

# 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.

## Fourth Sunday of Advent—December 22, 2013

They shall name him Emmanuel,  
which means "God is with us."  
— Matthew 1:23

### — Pastor —

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### — Parish Office —

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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](mailto:bulletinstpeters@gmail.com) as  
late as 2 p.m. Friday 9 days prior to  
the Sunday it should run. Call Cary  
Clarke with questions at 924-1532.

### — Mary Immaculate — Queen School

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Sr. Beena Joseph, C.S.S.T.  
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Lemoore, CA 93245  
Phone: 559/924-3424  
Fax: 559/924-7848  
[www.miqschool.org](http://www.miqschool.org)

## St. Peter's Ministries Schedule

	<b>Time</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b><u>First Monday</u></b>	2:00 p.m.	Altar Society	St. Therese's Room
<b><u>Second/Fourth Mondays</u></b>	1:30 p.m.	Prayer Quilt Group	St. Therese's Room
<b><u>Every Monday</u></b>	7:00 p.m.	Estudio Bíblico (Spanish Bible Study)	St. Therese's Room
<b><u>Third Tuesday</u></b>	3:00 p.m. 4:00p.m.	Facilities Meeting Finance Committee Meeting	St. Therese's Room St. Therese's Room
<b><u>Every Tuesday</u></b>	9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	English Language Class Holy Family Prayer Group Hora Apostólica Tuesday Spanish Prayer Group	St. Therese's Room Holy Spirit Chapel O'Friel Room O'Friel Room
<b><u>Third Wednesday</u></b>	5:30 p.m.	Liturgy Meeting	Pastor's Office
<b><u>Every Wednesday</u></b>	6:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study Wed. Prayer Group Legion of Mary Our Lady of Perpetual Help Spanish Prayer Group English Adult Choir Practice Praise Team Practice	St. Agnes' Room St. Therese's Room St. Agnes' Room St. Agnes' Room O'Doherty Hall St. Peter's Church St. Peter's Church
<b><u>Second Thursday</u></b>	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus	O'Friel Room
<b><u>Third Thursday</u></b>	6:00 p.m.	Holy Family 184 YLI	O'Friel Room
<b><u>Fourth Thursday</u></b>	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus	O'Friel Room
<b><u>Every Thursday</u></b>	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	English Language Class Meditation Group Spanish Adult Choir Practice Padres Orantes Grupo	St. Therese's Room St. Therese's Room St. Peter's Church Holy Family Chapel
<b><u>Second/Fourth Fridays</u></b>	10:00 a.m.	Mother's Bible Study	O'Friel Room
<b><u>Fourth Friday</u></b>	3:30 p.m.	Curia	St. Therese's Room
<b><u>Every Friday</u></b>	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Cub Scout Spanish Youth Group	O'Friel Room St. Therese's Room
<b><u>Alternating Wednesdays</u></b>	6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Abad & Friends Choir Practice Children's Choir Practice	St. Peter's Church St. Peter's Church

**\*Note: Schedules subject to change. Please contact Ministry Head for most up-to-date information.**

## — Readings for the Week —

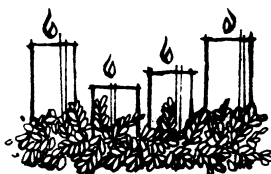
- Monday, Dec. 23:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
- Tuesday, Dec. 24:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
- Wednesday, Dec. 25:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
- Thursday, Dec. 26:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Friday, Dec. 27:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Saturday, Dec. 28:** 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
- Sunday, Dec. 29:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

## — Mass Intentions —

- Monday, Dec. 23:**  
6:55 a.m. Fatima Garcia by Family & Friends
- Tuesday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve):**  
5:30 p.m. Guy & Pearl Badasci by The Family  
12:00 Midnight For The Parish (Bilingual)
- Wednesday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day):**  
7:00 a.m. Msgr. John O’Friel by The Family  
10:00 a.m. Ben Carreiro by Tina Carreiro & Sons  
11:45 a.m. (Stratford) For The Parish  
12:00 p.m. (Spanish) Hijos de Angelina y Reymundo Solorio
- Thursday, Dec. 26:**  
6:55 a.m. Living Members of Altar Society
- Friday, Dec. 27:**  
6:55 a.m. In Thanksgiving by Ancheta Family
- Saturday, Dec. 28:**  
8:00 a.m. Henry & Kathy Rocha by Family  
5:30 p.m. Felomino Omapas by Phoebe Omapas
- Sunday, Dec. 29:**  
7:00 a.m. Special Intentions for Bridget Friel by Lee Cardoza  
10:00 a.m. Angelo Freitas by His Wife Ruby  
11:45 a.m. (Stratford) For The Parish  
12:00 p.m. (Spanish) Intención de Jose Luis Soto De Su Familia

## — Sunday Collection Plate —

December 8	\$8,559.18
Immaculate Conception	\$1,225.00
Retired Religious	\$1,140.00
M.I.Q. School	\$2,506.00



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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 Delia Bigelow and all the faithful departed. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

## — Weekly Reflection —

### EMMANUEL

To name someone or something means that we have a relationship with that entity. Family names identify us with our heritage; nicknames denote familiarity or a special bond. In the Old Testament, the meaning of a name ran deep. It identified one’s mission, even one’s very being.

The amazing name “Emmanuel” was first uttered by Isaiah as he described to the frightened King Ahaz the promised one who would come to redeem the people. Emmanuel is not a frightening philosophical name, such as Omnipotent, Omniscient, Almighty. It does not connote distance and transcendence. It does not generate reverential fear. The name Emmanuel implies closeness and intimacy and compassion. Emmanuel is the name given to the one who is coming. It means “God is with us.” God is entrusted to the care of a virgin, who will bear this child. Only God would be so compassionate to draw so near, to be so available and vulnerable. Only God could love this well.

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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**

No Class Until January 27, 2014

##### **Tuesday Students**

No Class Until January 21, 2014

#### 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

No Class Until January 22, 2014



### 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.anastasistoursusa.com).

### Christmas/New Year Schedule

#### **Special Confession Schedule**

Monday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> 10 a.m. to 12 noon  
 Tuesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. to 12 noon



#### **Christmas Mass Schedule**

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m. English Mass  
 11 p.m. Christmas Carols  
 12 a.m. Bilingual Midnight Mass  
 Christmas Day, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>st</sup> 5:30 p.m. English Vigil Mass

#### **New Year's Day Mass Schedule**

##### **(Holy Day of Obligation)**

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

### 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 January 5<sup>th</sup> bulletin will need to be received by 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Should you have any questions, please call or email Cary Clarke at 924-1532 or [bulletinstpeters@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinstpeters@gmail.com).

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Blanket Drive!**

Now through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 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!

## — 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!

### Prayer Quilt Ministry

There will be no Prayer Quilt meetings this week. See you on January 13th!

## — Stratford News—

### Posadas

Posadas comenzarán el 16 de diciembre al 23 de diciembre. Un día cada calle estará encargada de organizar la posada. Salimos de la iglesia a las 6pm. Para más información hablen con Gela- 906-3127

### Confirmation Classes/Clase de Confirmación

Confirmation Classes will be canceled December 22 & 28. You must come to Mass and participate in the posada of the 23 of December. Class is also canceled on the 4th of January as well. For more information, contact Angie at 906-3127.

Clase de confirmación cancelada el 22 y 28 de diciembre PERO tienen que ir a Misa y a la posada del 23. Clase de Confirmación cancelada el 4 de enero 2014 PERO tienen que ir a Misa. Para más información comuníquense con Gela 906-3127.

### Adoration/Adoración al santísimo

Thursdays at 7 p.m./jueves a las 7 p.m.

### Oración

Viernes a las 7 p.m.

### Estudio de Formación

Lunes a las 7pm (3 lunes al mes)

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
**Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe**

Thank you to all those who helped or participated in Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebrations!! A special thanks to all Confirmation youth for your help!!!

Gracias a todos por ayudar y participar en las celebraciones de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe! Un aplauso para los jóvenes de Confirmación por toda su ayuda!!!

— **Ministerios Hispánicos** —

**En Lemoore: Clase de Catecismo**

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

**Lunes**

No Clase

**Martes**

No 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**

No Clase

**EMANUEL**

Nombrar a alguien o algo supone que tenemos una relación con esa persona o cosa. Los nombres de familia toman arraigo y están a nuestro alrededor; los apodos connotan familiaridad y compañerismo. En el Antiguo Testamento, el significado de los nombres posee connotaciones profundas. El nombre servía para singularizar la misión y la identidad de la persona.

El maravilloso nombre, Emanuel, fue primeramente pronunciado por Isaías al describir, al asustado rey Ajaz, aquél que vendría a redimir a la humanidad. El nombre, Emanuel, no es uno de los filosóficos y atemorizantes como lo son Omnipotente, Omnisciente o Todopoderoso. El nombre no connota distancia o superioridad. No genera temor reverencial. El nombre, Emanuel, connota cercanía, intimidad y compasión. El nombre del que ha de venir es Emanuel, que significa "Dios está con nosotros". Dios es confiado a la custodia de una virgen, que parirá este niño. Sólo Dios es tan compasivo para acercarse tanto, ser tan asequible y vulnerable. Sólo Dios puede amar de este modo tan perfecto.

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**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel.

Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow God to offer him reassurance of the survival of the Davidic dynasty. The king hypocritically refuses to "tempt the LORD" in that way (Isaiah 7:12), but the prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne, who will prove the Lord's enduring protection of God's chosen lineage on the throne of David. The child will be called Emmanuel.

Matthew's reference to this history in his description of the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and the complete trust in God shown by Mary and Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus Christ.

**"THE VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE, AND BEAR A SON"**

Today's Advent scriptures invite us to recall the core meaning of Christmas before we plunge into the final frantic days of preparation. They focus on the birth of Jesus/Emmanuel, who is with us to save us here and now.

Many titles and names of Jesus converge in these readings. Together they give us a well-rounded picture of who this child is for us. Through the faithfulness of Joseph, the son of David who took Mary and Jesus into his home, Jesus can be called "son of David." Thus the birth of Jesus fulfilled the desire of Israel for an heir to the throne of David to reign as a just king. Through the power of the Holy Spirit this human son of David and king is also the divine "Son of God." Thus he is called "Emmanuel," because he is truly the presence of God with us. Finally, he was given the name "Jesus," because he came to save all people.

**COME, EMMANUEL**

These scriptures invite us to set aside our plans and lists and open our hearts to the presence of Emmanuel—as Joseph did in the Gospel. They invite us to recognize that God doesn't depend on us to make Christmas happen. God is with us to save us with or without presents and wrapping, with or without Christmas cards or cookies. Whether this Christmas finds us feeling self-sufficient, like Ahaz, or vulnerable and afraid, like Joseph and Mary, our God is with us ("Emmanuel") to save us ("Jesus"). All we really need to do before Christmas is to open our hearts for his presence to save and set us free.

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