



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 Saint Anthony of Padua Mission Church.



21st 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?"

Save the Date: Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 10th, is our parish picnic. Get out and away from the valley heat, by heading up to St. Anthony's in Challenge, 10184 LaPorte Rd. Mass is at 12:30, the picnic starts after, at 1:30 PM. Be sure to bring a few chairs. More details to follow in this bulletin.

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

Altar Society

Please join the Altar Society for their first meeting after the summer break on Tuesday, September 12, at 1:00 pm in the Church Library. Bring a friend! Questions can be directed to Maeva Barickman 530-712-5709.

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!!!

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

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR
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Sunday, August 27

8:00AM

10:30 AM

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

Monday, August 28

8:30 AM

Tuesday, August 29

6:00 PM

Wednesday, August 30

8:30 AM

Thursday, August 31

8:30 AM

Friday, September 1

8:30 AM

Saturday, September 2

5:30 PM Vigil

7:00 PM Spanish Vigil

Sunday, September 3

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



**Pregnant?
Worried?
Need Help?**

*You are not alone.
We can help.*

The Gabriel Project
Call: 800-910-0191

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

Please Remember in Your Prayers

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	Jeffery Spoor

The Pastors Voice

From the Pastors desk

Sacred Silence in the grand scheme of things
It is called “sacred” for in this silence we meet God, the Holy One.
We also meet there the holiness to which each of us is called by
our baptism

The mystery of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is a beautiful thing that transcends our human understanding. Crossing the threshold between our presence in the world and our presence before God we should acknowledge we are in the sanctuary where the heavens and the earth spiritually join. As we enter the Church, we are entering God’s space. He opens this space to us and receives us with great love and joy. In this space Jesus is truly present in the Tabernacle, Body, Blood, soul and Divinity.

As we enter this holy space we dip our fingers in holy water and sign ourselves with the sign of the cross, we are called to remember our baptismal covenant. The waters of baptism opened up the gates of heaven to us and allow us to journey to the eucharistic table at each Mass where we renew this holy covenant.

As Catholics we are commanded to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and mind (Matthew 22:37). **The action of genuflecting is a physical manifestation of that devotion and servitude to the will of God and the physical presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.** Remember, Catholics bend the knee toward Jesus present with us on earth out of humility, respect, and love.

Acknowledging the church is a sacred space for prayer and the worship of God, the interior of the church should be a place of silence before and after the celebration of Mass. In this way, people have an opportunity for prayer in preparation for the Mass, as well as prayers of thanksgiving following the Mass. This is not to say that we should not greet and speak with our fellow parishioners: we are a community and we want to deepen that community through our interaction and conversation! However, this should be done after Mass in a location outside the church.

From the time we cross the threshold coming in and cross the threshold leaving, it’s our time in the presence of God, a time of reverence before Jesus in the Tabernacle, a time to learn from the Word of God, a time for us to be a part of the Passion of our Lord Jesus, a time for us to welcome Jesus; body, blood, soul and divinity into the fabric of our being, a time set apart from our presence in the world, a time to receive the graces needed to be sent forth to be Jesus’ presence in the world.

Readings for the week of August 27, 2023

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27