



Saint Thomas the Apostle CATHOLIC PARISH

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Our Parish Family includes Saint Thomas, the Apostle Parish, Saint Thomas, the Apostle School and



20th 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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Mon-Thurs | 9:00 AM - 12:00
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1:00-3:00 PM

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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!!

Coats for Kids

The CLRS is holding their annual Coats for Kids fundraising drive on Sept 17th and 24th after all of the masses. Last year your generosity helped us provide warmth to 108 children in six local schools. We hope to be able to increase our outreach to more schools this year. Some parishioners prefer to buy coats for kids themselves. If it is your desire to do so, the sizes of hooded, water-resistant coats that are most needed every year are medium and large. Please bring coats in by Septem-

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR
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Sunday, August 21

8:00AM

10:30 AM

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

Monday, August 22

8:30 AM

Tuesday, August 23

6:00 PM

Wednesday, August 24

8:30 AM

Thursday, August 25

8:30 AM

Friday, August 26

8:30 AM

Saturday, August 27

5:30 PM Vigil

7:00 PM Spanish Vigil

Sunday, August 28

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



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ber 17th to the church office, before we begin our purchases of new coats. Thank all of you for your generosity.

Are You On FiRE?

Mark your calendars for ON FiRE 2023 on Saturday, September 16th from 9am – 9am at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo, CA. This annual event for youth and young adults starts with a Mass con-celebrated the Bishops of Northern California and Nevada and end with exclusive ride time in the park after it is closed to the general public. And in between there is an all-you-can-eat lunch, reconciliation, a vocations carnival, a concert and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. To learn about our ON FiRE talent and get more information go to www.onfirenorcal.com. Tickets will be on sale soon. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Campbell at (916)733-0135 or jcampbell@scd.org



The Pastors Voice

Silence in the grand scheme of things
Is there Sacredness to Silence – Holy Church says - yes
But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.”
Habakkuk* 2:20

In silence, without distraction, we see what is real—what is truly before us. We are given the time to better comprehend the true meaning of things. This is the reason the Church calls for silence, and a great deal of silence, during the liturgy of the Mass. Silence amplifies the reality of what we experience. Silence is a proper response to a reality which words cannot express—in the case of the Mass, to the reality of God’s presence.

We are invited to silence several times during the Mass. We are first of all called to be silent before Mass begins. We need that space of time to recollect ourselves in order to enter into prayer. This is why there should be no video presentations or even choir rehearsal during those five or 10 minutes before Mass begins.

We are then called to silence as we recall and repent of our sins. We are called to silent reflection after each Scriptural reading, and after the homily. We are all called to silence after we have received holy Communion. And we are invited, at the conclusion of Mass, to kneel down for a silent prayer of Thanksgiving before departing for the parking lot.

These periods of silence are intended to bring reality into focus. At Mass we express to God our contrition, we hear his word, and we receive his real presence sacramentally. These realities go beyond our comprehension. To hear and understand the Word of God is an expression of his great love for us. To receive the body of Christ is the deepest kind of communion with God. The silence in the liturgy punctuates a rich and profound time of prayer with opportunities to reflect on the reality of our experience. The silence of the liturgy is a gift which helps us to understand the greatest gifts we can receive.

Silence isn’t easy for any of us. The Church gives us silence in the liturgy to train our hearts and minds in silent prayer. But attentive, active, “positive silence” takes work. Often, we may find it difficult to focus. The Church encourages us to ask the Lord to help us to experience his presence. As we cultivate silence, we will begin, more frequently, to hear the voice of the Lord.

Silence points us to reality. It is a rare gift, but to understand it may take us each a lifetime. Let us give thanks for the silence of the liturgy. Let us ask the Lord to help us use it to see more clearly the reality of his magnificent and loving presence.

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/resource/56584/silence-and-the-liturgy>

¹ Habakkuk - Habakkuk was active around 612 BCE, was a prophet whose oracles and prayer are recorded in the Book of Habakkuk, the eighth of the collected twelve minor prophets in the Hebrew Bible. (Old Testament)