



St. Peter & Prince of Apostles

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

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

— Isaiah 35:10a

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Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
12:00 p.m. (Spanish), Stratford- 8:30 a.m.

— Weekday Mass Schedule —

Mon. 8:15 a.m., Tues. 5:30 p.m.-*Spanish*, Wed. 5:30
p.m., Thurs-Fri 8:15a.m.

— Confessions —

Friday: 5:30 p.m. & Saturday 8:30 a.m.

— Marriage or Baptism —

Contact the church office for more info.:
559/924-2562

— Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament —

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Holy
Family Chapel is offered Monday, 8am-8pm;
Tuesday, 10am-5pm; Wednesday, 8am-5pm;
Thursday, following 8:15am mass until 8pm;
and Friday, following 8:15am mass until
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Dear Padre,

The Church is steeped in symbolism, tradition, and “living metaphors,” but it sometimes forgets common sense. Why smell up the church with incense? Why gussy up the Mass with horns, flutes, and guitars, at times turning holy Mass into a pseudohootenanny?

The Mass is our high point of worship. All other sacred actions and activities of the Christian life “are bound up with it, flow from it, and are ordered to it” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 16). The dignity and importance of worshiping the Father in and through Christ at Mass is expressed in communion with fellow believers, and ideally through a full sensory experience with all our heart, mind, and soul. In short, if something is worth doing, it’s worth doing well—especially if “doing” opens us to the mystery of God’s presence through what we see, hear, smell, touch, and taste. “In the liturgy the sanctification of women and men is given expression in symbols perceptible by the senses and is carried out in ways appropriate to each of them” (*Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy [Sacrosanctum Concilium]*, 7).

Not all Mass occasions call for “smells, bells, toots, and flutes,” but the visual beauty of the sacred surroundings, the sounds of sacred music, and the sacred words and actions that connect us to our traditions and to Christ’s memorial institution, are intended to elevate us in our collective prayer to God. At times, such a sublime experience of the transcendent may be inhibited by sheer practicality, efficiency, and mundanity!

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



LIDIA MURHAMADENAWA/SHUTTERSTOCK

Calendar

Monday
 DECEMBER 16
 Advent Weekday
 Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a
 Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday
 DECEMBER 17
 Advent Weekday
 Gn 49:2, 8-10
 Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday
 DECEMBER 18
 Advent Weekday
 Jer 23:5-8
 Mt 1:18-25

Thursday
 DECEMBER 19
 Advent Weekday
 Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a
 Lk 1:5-25

Friday
 DECEMBER 20
 Advent Weekday
 Is 7:10-14
 Lk 1:26-38

Saturday
 DECEMBER 21
 Advent Weekday
 Sg 2:8-14 or
 Zep 3:14-18a
 Lk 1:39-45

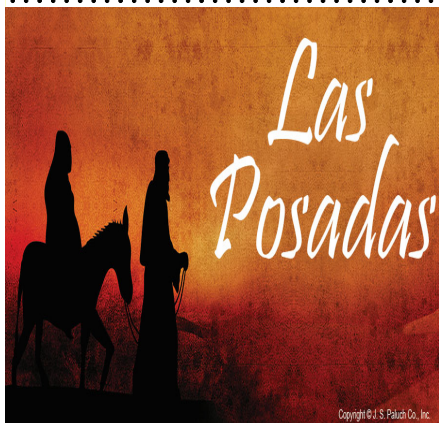
Sunday
 DECEMBER 22
 Fourth Sunday
 of Advent
 Is 7:10-14
 Rom 1:1-7
 Mt 1:18-24



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Your music and your song are a true instrument of evangelization insofar as you witness to the profoundness of the Word of God that touches the hearts of people, and allows a celebration of the sacraments, especially of the Holy Eucharist, which makes one sense the beauty of paradise.

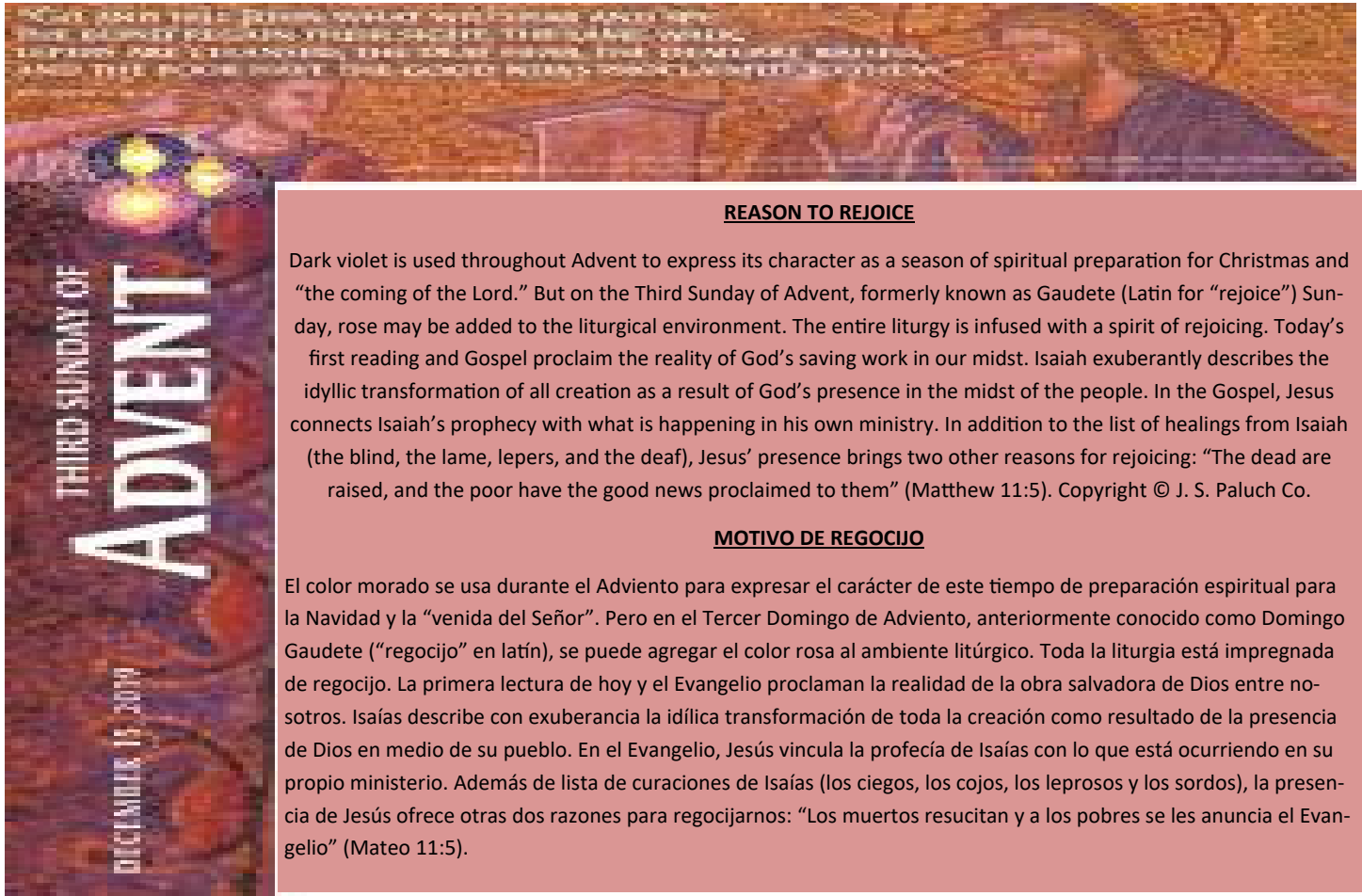
—INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF CHOIRS, NOVEMBER 24, 2018



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— Weekly Reflection / Reflexión Semanal —



REASON TO REJOICE

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). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

MOTIVO DE REGOCIJO

El color morado se usa durante el Adviento para expresar el carácter de este tiempo de preparación espiritual para la Navidad y la “venida del Señor”. Pero en el Tercer Domingo de Adviento, anteriormente conocido como Domingo Gaudete (“regocijo” en latín), se puede agregar el color rosa al ambiente litúrgico. Toda la liturgia está impregnada de regocijo. La primera lectura de hoy y el Evangelio proclaman la realidad de la obra salvadora de Dios entre nosotros. Isaías describe con exuberancia la idílica transformación de toda la creación como resultado de la presencia de Dios en medio de su pueblo. En el Evangelio, Jesús vincula la profecía de Isaías con lo que está ocurriendo en su propio ministerio. Además de lista de curaciones de Isaías (los ciegos, los cojos, los leprosos y los sordos), la presencia de Jesús ofrece otras dos razones para regocijarnos: “Los muertos resucitan y a los pobres se les anuncia el Evangelio” (Mateo 11:5).

— Prayers Intentions / Oraciones de los Fieles —

Prayers for the Sick / Oraciones para los enfermos

We pray for Alice Stewart, Elsie Soares, Ana Colido, Mary Beth Murray, Rose Galvan, Richard P. Simas, Marti Vannote, Gary Garrett Jr., Charles Turner, Albert Cardenas, Delton Taylor, Bob & Noni Schweizer, Jerry Gregory, Jenifer Pressley, Isaac Oroasco Jr., Roxie Martin, Angelina Mireles, Francisco Mendoza, Chris Mendoza, Soli Bennett, Karlene Quintana, Lizabet Reya, Mila Pryor, Norman H. Martin, Mike Wlaschin, and all who are sick. May they feel the healing powers of our prayers.

Prayers for the Deceased / Oraciones para los difuntos

We pray Guadalupe Vasquez, Manuel Toste, Virginia Harris, Gerald Jeff, Francisco Mendoza, Jonathan Diaz, Stanley Hess, Virginia Rangel, and all the faithful departed. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

— First Communion & Confirmation Registration —

- ◆ **Reminder for all who are attending a religious education program: If you have not yet turned in all requested certificates or forms please do so between Dec. 16-20th.**
- ◆ **PLEASE DON'T PARK IN THE RED ZONE WHEN DROPPING OFF THE CHILDREN FOR CCD CLASSES.**
- ◆ **Recordatorio si esta asistiendo al programa de educacion religiosa: necesita entregar los certificados requeridos y formas entre el 16 de Dic. Y el 20.**
- ◆ **PORFAVOR NO ESTACIONEN SUS VEHICULOS EN LA ZONA ROJA CUANDO DEJEN A SUS HIJOS PARA EL CATECISMO.**

-Mass Intentions/Intenciones de Misa-

Saturday, Dec. 14:

5:30 p.m. Charles & Jane Golden † by Catherine Levy
Walter Terrio † by Henderson Family

Sunday, Dec. 15:

7:00 a.m. Maria Martins † by Joe & Margaret Perreira
Genevieve Garcia by Family
8:30 a.m. (Strfd) Intentions of Parishioners
10:00 a.m. Danny Garcia † by John & Barbara Evangelo
Fortunato Garcia by Nancy Garcia
Margie Garoupa † by Holy Family # 84
12:00 p.m. (Sp) Cisneros Larios Family by Maria Coria
Alma, Cassandra, Sara, y Naomi Cuevas by Family
Jonathan Diaz † by Family

Monday, Dec. 16:

8:15 a.m. Robert Lowas by Mom

Tuesday, Dec. 17:

5:30 p.m. Catarino & Catarina † Monreal by Family

Wednesday, Dec. 18

5:30 p.m. Richard O'Rourke † by Carolyn O'Rourke

Thursday, Dec. 19:

8:15 a.m. Laura Romeiro Gardenr † by Steven & Eric Romeiro

Friday, Dec. 20:

8:15 a.m. Joe Orsaba † by Albertina Orsaba

Saturday, Dec. 21:

5:30 p.m. Herminiano & Aurelia Vergara † by Lil Mergillano
Iditet Goncalves by Maria Simons

Sunday, Dec. 22:

7:00 a.m. Manuel & Shirley Maciel † by Garcia Famioy
8:30 a.m. (Strfd) Intentions of Parishioners
10:00 a.m. Hilda Mendes† by Laura Rose
Laura Paulo † by Bob & Paulette Clement
Flaviano Tatco † by Tatco Family
12:00 p.m. (Sp) Maria La Paz Aguayo & Maria Garcia de Familia Isadoro
Alma, Cassandra, Sara y Naomi de Familia
Maria Luisa Barriga y Lucia Gonzales Cumpleanos de Familia

-Stewardship Corner/Co-responsabilidad-

December 7 & 8, 2019

1st Collection: \$10,088.00
2nd Collection: \$3,250.50

Thank you for your generosity/Gracias por su generosidad

Second Collection Today/ 2da Colecta hoy:
MIQ School/ Escuela MIQ

Second Collection Next Week/ 2da Colecta la próxima semana:
Retirement Fund for Religious/Fondo de retiro para Religiosos



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. ALL CHECKS PLACED IN THE COLLECTION BASKET OR HAND CARRIED INTO THE CHURCH OFFICE NEED TO BE MADE OUT SPECIFICALLY TO ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH. YOU CAN DESIGNATE WHERE YOU WANT IT TO BE CREDITED TO BY USING THE "MEMO" AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR CHECK, I.E. ALTAR SOCIETY, PARISH IMPROVEMENT, MASSES, CCD, MIQ SCHOOL, ETC.

THANK YOU

MIQ SCHOOL NEWS

- ◆ MIQ will be having its Christmas program at church on Dec. 19th at 6pm. Please join us!
- ◆ Open house for prospective families is Wednesday, January 8th from 6-7:30pm. Please help us by telling friends and family about our wonderful school.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." Psalm 19:1

Mary Immaculate Queen School is accepting new student applications!
884 N. Lemoore Ave Lemoore, CA 93245
Phone: 559-924-3425 ext. 202 Fax: 924-7848
Don't wait to join our MIQ school family.

Scholarships are available to make it affordable for you.
Please call Rachael Manzo for a tour at 924-3425 ext. 202 -Principal@miqschool.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES

1. **PENANCE SERVICE** at St. Peter's on Dec. 18th at 6pm.
2. **Blessed Sacrament** will be reposed (no Adoration) from Tuesday, 12/24 through Wednesday, January 1, 2020. The regular Guardian schedule will resume Thursday, January 2 following morning mass. Blessed & safe holidays to all!
3. **TAX Forms** will be available for request Jan. 4, 2020. Please leave a name, phone #, address & envelope number. IF YOU PARTICIPATE IN ONLINE GIVING you can print out your own TAX sheet.

Christmas Mass Schedule

DECEMBER 24TH MASS AT 4PM -E-ST. PETER
 6PM STRATFORD
 12AM -E-ST. PETER
 DECEMBER 25TH MASS AT 10AM-E-ST. PETER
 12PM-S- ST. PETER

THE FLU SEASON IS UPON US

Catechists, Assistants, and Subs are needed for our Religious Education classes. Please call the office if you are interested.
 559-924-2562 x209 or x207-spanish.



Posada Navideña

Diciembre 22, 2019

5pm—Salón Parroquial

Tendremos pozole, piñatas, pan dulce, chocolate caliente, juegos y la pastorela



"Y dará a luz un hijo y llamaras su nombre Jesús, porque el salvará a su pueblo de sus pecados."
 Mateo 1:21

St. Peter's Catholic Church
 870 N Lemoore Ave. Lemoore CA 93245

Church office will close at 1pm on 12/24. We will be back on 12/27.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

To keep our church looking good and clean. If you are able to help, please call the office or come to the church Tuesday at 8am. A special thank-you to all of you who have been working and cleaning our church.

CALLING ALL YOUNG MUSICIANS

We need singers and musicians in grades K-12 to help with a special Children's Choir on Dec. 24th at the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. Rehearsals are Sunday, December 15th and 22nd, 2-4:00 p.m. in the church. If your child is interested, please call/text Angela for more information or to sign up. (559) 515-0795

Ministry News

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Eucharistic Adoration is offered in the Holy Family Chapel Monday through Friday. Everyone is welcome to stop by and visit with Jesus--He is waiting for you. Call the Coordinator for more information at 903-9924.

St. Peter's Mom Bible Study

Mothers of children 0-18, please join us on the 2nd and 4th Fridays each month. We meet from 9-11am in the Rectory and childcare is provided. Join our FB group "Catholic Mothers Bible Study Group, Lemoore" for details, or contact Juli Polder at (916)284-6753.

Women's Bible Study

We are meeting in St. Agnes every Thurs. @ 10am. For any info call Carol Wood 924-4907.

Prayer Quilt Ministry

Prayer quilt ministry will meet on Mon., Jan. 13th in St. Agnes Rm. at 1:30 pm. Please join us. If you are in need of a quilt they can be found in the church office. Quilts are free but donations are appreciated. FMI please call Patti 707 9822 or Diane Howder 707-4470.

Formación Bíblica

Te invitamos a tener una formación bíblica y a conocer mas de la palabra de Dios, El Señor te espera. Sacia tu sed porque el es agua viva! Para mas información contacte a Rosa Reeder 559-707-0361.

Grief Ministry

No Grief Ministry in December. Please call at 559-718-7191 any time

