



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.



29th 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
PM

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

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PARISH INFORMATION / I
INFORMACIÓN PARROQUIAL

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

Mass Intentions:

If you wish to have your intentions offered up at Mass, you may do so by contacting the Parish Office at 530-533-0262.

Coffee Hour

Sunday October 22 from 9:00 -10:30 AM in Fitzgerald Hall is hosted by the Parish Council.

Calling All Crafters

The Altar Society and Relief Society are having their annual Bazaar on November 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 family 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!

Shop 'til you drop!

On Saturday, November 4th from 9am-2pm and Sunday, November 5th from 9am-noon, visit the Holiday Boutique presented by the Altar Society and The Catholic Ladies Relief Society. The St Thomas gymnasium will be transformed into a one stop shopping experience where you will find housewares, gifts, Christmas décor, handmade crafts, with raffle prizes and more. Please come and support our ladies. All profit goes to help our church, school, and community. Hope to see you there!!!

Singers Wanted

Our 10:30 AM Sunday 'High Mass' choir is in need of more voices! You don't have to know how to read music, and "ordinary voices" of all types are welcome! You'll have fun, plus you'll get a great view of the Mass from up in the loft too! Practices are at 5:00 pm at the church every Wednesday. Start by attending a practice or if you prefer, leave your contact information at the Parish Office (530) 533-0262.

High School Open House

Chesterton Academy of the Most Holy Eucharist invites you to their Open House on Sunday, November 12, 2023 from 12 - 2 PM. Please join them for this opportunity to visit their Catholic high school campus in Yuba City, located at 200 Clark Ave. Meet the faculty and current families and learn more about the admissions process for the 2024-2025 school year. They are enrolling grades 9-12. Learn more about the school's mission to build academic success, strength of character, and joyful faith in Christ by visiting camhe.org Please contact Leanne Jarvis at info@camhe.org with questions and call 530-789-0425 to RSVP for the Open House.

Harvest Festival

Sunday Oct 29th. From 12pm-2pm. @St. Thomas parking lot. There will be trunk or treat, games, candy, hamburgers and hot dogs. Sponsored by the Youth Ministry and other ministries.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR
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Sunday, October 22

8:00AM

10:30 AM

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

Monday, October 23

8:30 AM

Tuesday, October 24

6:00 PM

Wednesday, October 25

8:30 AM

Thursday, October 26

8:30 AM

Friday, October 27

8:30 AM

Saturday, October 28

5:30 PM Vigil

7:00 PM Spanish Vigil

Sunday, October 29

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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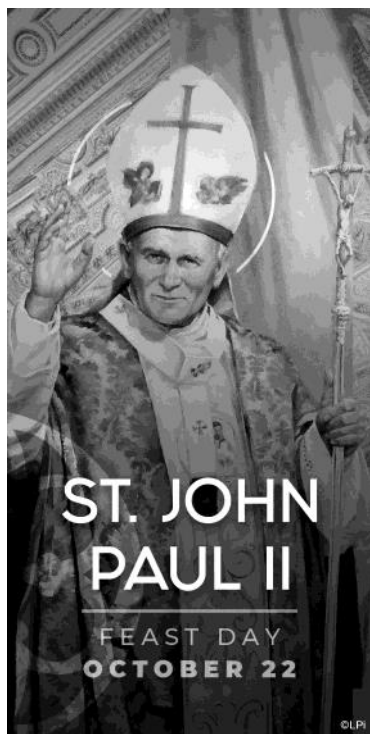
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Family	Williams
Victor and Joan	John Ritter
Briggs	Margaret
Jimmy Potestio	Carnahan
Patty Webber-	Patricia Laird
Smith	Julie Silveira
Jane Frericks	Conner Briggs
Ray Firpo	Jeffery Spoor

Catechist Corner

Catechist Corner Catholic culture is one of family and faith. Every Catholic home should be considered a microcosm of the Church in its structure. The father presides as the head of the family in equality with the mother. The mother is revered as the beloved spouse and children are raised in faith with a focus on love, doctrinal knowledge, and faith. Family activities should include attending weekly Mass. To not attend the vigil Mass on Saturday or Sunday Mass is a violation of the 3rd commandment and a mortal sin subject to confession.



Looking Ahead – Heaven

Scripture says, “In all you do, remember the end of your life, and then you will never sin” (Sir. 7:36) Each time we recite the Creed, we profess, “We believe in one God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.” We focus on heaven as the dwelling place of God. In faith, each of us looks to our ultimate union with God in heaven. Jesus in the Beatitudes exhorted His followers, “Be glad and rejoice, for your reward is great in heaven” (Matthew 5:12). At the Last Supper, the night before His own death, our Lord comforted the apostles: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Have faith in God and in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places; otherwise, how could I have told you that I was going to prepare a place for you?” (John 14:1-2). By His passion, death, and resurrection, Christ atoned for sin and opened the gates of heaven for us. Therefore, St. Paul wrote, “We know that when the earthly tent in which we dwell is destroyed, we have a dwelling provided for us by God, a dwelling in the heavens, not made by hands but to last forever” (II Corinthians 5:1). Moving beyond the “place” of heaven, Sacred Scripture also emphasizes heaven as the state of existence for the soul— perfect happiness in union with God and with all of the saints and angels. Heaven is identified as “the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem” (Hebrews 12:22). The quality of life in heaven is described as “everlasting life” (Matthew 19:16), “the joy of the Lord” (Matthew 25:21), “the crown of life” (James 1:12), “a crown of glory” (I Peter 5:4) and “the wealth of His glorious heritage” (Ephesians 1:18). Here is a blessed community of those who have loyally served the Lord in this life and now have been perfectly incorporated into His mystical body, continuing to fulfill His will. However, even these descriptions cannot fully capture the blessedness of heaven. To some, visions of Heaven have been given and recorded for our benefit.

St. Faustina Kowalska:

“Today I was in heaven, in spirit, and I saw its unconceivable beauties and the happiness that awaits us after death. I saw how all creatures give ceaseless praise and glory to God. I saw how great is happiness in God, which spreads to all creatures...they enter into the depths of God, contemplating the inner life of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit...Now I understand St. Paul, who said, ‘Eye has not seen, nor has ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man what God has prepared for those who love him.’”

St. John Bosco:

“As I stood there basking in the splendor of those gardens, I suddenly heard music most sweet—so delightful and enchanting a melody that I could never adequately describe it...[T]he singers not only took the deepest pleasure in singing but also received vast joy in listening to the others...and this was their song: *‘Salvation, honor and glory to Almighty God and Father...the Creator who was, who is and who will come to judge the living and the dead forever and ever.’*”

St. Teresa of Ávila:

“[There] is a light that does not wane, a candidness full of sweetness, a splendor infused that deliciously enchants the eyes without tire...Our forms of light seem rather artificial and that one only natural: light without sunset, that nothing can disturb because it is eternal...”

What is heaven? - Catholic Straight Answers

These Saints Had Visions of Heaven and Hell and Revealed What They Saw | National Catholic Register (ncregister.com)

Readings for the week of October 22, 2023

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40