



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.



Third Sunday of Advent

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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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.

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 St. Monica Parish on January

17th, 2024 with Adoration and Hospitality beginning at 6pm.

For more information contact the STAP office (get your passport!). And check out

www.stmparadise.net/eucharist-revival

Advent Penance Service

In preparation for Christmas, we will have a Penance Service on Tuesday, December 19 at 6:00 PM. Father Ramos has invited several priests from our deanery to assist in hearing confessions.

Poinsettias for the Church

The altar Society will be decorating the church for Christmas after the 10:30 Mass on December 24th. All parishioners are invited to help by donating poinsettia plants. Many parishioners donate a plant in remembrance of a family member or bring a plant as a gift of love. The poinsettias may be brought to the Parish Office on Tuesday December 19 through Friday December 22 between 9:00a.m. and 12:00 noon. Poinsettias may also be brought to the church on Sunday December 24 after the 10:30 Mass until 1:00 p.m. May our Lord Jesus bless you at Christmas and always. — St. Thomas Altar Society.

Editor's Note

With holidays coming, the printer needs the bulletin early. Please have all posts emailed to stthomasbulletin.oroille@gmail.com no later than 8:30 AM on Friday mornings. I will be posting the bulletin Friday afternoons, rather than Monday afternoons until after the first of the year. Thanks and sorry for any inconvenience.

Crab Feed

The Crab Feed is back, hosted again by the Knights of Columbus. The dinner will be on Saturday January 27th, 2024. Doors open at 5:30pm with dinner being served at 6:30pm. Dinner will include a Crab or Steak option for \$75 or a Crab and Steak option for \$85. Dinner will include Clam Chowder, Bread and Salad with Ice Cream for dessert. Those ordering Steak will have Potatoes and a vegetable included in

LITURGICAL CALENDAR
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Sunday, December 17

8:00AM

10:30 AM

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

Monday, December 18

8:30 AM

Tuesday, December 19

6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 20

8:30 AM

6:00 PM Penance Service

Thursday, December 21

8:30 AM

Friday, December 22

8:30 AM

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

6:00 PM Bilingual

Saturday, December 23

5:30 PM Vigil

7:00 PM Spanish Vigil

Sunday, December 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

their meal. Tickets will be available at Marcozzi Jewelers, Briggs Firestone, ST Thomas the Apostle School Office and at Church Masses starting Dec. 7th. The Dinner will be in the Church Hall at 1330 Bird St. Oroville, Ca. For further information you may contact Jim Cupido @ 533-5599.

Pancake Breakfast This Weekend

The Knights of Columbus will host their monthly Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, December 17th. The breakfast includes: pancakes, eggs, sausage, hashed brown potatoes & drink. Adults \$8, Kids 5-12 \$4. Come and enjoy this meal with your parish family.

Catechist Corner

Third Sunday of Advent

Wisdom of the Saints; "When we hear the Word of God and obey it, we become Jesus' "mother" by bringing him forth into the world through our words and our actions. This also makes us Jesus' "brothers" because our obedience makes us all children of the Father in heaven." -Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church (8th century)

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Frank Clanton	Ramirez
Thomas Edward	Jose Ignacio
Winter	Ramirez-
Ann Lewis	Gutierrez
(Loseke)	Jodi Williams
Alan Armstrong	Mason Ray
The Monsen	Williams
Family	John Ritter
Victor and Joan	Margaret
Briggs	Carnahan
Jimmy Potestio	Patricia Laird
Patty Webber-	Julie Silveira
Smith	Conner Briggs
Jane Frericks	Jeffery Spoor
Ray Firpo	
Jose Ignacio	

The Pastors Voice

The O Antiphons of Advent

The "O Antiphons" are prayed for 7 days in preparation for Christmas: December 17-23. They are based on Isaiah's prophecies and reveal the different titles given to the Messiah. Each of the seven O antiphons starts with one of the names of a Scriptural type of the Messiah. He is the Wisdom of God, the Ruler of the House of Israel, the Root of Jesse, the Key of David, the Dawn, the King of the Nations, and God with us. And each O antiphon ends by calling out to the Savior to come and to show us the power that is associated with the particular Messianic name that the antiphon uses.

The O Antiphons are mentioned as early as the sixth century A.D., and they had entered common use in liturgical celebrations in Rome by the eighth century. Sometimes called the "Greater Antiphons," these verses are recited at Vespers, one each evening, between December 17 and December 23.

December 17 O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge! _Isaiah 11:2-3; 28:29

December 18 O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power! Isaiah 11:4-5; 33:22

December 19 O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay! Isaiah 1:1; 11:10

December 20 O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness! Isaiah 9:6; 22:22

December 21 O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death. Isaiah 9:1

December 22 O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust! Isaiah 9:5; 2:4

December 23 O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God! Isaiah 7:14

Since each antiphon is short, it is helpful to spend time reading it each day, pondering it and praying it meditatively throughout the day as a way to make immediate spiritual preparation for Christmas.

Readings for the week of December 17, 2023

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/

1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38