



Saint Thomas the Apostle CATHOLIC PARISH

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Second Sunday in Lent

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 /
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.

Soup and Stations

Beginning on Friday, February 16 we will have a simple soup meal in the Community Center at 6:00 PM, followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:45 PM. Join us in this annual Lenten tradition as we prepare for the Easter celebration.

With Gratitude

A belated thanks from The Altar Society to those who donated poinsettias. They have remained beautiful through the Christmas Season until the beginning of the Lent. God bless you for your generosity.

Notice to all LOCAL HS Seniors

The applications for the KofC Joseph C. Ghianda Memorial Scholarship are due on March 8, 2024. We will be awarding two \$1,000.00 scholarships

again this year. Contact your school's counseling office and when filling out the application you MUST check the Knights of Columbus box under groups or organizations your parent or grandparent is involved with. They MUST be in good standing with Council 2603. You may contact Jim Bruggeman at 530-534-1544 or e-mail at connieandjim4@gmail.com.

Thank You!

The Catholic Ladies Relief Society would like to thank all parishioners who donated goods to our recent rummage sale and to those of you who supported our mission by shopping our sale. We would also like to thank non-CLRS members who helped us to pack and clean up on Sunday.

40 Days for Life—Sacramento

Feb 14 – Mar 23, 2024

Join Us! We invite all Christians to participate in the 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign, 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are invited to stand and peacefully pray with us during a 40-day vigil in front of a Planned Parenthood Abortion Business, with other people of good will, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach.

If you'd like more information and if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Deacon Danny Patterson 916-733-0133 or dpatterson@scd.org
Visit our website at: <https://www.scd.org/40DaysForLife>
All are welcome.

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**LITURGICAL CALENDAR
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Sunday, February 25

8:00AM

10:30 AM

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

Monday, February 26

8:30 AM

Tuesday, February 27

6:00 PM

Wednesday, February 28

8:30 AM

Thursday, February 29

8:30 AM

Friday, March 1

8:30 AM

Saturday, March 2

5:30 PM Vigil

7:00 PM Spanish Vigil

Sunday, March 3

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

12:30 PM @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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Worried?
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We can help.*

The Gabriel Project
Call: 800-910-0191

Faith Formation Update

“Know that the Lord is God; he made us, his we are; his people, the flock he shepherds.”

Psalm 100:3

Eucharistic Camino

The next stop on the Eucharistic Camino is at Our Divine Savior in Chico from 8:30 AM Thursday, March 21 through 7 PM Friday, March 22, 2024. The church will be open for adoration continuously, along with other events, with refreshments, security, and passport stamping provided. Please visit <https://www.ourdivinesavior.org/eucharistic-revival> for more detailed information.



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	Daniel Briggs
Jane Frericks	Jeffery Spoor
Ray Firpo	
Jose Ignacio	

The Pastors Voice

What Every Catholic Should Know about Lent– Almsgiving We need to give to God — whom we meet in our neighbor.

Of the three marks of Lent — prayer, fasting and almsgiving — almsgiving is surely the most neglected. And yet, in the only place where the Bible brings all three together, the inspired author puts the emphasis firmly on the last: “Prayer and fasting are good, but better than either is almsgiving accompanied by righteousness ... It is better to give alms than to store up gold; for almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin. Those who regularly give alms shall enjoy a full life” (Tob 12:8-9).

Why is almsgiving better than prayer and fasting? Because it is prayer, and it involves fasting. Almsgiving is a form of prayer because it is “giving to God” — and not mere philanthropy. It is a form of fasting because it demands sacrificial giving — not just giving something, but giving up something, giving till it hurts.

Jesus presented almsgiving as a necessary part of Christian life: “when you give alms, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing” (Mt 6:2-3). He does not say IF you give alms, but WHEN. Like fasting and prayer, almsgiving is non-negotiable.

It has been said, Charity begins at home, where we daily make the choice to give our time, our attention, our affirming smile, and give generously. But charity must not stop there, because for Catholics “home” is universal, and our family is as big as the world. We need to dig deep and give much where much is needed. But, whenever possible, our charity should also involve personal acts, not just automatic withdrawals from our bank account.

As with prayer and fasting, so with almsgiving. If we have a plan, we’ll find it easier to do. Throughout history, many Christians have used the Old Testament practice of “tithing” as a guide — that is, they give a tenth of their income “to God.” In practice, that means giving it to the poor, to the parish, or to charitable institutions.

“The goods of creation are destined for the entire human race”
Intro to Lent III: Almsgiving – St. Paul Center (stpaulcenter.com)

Readings for the week of February 25, 2024

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/
Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/
Jn 2:13-25 *Scrutiny*: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/
Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Observances for the week of February 25, 2024

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Monday:

Tuesday: St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent