

Our Parish Family includes Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish,
Saint Thomas the Apostle School, and Saint Anthony of Padua Mission Church.
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Twenty-sixth 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

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Mon - Thurs | 9 AM - 12 PM
Fridays | 9AM-12PM, 1-3PM

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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 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

Thank you for your continued prayers
for those in need.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

-Frank Clanton	-Ann&Russ
-Thomas	Lewis
Edward 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	-Daniel Briggs
-Ray Firpo	-Jeffery Spoor
-Jose Lopez	-Kana McCauley
-Rhiza Capidos	-Matthew Huey



St Francis of Assisi
(1181 AD – 1226 AD) is known as
the Patron Saint of Animals and
is commonly thought to be the
main saint who showed con-
cern for animals.
His feast day is October 4th.

A beautiful St. Thomas tradition
is to have our pets blessed that
day by Fr. Ramos. You are
welcome to bring your dogs,
cats, and any fur baby that you
may have to receive a special
blessing on

**October 4th at 11:00 am
in the school quad.**

This is one of our most favorite
days at school because we get
to see all the fur babies at
school. We ask that dogs re-
main on leashes and cats to be
in a pet carrier. If you have any
questions about this, please
contact the school office.

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 29

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

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

Monday, September 30

8:30 AM

Tuesday, October 1

4 PM Adoration/Confession

6:00 PM Bilingual Mass

Wednesday, October 2

8:30 AM

Thursday, October 3

8:30 AM

Friday, October 4

8:30 AM followed by
Adoration

Saturday, October 5

4:00 PM Confession

5:30 PM (English)

7:00 PM (Spanish)

Sunday, October 6

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

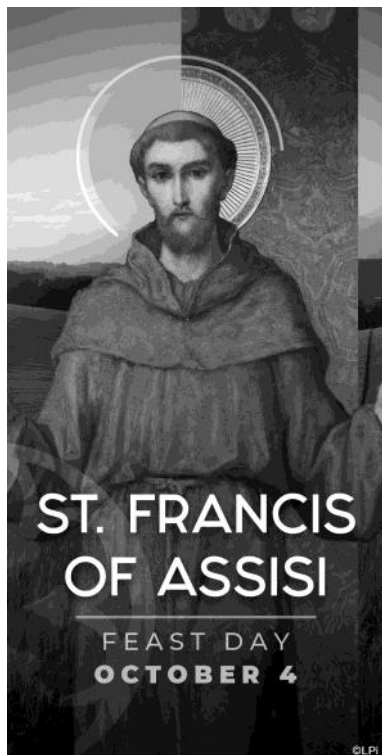
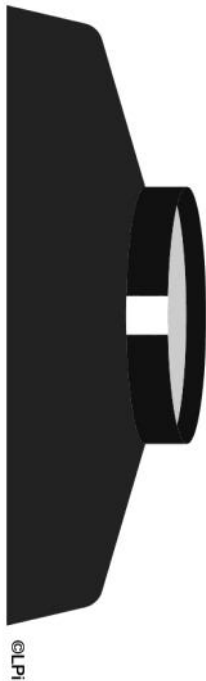
Coffee Hour

September 29

**Eucharistic Ministers
and Lectors**

**Enjoy fellowship and
support a ministry!**

Priesthood Sunday
Domingo del Sacerdocio



The Pastors Voice Anti-Catholic Myths

The Catholic Church suppressed certain books of the Bible (ie. the gnostic Gospels) to control Jesus' message

Gnosticism was a heresy affecting the Early Church around the 2nd Century CE. "Gnosticism" comes from the word "gnosis" meaning "knowledge" in Greek, and reflects a belief that followers of this philosophy are somehow saved by some secret/hidden knowledge. Central beliefs of Gnosticism include: 1. An idea that matter is evil and we should seek to be free of it completely. 2. Spirit/immaterial things are good and that's what can be saved 3. Because matter is bad and spirit good, Jesus didn't actually take on flesh in the Incarnation. His bodily appearance was only an illusion 4. That because God is good and the world evil, God must not have created the world. Instead, some inferior, evil being brought the world into existence.

The Gnostic texts are a collection of works unearthed by scholars that claim to hold teachings of Jesus. They are in part; The infancy of Jesus where, as a boy, Jesus is portrayed as prone to rage-filled temper tantrums, blinding or killing people who wrong him but later healing or resurrecting them. The Gospel of Judas presents the betrayer as a rather good guy who cooperated with Jesus to bring about the Crucifixion in order to "sacrifice the man who clothes me". Strangest of all the Gospel of Thomas which ends on the bizarre note of Jesus and Peter discussing Mary and femininity. Simon Peter said to him, 'Let Mary leave us, for women are not worthy of life.' Jesus said, 'I myself shall lead her into order to make her male, so that she too may become a living spirit resembling you males. For every woman who will make herself male will enter the kingdom of heaven.'

The Church rejects Gnosticism because it's hugely problematic! Consider if Jesus didn't take on flesh - what does that say about the work on the Cross? What does that say about Salvation? And the idea that there is a lesser being who created an evil world just doesn't add up. Christianity isn't polytheistic. As for the Gospel of Thomas... no sense at all can be made of it.

The Church did not suppress Gnostic writings because it was afraid of an alternative teaching. It suppressed these heretical books because they were not of apostolic origin, were not inspired, and were simply false. There was no grand conspiracy by the Church to control Jesus' message. The Lord entrusted His message to the Church and founded it to be the instrument of his salvific mission.

They aren't accepted because they contradicted the teachings of the hugely popular Synoptic Gospels, and, by extension, the teachings of the Apostles. The Early Church was already collecting a body of knowledge by which to use as a measuring stick of truth. The Gnostic texts and teachings simply didn't measure up the world into existence.