



# 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.

[www.oroVILLEcatholic.org](http://www.oroVILLEcatholic.org)



## Twenty-fifth Sunday of 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  
Wed-Fri: 8:30 AM

#### Fr. German Ramos

Parochial Administrator  
[frramosoro@gmail.com](mailto:frramosoro@gmail.com)

**Thomas O'Connell**  
Deacon

**Jennifer Willin**  
Parish Bookkeeper

**Mrs. Kelly Floyd**  
School Principal

**Mrs. Tamara Landers**  
School Bookkeeper

**Mrs. Kattie May**  
School Secretary

#### Parish Office

1330 Bird Street  
Oroville, CA 95965  
Phone: 530-533-0262  
Fax: 530-533-1148  
Mon - Thurs | 9 AM - 12 PM  
Fridays | 9AM-12PM, 1-3PM

#### School Office

1380 Bird Street  
Oroville, CA 95965  
Phone: 530-534-6969  
Fax: 530-534-9374  
[www.stschool.net](http://www.stschool.net)

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 require 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://orovillecatholic.org>)."

**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.

**Prayer Requests**

If you need someone added or removed from the prayer list on the bulletin, please email:

[saintthomasbulletin.oroville@gmail.com](mailto:saintthomasbulletin.oroville@gmail.com)

Thank you for your continued prayers for those in need.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

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

**COATS FOR KIDS**

The Catholic Ladies Relief Society will begin their Coats for Kids Fundraising Campaign after the masses Sept 21-22.

This program relies entirely on the donations of our parishioners. Last year we provided 184 coats or uniform sweatshirts to needy children in our area. We hope that your donations will allow us to continue at this level of assistance or increase it.

Some parishioners prefer to purchase and donate new coats. The sizes that are most needed are **Children's Medium and Large for boys or girls.**

No other organization is known to run a Coats for Kids Program in Oroville. We hope you will continue with your generous response to our campaign.

CLRS is also in need of more members to conduct our charitable work. Please sign up at our table if you are interested in learning more about joining our ministry.

**MOVIE NIGHT  
SAVE THE DATES**

Movie nights at St. Thomas will be from 2-5 PM

**October 19  
November 16  
December 21**

Additional details to follow  
If you have questions  
Please contact Dominick Chiricosta.  
See you there!

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR  
CALENDARIO LITURGICO**

**Sunday, September 22**

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

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

**Monday, September 23**

8:30 AM

**Tuesday, September 24**

4 PM Adoration/Confession

6:00 PM Bilingual Mass

**Wednesday, September 25**

8:30 AM

**Thursday, September 26**

8:30 AM

**Friday, September 27**

8:30 AM followed by Adoration

**Saturday, September 28**

4:00 PM Confession

5:30 PM (English)

7:00 PM (Spanish)

**Sunday, September 29**

8:00AM

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



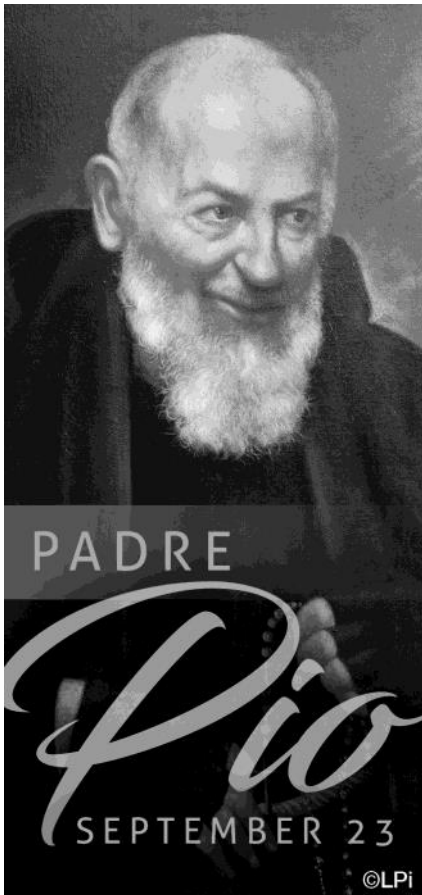
**Pregnant?  
Worried?  
Need Help?**

*You are not alone.  
We can help.*

**The Gabriel Project**  
Call: 800-910-0191

## **FAITH FORMATION**

**Faith Formation classes  
START TODAY!  
Classes meet on  
Sundays at 9:00 am  
in the Community Center.  
There is still time to register  
for grades 1-8. Registration  
packets are available at the  
parish office.**



## **ALL ORGANIZATIONS**

### **TAKE NOTE:**

Please check out the information about your ministry on the Parish Website and notify the website coordinator if the contact information needs to be changed or anything needs to be updated.

## **Pastors Voice**

Anti-Catholic myths  
Catholics invented Purgatory, it's unscriptural.  
Praying for the dead is useless.

Non-Catholic Christian discomfort with Purgatory is, "You can't find the word purgatory in the bible and the idea that you can pray anyone who has died into paradise smacks of salvation by good works, undermining the Reformation doctrine of Justification by Faith Alone. The dead are either in heaven or hell," there's no middle ground, and certainly nothing the living can do to change it."

When a Protestant says, "this doctrine is based on books that don't belong in the Bible," he has in mind 2 Maccabees 12 in which Judah Maccabee and his men pray for their fallen comrades who had fallen asleep in righteousness so that they may be "freed of their sins in the afterlife, and it was a holy and pious thought for them to do this." Thus 2 Maccabees endorses praying for the dead that they may be loosed from the consequences of their sins. Remember, though, 1 and 2 Maccabees were removed at the time of the Reformation. Protestants don't regard this passage as Scripture, but Catholics do, and it is thus legitimate for us to appeal to it.

Interestingly praying for the dead is a Jewish practice that has carried over to Catholic belief and practice. It is found in a Jewish practice called the Mourner's Kaddish, which is tantamount to prayers for the dead. Jews continue to pray for the dead today, particularly using the Mourner's Kaddish, recited daily during the first year following the loss of a parent, or for the first 30 days following the loss of a sibling, spouse, or child. It is also said once a year on the anniversary of a person's death

The Catholic Church affirmed the doctrine of Purgatory as early as the 4th century, and again at the Council of Trent (held in three parts from 1545 to 1563, prompted by the Reformation). The Roman Catholic teaching on purgatory reflects our understanding of the communion of saints. We are connected to the saints in heaven, the saints-in-waiting in purgatory and other believers here on earth. "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" CCC 1030