



# 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.



## 24th 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

#### Fr. German Ramos

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**Thomas O'Connell**  
Deacon

**Shirlee Ohls-Morris**  
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**Mrs. Kelly Floyd**  
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Mon-Thurs | 9:00 AM - 12:00  
PM

Fridays | 9:00 AM -12:00 PM,  
1:00-3:00 PM  
[www.oroillecatholic.org](http://www.oroillecatholic.org)

#### School Office

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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**

Faith Formation classes have begun for grades 1-8. We meet in the Community Center at 9:00am. There is still time to register your child, for more information you can call the parish office.

**Parish Picnic**

Our Annual Potluck Parish Picnic will be celebrated this year on **Sunday, September 24th at 1:30 p.m. in Challenge** in the park-like setting of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. Along with bringing a side dish to share (salad, fresh fruit, chips, or dessert, plus serving utensil), please bring your own tableware (dishes & silverware) and your own outdoor chair. The Guadalupana Society will be providing delicious fried chicken for all to enjoy. Water and soda will also be provided. If you wish to attend Mass, it will be at 12:30 p.m. inside St. Anthony Church (seating is limited). So, get out and away from the valley heat by heading up to St. Anthony's Church, 10184 LaPorte Road, Challenge. See you there!!!

**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.

**Deanery Meeting**

You are invited September 21 for an inspirational day of spiritual renewal and fellowship. Catholic Ladies Relief Society of Colusa will be hosting the Deanery Meeting for the Sacramento Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. SDCCW encompasses many of the Catholic Women's organizations in our Diocese. We strive to "empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service, responding with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world". Come spend time with us as we share ideas, prayers, a meal and our faith as Catholic Women.

Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023 Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church 345 Oak St. Colusa, Ca.

10:30 Registration.....\$15.

11:00 Mass

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Meeting & raffle

RSVP to: Susan Walsch (530) 902 2907 or Maeva Barickman (530) 712 5709

**Coffee Hour**

Coffee Hour is back! Our coffee hour takes place after the 8:00 AM mass, and before the 10:30 AM mass. Please stop by Fitzgerald hall, for a hot cup of coffee and some good old fashioned fellowship.

This week the Knights of Columbus are cooking pancakes. There will also be a sign up sheet for anyone interested in learning more.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

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**Sunday, September 17**

8:00AM

10:30 AM

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

**Monday, September 18**

8:30 AM

**Tuesday, September 19**

6:00 PM

**Wednesday, September 20**

8:30 AM

**Thursday, September 21**

8:30 AM

**Friday, September 22**

8:30 AM

**Saturday, September 23**

5:30 PM Vigil

7:00 PM Spanish Vigil

**Sunday, September 24**

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

This month the fellows are serving: pancakes, eggs, potatoes and sausage. For adults its \$8.00 and \$4.00 for kids 5-12.

Next week, the Teen Group hosts.

### Editor's Note

Your editor will be heading out September 22nd. Thanks to Claire for pitching in and covering the bulletin while I am gone. The posts will still go to the same email, [saintthomasbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:saintthomasbulletin@gmail.com) Fridays at 5:00 PM is still the deadline. I plan on stopping by Knock, Ireland so if anyone has prayer requests for me to take there, please feel free to send them to the bulletin email.



## The Pastors Voice

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#### Art in the Catholic Tradition – statues

Throughout the history of Christianity, the Church has used art to tell its stories, teach the Faith, and educate the faithful. Statues were the most common means of teaching the early Christians. Most people at that time could neither read nor write, art was a crucial way to share stories from the Bible and to present truths of the Faith. Through these beautiful representations, even young children could learn the stories of Christianity.

The Church formally confirmed the use of statues and other art as a means of veneration at the Second Council of Nicaea in 787 A.D. They clarified, approved, and encouraged the honoring of Our Lord, Our Lady, saints, and angels, through *the proper use of statues*.

Worship is reserved for God alone. We venerate Our Lord when we kneel before His likeness. *He* is the object of our love and worship, not the piece of statuary. It is merely a representation of Christ, one that helps us keep our attention on Him, even though it falls short of His greatness. There was a time when God's people—the Jews—did not make images of Him, because He had not revealed Himself in a form that we could see. With the coming of His Son, we have seen the face of God. "He who has seen me has seen the Father," said Jesus to Philip (John 14:9). That is why Christians began to lovingly create images of Christ. They had beheld Him in the flesh.

The Catechism provides clear instruction on what we believe when we display and venerate holy statues: In the Old Testament, God ordained or permitted the making of images that pointed symbolically toward salvation by the incarnate Word: so it was with the bronze serpent, the ark of the Covenant, and the cherubim. (CCC 2130) Christian veneration of images is not contrary to the first commandment which proscribes idols. Indeed, "the honor rendered to an image passes to its prototype," and "whoever venerates an image venerates the person portrayed in it." The honor paid to sacred images is a *"respectful veneration,"* not the adoration due to God alone. (CCC 2132)

<https://www.goodcatholic.com/why-catholics-have-statues/>

### 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

### Readings for the week of September 17, 2023

Sunday:	Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Monday:	1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
Friday:	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday:	Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

### Observances for the week of September 17, 2023

Sunday:	24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Monday:	
Tuesday:	St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
Wednesday:	Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs
Thursday:	St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Friday:	
Saturday:	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Next Sunday:	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday