



# 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.oroillecatholic.org](http://www.oroillecatholic.org)



## Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

### 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**

To add/remove a name, 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	-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
-Pamela Stair	-Matthew Huey
-Kayhli & Kelsie	-Lisa S. Bollinger

**Service for Seniors**

If you are a senior, and think you could use some assistance around the house, need a ride to an appointment, ETC, please contact David Christian at (408) 921-9005  
Or Patty Webber-Smith at (530) 370-0982

And we will do our best to take care of you. We look forward to talking!

**Consolation Group**

If you are looking for a way to become more involved in St. Thomas parish community, please consider joining the consolation committee. The committee helps arrange funeral services. We meet with families/ friends who are planning a service for their deceased loved one, guiding them through this very difficult and stressful time. Please ask God to help you as you consider joining this ministry as we are in need of new members. To answer any questions you have or to join please contact Elaine McCarthy at 530-417-7629 or call the parish office.

**Ashes for Lent**

Christmas is over and Lent is fast approaching. March 5 is Ash Wednesday. There will be a box in the vestibule for you to put your last year's palm. So please bring your old palm and place it in the box. They will be burned on Tuesday, March 4, for this year's Ash Wednesday.

**Popes prayer intentions  
February 2025**

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life—Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

**It's that time of year again.**

Anyone needing tax donation letters please contact the office.  
530-533-0262.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR  
CALENDARIO LITURGICO**

**Sunday, February 2**

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

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

**Monday, February 3**

8:30 AM

**Tuesday, February 4**

4 PM Confession

6 PM Bilingual

**Wednesday, February 5**

8:30 AM

**Thursday, February 6**

8:30 AM

**Friday, February 7**

8:30 AM followed by Adoration

**Saturday, February 8**

4:00 PM Confession

5:30 PM English Mass

7:00 PM Spanish Mass

**Sunday, February 2**

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 PM



**Pregnant?  
Worried?  
Need Help?**

*You are not alone.  
We can help.*

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

## **COFFEE HOUR**

Coffee Hour this week is hosted by the Guadalupe group. Come get a delicious burrito, you can even freeze them for later.

## **CLRS UPDATE**

**\*\*Early 2025:** The Rummage Sale is 1st weekend of March. Please save your rummage as spring cleaning gets underway! Drop off will be Thur. and Fri., Feb. 27 & 28, SALE will be Saturday, March 1, and Sunday March 2.

### **Something new:**

Catholic Ladies Relief Society is sponsoring two \$500 scholarships for the local graduating seniors. If you have a senior in your family, encourage them to fill out the local scholarship application, which is available January 6, 2025, and due by March 10th, at 3:30 p.m.

## **Notice to all LOCAL High School Seniors**

The LOCAL Scholarship application for the K of C Joseph C. Ghianda Memorial Scholarship is available now with a due date of March 10, 2025 by 3:30 PM. This will be our 25th Anniversary Year and we will raise the award amount to \$1,250.00 to celebrate this year! We also will be awarding two (2) scholarships. Contact your school Counseling Office. When filling out the application you MUST check the Knights of Columbus box under groups or organizations your parent or grandparent belongs to.

They also MUST be in good standing (dues current) with Council 2603 for you to apply.

You may also contact Jim Bruggeman Scholarship Chair @ 530-534-1544 or e-mail [connieandjim4@gmail.com](mailto:connieandjim4@gmail.com).

## **Pastors Voice**

### **Places of Worship in the Catholic Church – Cathedrals**

Have you ever been asked why a church is called a cathedral? Common responses include references to a church's beauty, architecture, size and liturgical style. The simple answer is that the cathedral is the church of the bishop. Cathedral means "house of the seat" and became the universal designation within the Roman Catholic Church around the 12th century for the church that housed the cathedra, or bishop's seat/throne. It is the presence of the bishop's cathedra in a church that makes it a cathedral. The bishop's chair is a symbol of the bishop's teaching office and pastoral power in his diocese.

Historically, chairs have been used as a symbol of authority and teaching. -Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example." - the Chair of Peter, the first Pope, is in the Cathedral of Rome, St. John Lateran Church.<sup>1</sup> This is the Pope's chair – "Ex cathedra" or "from the Chair" refers to the Pope's authority.

The phrase "enthroned between the cherubim" (Is 37:16), in fact, was a name for God, whose earthly seat in the Jerusalem Temple was the Ark of the Covenant, guarded on each side by cherubim. This seat is also referred to as the Mercy Seat and is an image of God's own authority.

<sup>1</sup>St. John Lateran Church is the cathedral church of the Diocese of Rome and the official ecclesiastical seat of the Bishop of Rome, who is the Pope. Take a virtual tour of St John Lateran

Preparation for Lent—Ash Wednesday is March 5. Masses that day will be at 8:30 AM with the school, 12:30 PM in Challenge, and 6:00 PM in Oroville, a bilingual mass. There will also be a service at 12 noon for the Imposition of Ashes.

### **Readings for the week of February 2, 2025**

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

### **Observances for the week of February 2, 2025**

Sunday: The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life

Monday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

Wednesday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Saturday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; BVM

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

# THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD