consciente del precioso fruto de la tierra, también nosotros podemos ser conscientes de la valiosa cosecha de nuestra paciente espera. Dios nunca está lejos.

Los mensajeros de Juan Bautista preguntaron a Jesús si él era aquél que Juan había anunciado. Los mensajeros querían oír la respuesta que el encarcelado Juan ya sabía. Todo lo que Juan había dicho estaba finalmente aconteciendo: gracias a Jesús, la luz brilla en los ojos; las palabras de promesa son recibidas; la gente salta y baila.

La promesa de Isaías se cumple en Jesús. Rodillas inseguras y manos débiles se vuelven fuertes; el desierto estalla de vegetación; la sabana y la estepa florecen; la oscuridad es ahuyentada.

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Third Sunday of Advent

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as *Gaudete* (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today’s first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God’s saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God’s presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah’s prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus’ presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Matthew 11:5).

“REJOICE WITH JOYFUL SONG”

With almost childlike eagerness today’s scriptures proclaim: “Here is your God...he comes to save you” (Isaiah 35:4); “the coming of the Lord is at hand” (James 5:8); “Are you the one who is to come?” (Matthew 11:3). Jesus’ description of his ministry assures us that the Messiah has already come into the world to save humankind. And, after all, this is the reason we celebrate Christmas and “rejoice with joyful song” (Isaiah 35:2).

Yet we know that Isaiah’s prophecy and Jesus’ ministry of healing are not complete. Disease, poverty, sadness, and death are still rampant in our world, and much suffering is of human making. “The least” are not treated with the dignity that Jesus envisioned for them “in the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 11:11). The ministry described in these scriptures is still needed in the world today.

COME WISDOM, HOLY WORD OF GOD

One of the O Antiphons calls on Wisdom, the holy Word of God, to guide and show us the way to continue Jesus’ healing, saving ministry. Today’s scriptures provide a wealth of wisdom and a clear path for us to follow. God’s wisdom is shown in Jesus, who has come into our midst to rescue the least ones and lift them out of their suffering. We have only to ask Jesus to heal our suffering and need, and show us the way to extend his salvation to others.

As you make your final preparations for Christmas, how will the wisdom of these scriptures affect your use of time and money? Will you purchase gifts for people who can’t give back? Might you buy from an organization that supports people with disabilities? Will you write a letter to heal an old wound or rift? Where and with whom will you spend your time?

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