



# 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.



## 32nd 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**  
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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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.

**Food Drive**

St Thomas is collecting nonperishable food to donate to the Salvation Army, which will go to support most needy in our community. Please bring what you can, either boxed or canned, and place it in the vestibule.

**Hey Bud, Congratulations**

The Knights of Columbus, Council 2603, would like to announce the 100th birthday of our member James R. "Bud" Ryan on November 17th. Bud has been a Knight for 72 years and was the Grand Knight in 1962-63. If you would like to send Bud a card or letter, please address it to him at 101 Tilbury Ct., Roseville, CA, 95661

**Share Thanksgiving Blessings**

Each ministry is asked to bring a basket or bag of non-perishable food to the

10:00 AM mass. Food will be blessed at the Offertory and later donated to the Salvation Army. Parishioners may also bring forward items from their Thanksgiving table to be blessed. Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM on Thursday, November 23. There will not be an 8:30 AM mass that day.

**Pancakes**

Knights of Columbus to host their monthly pancake breakfast on Sunday November 19. Breakfast to include pancakes, eggs, sausage, hash brown potatoes & drink. Adults \$8, Kids 5-12 \$4. Come and enjoy this meal with your parish family.

**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](http://camhe.org) Please contact Leanne Jarvis at [info@camhe.org](mailto:info@camhe.org) with questions and call 530-789-0425 to RSVP for the Open House.

**Eucharistic Camino**

Join us during this year of Eucharistic Revival to ask the Lord to awaken in our hearts a renewed love for Him in the great gift of His Presence in the Eucharist. Each month, a parish in our deanery will host Adoration and Hospitality (STAP will host FEB. 5, 2024). The first several events have been well attended, drawing 300 to 600 pilgrims each! Join us each month on our Eucharistic Camino. The next Camino will be hosted by Holy Cross Church, Arbuckle on November 12, 2023 with Adoration and Hospitality beginning at 4pm. For more information contact the STAP office (get your passport!). And check out [www.stmparadise.net/eucharist-revival](http://www.stmparadise.net/eucharist-revival)

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR  
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Sunday, November 12**

8:00AM

10:30 AM

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

**Monday, November 13**

8:30 AM

**Tuesday, November 14**

6:00 PM

**Wednesday, November 15**

8:30 AM

**Thursday, November 16**

8:30 AM

**Friday, November 17**

8:30 AM

**Saturday, November 18**

5:30 PM Vigil

7:00 PM Spanish Vigil

**Sunday, November 19**

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

### Work wanted

Personal shopping, dog walking, rides to appointments, house sitting, senior companion. Call Irene 530-712-1417

### HVAC Collection

As many now know, St. Thomas the Apostle Church is without a working heater. In preparation for the winter months we have purchased a new commercial HVAC system. An installation date is TBD but we will be pushing for a quick installation after delivery later this month. After paying for the unit, it is imperative we raise enough money, quickly, to pay for the installation. The \$72k goal for this campaign will pay for the unit and installation then allow us to address other necessary HVAC needs and maintenance. It is the goal of the Parish Finance Council to raise sufficient funds prior to February 28, 2024.

## The Psalms, and what we can learn from them Understanding the master piece

While we often scavenge the world of literature for pertinent, practical self-help books to assist in restoring us to a state of physical, mental and spiritual health, one of the most overlooked but most profound of works on the topic is found in the Psalms. The Catechism of the Catholic Church refers to the Psalms as the very "...masterwork of prayer in the Old Testament" (CCC 2585). Divinely inspired yet humanly written as are all the Books of Sacred Scripture, as one flips through the pages of the Psalms we find a vast and diverse array of gems of theology and spirituality. Human emotions come through in a high, noble form both in terms of holy sorrow, holy joy and the ever-present human yearning for God's presence and mercy in the triumphs and tragedies of life. In the Psalms, we discover a man set amongst God's beautiful visible creation that we are meant to rule and guide. The Book of Psalms, also known as the "Psalter" is a treasure of the Church that has held a central role both in the Liturgy of the Word and in the Liturgy of Hours. Compiled over the centuries before the coming of Christ between approximately 1000 BC at the time of the emergency of the Davidic Monarchy to its final compiling into the form we know today in the 2nd century BC. The Book of Psalms includes both hymns and poetry. In sum total, The Psalms are comprised of 150 songs of praise. Faithful Christians and Jews have had recourse to them over the centuries and certainly, whether celebration or woe, the psalms are "songs of praise" of God no matter the troubles of life pervading this book of the Bible. Such a fact alone is a lesson of the Psalms for each of us. No matter what this life presents us with, we should praise God. <https://catholicstand.com/primer-psalms-understanding-masterpiece> Having a favorite Psalm or Psalms is a real blessing. One I favor is Psalm 50. "Listen, my people, I will speak; Israel, I will testify against you; God, your God, am I. Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you, your burnt offerings are always before me. I will not take a bullock from your house, or he-goats from your folds. For every animal of the forest is mine, beasts by the thousands on my mountains. I know every bird in the heights; whatever moves in the wild is mine. Were I hungry, I would not tell you, for mine is the world and all that fills it. Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of he-goats? Offer praise as your sacrifice to God; fulfill your vows to the Most High. Then call on me on the day of distress; I will rescue you, and you shall honor me." But to the wicked God says: "Why do you recite my commandments and profess my covenant with your mouth? You hate discipline; you cast my words behind you! If you see a thief, you run with him; with adulterers you throw in your lot. You give your mouth free rein for evil; you yoke your tongue to deceit. You sit and speak against your brother, slandering your mother's son. When you do these things should I be silent? Do you think that I am like you? I accuse you, I lay out the matter before your eyes. "Now understand this, you who forget God, lest I start ripping apart and there be no rescuer. Those who offer praise as a sacrifice honor me; I will let him whose way is steadfast look upon the salvation of God."

### Catechist Corner

To be a disciple of Christ  
you accept Christ's teaching

When we truly love Christ and decide to follow Him, we are also accepting His teachings as a way of life, accepting the teachings of the Master and trusting that they are good and true – even if they are difficult at times. However, to accept Christ's teachings we need to know them! This is why continued faith formation throughout a disciple's life is so important. By knowing His teachings, we can look at your life through the eyes of Christ and live in the way He would.

MAKE A CONSCIENCE DECISION

ACCEPT THE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST