

Our Parish Family includes Saint Thomas, the Apostle Parish, Saint Thomas, the Apostle School and Saint Anthony of Padua Mission Church.



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Mission

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we the church answer the call of Christ to be a visible sign of His presence by participating in: Scripture and Sacraments, Worship and Prayer, Spiritual and Academic Education, Evangelization and Witnessing, Service and Charity, Fellowship and Community. Through our words and actions with our universal community of believers, we strive to share the love of God with the greater Oroville community and throughout the world.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

5:30 PM
7:00 PM (Spanish)
at St. Thomas in Oroville

Sunday

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM at
Saint Thomas in Oroville,
12:30 PM Saint Anthony's
in Challenge

Daily Mass

Monday: 8:30 AM
Tuesday: 6:00 PM
Wednesday-Friday: 8:30
AM

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PARISH INFORMATION / I
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Baptisms (Bautizos) Please contact the parish office
Sick Calls or Sacrament of Anointing (Unción de los Enfermos)

Please contact the parish office as soon as possible

Weddings (Matrimonios)

Minimum of six (6) months required for preparation. Please contact the parish office.

Funerals Please contact the parish office, for assistance in arranging a funeral service. We can also arrange a reception after the funeral if desired.

Sick Calls

Father Ramos would like to reach out to those parishioners who are homebound, or otherwise unable to attend Mass. If you, or someone you know, needs to receive a visit, or Sacraments you can find a Sick Call/Home Visit Request form in the Church Vestibule, the Parish Office or an on-line fillable electronic form, in English and Spanish, on the STAP website (<https://orvillecatholic.org>).

Announcements

Faith Formation Corner

Christ is the reason for our Faith Formation program, the unseen but ever present teacher in our class rooms, the model for our teachers and the inspiration of our students. Christ is the divine teacher who calls us to work in His vineyard and so we ask that . . . If you hear his voice you harden not your hearts as the harvest is abundant but the laborer's few. Ask yourself today, "In what way am I being called to work in the vineyard of our Lord?"

Editor's Note

Your bulletin editor will be travelling out of the country this September, and is looking for someone who is willing to pitch in and help with the bulletin while I am gone. If you're interested, I will help train you.

Please contact Bryan at :

stthomasbulletin.oroVille@gmail.com
or drop a text to 530-403-3786.

Room Wanted

Shawn, an Anderson based Catholic woman, is looking for room to rent in Oroville during the week. She would need a place to stay Monday through Thursday nights, during the school year. If you can help, please call Shawn at 530-354-0388

Calling All Ministries

Please submit a calendar of meetings, events, and any other reservations you may need for your ministry. We will be coordinating the use of the Parish Office, the Community Center, and Fitzgerald Hall (in conjunction with the school), for 2023-2024. Please drop off your calendar by August 18, 2023. Thank you for everything you do for our Parish Family!!!

Adoration Camino

Our next stop on the Sutter Buttes Deanery Camino will be at Immaculate Conception Parish in Corning, CA on Tuesday, August 22. They will begin greeting pilgrims and stamping their passports at 5 p.m. Adoration will begin at 6 p.m., followed by refreshments and hospitality! They will also have a wonderful display sharing Eucharistic Miracles around the world. Don't worry, you can also get your passports stamped at the reception following Adoration. Prayerfully think about who you would like to bring with you in your heart to this next stop on the Camino. Who needs your prayers, love, support, mercy, kindness, forgiveness?? Bring them to Jesus in the Eucharist!!

Thank You!

Your Catholic Ladies Relief Society is so thankful for your generous support of our August Rummage Sale!

We couldn't do this endless unpacking, stacking, hanging, and selling without your wonderful donations. Those who were able to jump in and help----there are no words for how appreciated you all are. Thank you, St. Thomas the Apostle parish family!

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR
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Sunday, August 6

8:00AM

10:30 AM

12:30 AM @St. Anthony's In Challenge

Monday, August 7

8:30 AM

Tuesday, August 8

6:00 PM

Wednesday, August 9

8:30 AM

Thursday, August 10

8:30 AM

Friday, August 11

8:30 AM

Saturday, August 12

5:30 PM Vigil

7:00 PM Spanish Vigil

Sunday, August 13

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

12:30 AM @St. Anthony's in Challenge

Rosary: St. Thomas: after the 8:30 AM Mass during weekdays, and after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:00 PM Tuesdays

4:00 PM Saturdays

Or by Appointment

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament:

Every Tuesday: 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Every Friday: 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

3rd Saturday of Every Month, 8:00 PM

Frank Clanton	Jose Ignacio
Thomas Edward	Ramirez
Winter	Jose Ignacio
Ann Lewis	Ramirez-
(Loseke)	Gutierrez
Alan Armstrong	Jodi Williams
The Monsen	Mason Ray
Family	Williams
Victor and Joan	John Ritter
Briggs	Margaret
Jimmy Potestio	Carnahan
Patty Webber-	Patricia Laird
Smith	Julie Silveira
Jane Frericks	Conner Briggs
Ray Firpo	

Silence in the grand scheme of things
Are there spiritual benefits to silence – Sacred Scripture says yes

Putting aside time for silence with God helps us to grow spiritually, especially when it comes to humility. It's not the silence that creates the growth, but the time spent with the Lord in that silence.

As Christians, we must remember that silence is integral to our faith. Put another way, to omit or neglect silence in our life of faith harms our spiritual integrity. The example of Our Lord alone shows us his desire to go off and pray in silence. His forty days in the desert, his retreats to silent areas, his praying in Gethsemane, all provide us with example after example of our own need to disconnect from our electronic devices and simply, passively listen. To what? To the hush of wind, the far off songs of birds or the salty roar of the surf—to our thoughts, and God's voice within them. Jesus shows us that it is important to take time each day for silent prayer. "Very early next morning," we read in the Gospel, "he got up and went out" (Mark 1:35). Moreover, "He went away to a lonely spot and remained there in prayer" (Mark 1:36). If our Lord thought it good to awake very early and be alone in prayer, we ought to take notice. Silence is the context of prayer.

"Prayer of Inner Quiet." One of the richest forms of prayer can occur when the heart is absolutely quiet. As the psalmist says, "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). If you still your mind, you can hear your own heart. And at the core of your heart is the indwelling of God, it's a matter of just being there.

Similar to the "Prayer of Inner Quiet" is what we might call the "Prayer of Listening." In this prayer, the focus is on listening to God, who reveals himself in our inmost being. You listen at the core of your being to the deepest voice of all, the voice of God and of the Spirit. Thomas Merton describes this kind of prayer as "finding one's deepest center, awakening the profound depths of our being in the presence of God, who is the source of our being and life."

You may find it rewarding to try this simple prayer exercise:

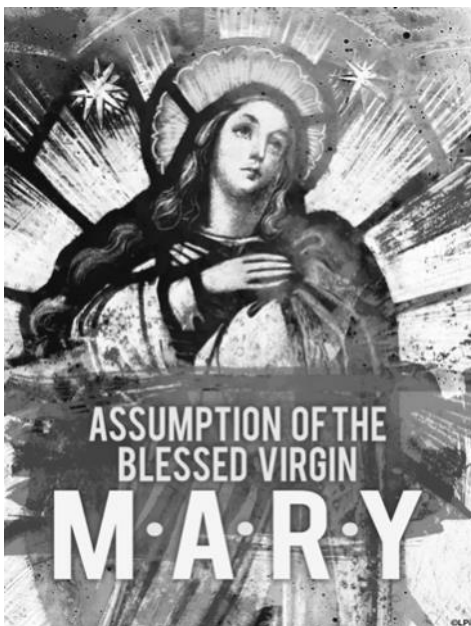
Just sit down and, keeping your back straight but free, begin quieting your mind and your body by taking a few relaxing, deep breaths. Close your eyes if you wish. Center your awareness on the silent and infinite presence of God within your heart.

Let the Spirit lead you beyond the noisy world of space and time and into the silent realm where God dwells as the source and ground of your being. Center your attention on that hushed point within you where the human touches the divine, where the branch (you) intersects with Jesus, the vine—where you and God are one and dwell in each other.

Let yourself sink into the silent immensity of God. Simply let your prayer be a silent *being there* with God. Without any need for thoughts and words, exchange quiet love with God for as long as you feel inspired to do so.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/franciscan-spirit-blog/what-is-silent-prayer/>

From our silent prayer, early and alone, we do well to move on to the place where we can meet the Lord in word and sacrament. In short, our prayerful silence should lead us to liturgical worship.



	<p>Pregnant? Worried? Need Help?</p>
	<p><i>You are not alone. We can help.</i></p>
	<p>The Gabriel Project Call: 800-910-0191</p>