



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



Fifth Sunday in 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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Thomas O'Connell
Deacon

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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

To add/remove a name, 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
-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.

Pancake Breakfast

Knights of Columbus to host their monthly PANCAKE BREAKFAST on SUNDAY February 16th. Breakfast to include pancakes, eggs, sausage, hashed brown potatoes & drink. Adults \$8 and children (under 13) \$4. Come and enjoy this meal with your parish family.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR
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Sunday, February 9

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

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

Monday, February 10

8:30 AM

Tuesday, February 11

4 PM Confession

6 PM Bilingual

Wednesday, February 12

8:30 AM

Thursday, February 13

8:30 AM

Friday, February 14

8:30 AM followed by Adoration

Saturday, February 15

4:00 PM Confession

5:30 PM English Mass

7:00 PM Spanish Mass

Sunday, February 16

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 Altar Society. Please stop by and enjoy a hot beverage!

CLRS UPDATE

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.

Faith Formation Update

Faith Formation is hosting a parent/student session next Sunday, February 16th at 9:15am in the Community Center. This is a required meeting for the parents of the children being baptized this Easter at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Contact your Faith Formation Coordinator for more information at (530)532-0495

The Pastors Voice

Places of Worship in the Catholic Church – the Oratory

As a general term, Oratory signifies a place of prayer, but technically it means a structure other than a parish church, set aside by ecclesiastical authority for prayer and the celebration of Mass. Oratories seem to have originated from the chapels erected over the tombs of the early martyrs where the faithful resorted to pray, and also from the necessity of having a place of worship for the people in country districts when churches proper were restricted to cathedral cities.

There are 3-types of Oratories; 1) public, 2) semi-public and 3) private.

Public Oratories are canonically erected by consent of the Bishop and are perpetually dedicated to the Divine service. A public oratory must have an entrance and exit to a public road because it signifies its designation as a space open to the entire community, meaning anyone should be able to freely access it for prayer and worship without restriction, just like any other public building; this is a key distinction from private or semi-public oratories with more limited access.

Semipublic Oratories are those which, though erected in a private building, are destined for the use of a community. Such are the oratories of seminaries, pious congregations, colleges, hospitals, prisons, and such institutions. If, however, there be several oratories in one house, it is only the one in which the Blessed Sacrament is preserved that has the privileges of a semipublic oratory. All semipublic oratories are on the same footing as public oratories in regard to the celebration of the Mass.

Private Oratories are those erected in private houses for the convenience of some person or family by an indult¹ of the Holy See. They can be erected only by permission of the pope. Oratories in private houses date from Apostolic times when the Sacred Mysteries could not be publicly celebrated owing to the persecutions. Even after the peace of Constantine, the custom continued to prevail. Kings and nobles especially had such oratories erected in their palaces. The latest decree regulating private oratories is that of the Sacred Congregation of the Discipline of the Sacraments of 7 Feb., 1909. According to this, private oratories are conceded by the Holy See only on account of bodily infirmity, or difficulty of access to a public church or as a reward for services done to the Holy See or to the Catholic cause. The grant of a private oratory may be temporary or for the life of the grantee, according to the nature of the cause that is adduced. In either case, the simple concession of an oratory implies that only one Mass a day may be celebrated.

¹An "indult" is a special permission or privilege granted by a high-ranking authority within the Catholic Church, allowing someone to deviate from a specific rule of church law in a particular situation; essentially, a special dispensation or exemption from a standard practice.

<https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/11271a.htm>

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.