



# 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.



## 26th 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

Parochial Administrator  
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**Thomas O'Connell**  
Deacon

**Shirlee Ohls-Morris**  
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**Mrs. Kelly Floyd**  
School Principal

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**Mrs. Kattie May**  
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**Parish Office**  
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Mon-Thurs | 9:00 AM - 12:00  
PM

Fridays | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM,  
1:00-3:00 PM

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#### School Office

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PARISH INFORMATION / I  
NFORMACIÓN PARROQUIAL  
**Baptisms (Bautizos)** Please con-  
tact the parish office  
**Sick Calls or Sacrament of**  
**Anointing (Unción de los Enfer-**  
**mos)**

Please contact the parish office as  
soon as possible

**Weddings (Matrimonios)**

Minimum of six (6) months re-  
quired for preparation. Please  
contact the parish office.

**Funerals** Please contact the parish  
office, for assistance in arranging  
a funeral service. We can also ar-  
range 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**

**Pet Blessing**

The annual Blessing of the Animals will  
take place this year on Wednesday,  
October 11, at 11:00 AM in the quad at  
St. Thomas School. Please have your  
beloved pets on leashes or in pet carri-  
ers for the safety of your pets and other  
pet owners. Father Ramos will bless  
all creatures great and small.

**Italian Dinner**

Yes, the Knights of Columbus ITAL-  
IAN DINNER is BACK!!! Sat. Oct.  
14<sup>th</sup> at St. Thomas the Apostle School  
in Fitzgerald Hall, 1330 Bird St. . The  
doors will open at 5:30pm (with a no  
host bar) and dinner will be served at  
6:30pm. Tickets are \$14 for adults and  
\$6 for children 5-12 with children un-  
der 5 free. Dinner will include; Anti-  
pasta, Ravioli, Italian Sausage, Meat-  
balls, Salad, Bread & Dessert. Tickets  
are available at Briggs Fire-  
stone, Marcozzi's Jewelers, St. Thomas  
the Apostle School Office and at Mass-  
es. For further information regarding  
the dinner or tickets, contact Jim Cu-  
pido @ 530-533-5599

**Mass Intentions:**

If you wish to have your intentions of-  
fered up at Mass, you may do so by con-  
tacting the Parish Office at 530-533-  
0262.

**Respect Life Workshops Save  
the Date Oct 13-15, 2023**

Dates: October 13-15, 2023 Join us! The  
Respect Life Workshops is a great op-  
portunity to learn more about the Cul-  
ture of Life and how to address some  
concerns in the family and respect life  
ministries. The workshops are free, do-  
nation is accepted. Food will be provid-  
ed on all days. The talks will be in Eng-  
lish but will offer simultaneous transla-  
tion will be offered upon registration.

For more information, visit our  
webpage: [https://www.scd.org/  
respectlife](https://www.scd.org/respectlife) Contact Moises De Leon  
at: [Mdeleon@scd.org](mailto:Mdeleon@scd.org) or 916-733-0133.

**Calling All Crafters**

The Altar Society and Relief Society are  
having their annual Bazaar on Novem-  
ber 4-5. We appreciate any and all new  
and hand crafted items: sewn, needle  
work, wood work, metal work. Please  
share your talents with your parish fam-  
ily and help our societies raise money  
to provide items for the church and to  
help in the community. Thank you and  
God bless you for your generosity!

**Ministry Series Specialization**

Liturgy Series Will start in October. For  
more information visit: [www.scd.org/  
liturgyseries](http://www.scd.org/liturgyseries). Christian Initiation Series  
starting in September. For more infor-  
mation visit: [www.scd.org/  
initiationseries](http://www.scd.org/initiationseries) Questions: Jazmin Ortiz  
- [jortiz@scd.org](mailto:jortiz@scd.org)

Especialización Series de Ministerio -  
Series de la Liturgia Comenzará en oc-  
tubre. Para obtener más información,  
visite: [www.scd.org/liturgyseries](http://www.scd.org/liturgyseries) Ciclo  
de iniciación cristiana a partir de sep-  
tiembre. Para más información vis-  
ite: [www.scd.org/  
initiationseries](http://www.scd.org/initiationseries) Preguntas: Jazmin  
Ortiz - [jortiz@scd.org](mailto:jortiz@scd.org)

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

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**Sunday, October 1**

8:00AM

10:30 AM

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

**Monday, October 2**

8:30 AM

**Tuesday, October 3**

6:00 PM

**Wednesday, October 4**

8:30 AM

**Thursday, October 5**

8:30 AM

**Friday, October 6**

8:30 AM

**Saturday, October 7**

5:30 PM Vigil

7:00 PM Spanish Vigil

**Sunday, October 8**

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



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

## Looking ahead

During the month of November, the Church encourages us to meditate about “the four last things”: death, judgment, heaven and hell. The doctrine of the last things is called eschatology, from a Greek word that means outcomes or ends. The Catholic Church has always reminded her spiritual children to reflect often, even daily, on “The Four Last Things” Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell. To make sense of these “last four things” we must first answer the ever present question, “what is the meaning of life?” To what reality does life point?

The fact of life, and in particular the fact of any life, has something important to tell us. What is it? Well, here is the shocking fact: I don’t have to exist. I did not create myself, and I do not sustain my own existence. Nothing that has been created can create itself or keep itself existing. There was a time when I did not exist. The rock bottom foundation of my life is the fact that I exist, and that is not something that I actively maintain in myself. *The meaning of my life is whatever causes my existence. As St. Thomas Aquinas has so logically shown, all existence leads us back to nothing less than God Himself, He who is not just something else that exists, but He who is the very act of existence itself. It is impossible for us to conceptualize God, let alone imagine exactly what it means for God to be Necessary Being, but it is enough for us to know that, in the end, God is the root cause of our existence and our life. The lover’s declaration, “I am nothing without you,” is literally true only when we say it to God. Since God is wholly free, He does not have to create. You and I do not have to be, yet God wills our existence. And since my existence is the fundamental good upon which all other goods depend, God’s willing of my existence is love. The existence of anything is good - love is the willing of the good. If something exists, God loves it. The meaning of the fact that I have life and exist is that God loves me. The meaning of life is God’s love. I realize that most people probably don’t have this kind of idea in mind when they ask about the meaning of life. I imagine that most people don’t really have much of an idea of anything when they ask the question. They just like asking it and don’t really expect to get an answer. They just want to be like, “What’s the meaning of life? Whoa, man. That’s deep.” But, as always, when definitions are given and careful rational thought is applied, sense can be made.* <https://www.ncregister.com/blog/what-is-the-meaning-of-life>

## Catechist Corner

A catechist is a person of faith called to hand on the living tradition and teachings of the Catholic Church. We are all, in one way or another, called to this vocation. Some to teach, some to pray, some to contribute time, talent and treasure on occasion.

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary The Memorial of the Guardian Angels is October 2nd Mark your calendar on Sunday October 29 the Youth Ministry of our parish is sponsoring a Trunk or Treat event in the parking lot after 10:30 Mass.

## Readings for the week of October 1, 2023

Sunday:	Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
Monday:	Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tuesday:	Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday:	Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12
Friday:	Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday:	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday:	Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

## Observances for the week of October 1, 2023

Sunday:	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
Monday:	The Holy Guardian Angels
Tuesday:	
Wednesday:	St. Francis of Assisi
Thursday:	Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
Friday:	St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

