



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



Second Sunday of 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
Wed-Fri: 8:30 AM

Fr. German Ramos

Parochial Administrator
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Thomas O'Connell
Deacon

Jennifer Willin

Parish Bookkeeper

Mrs. Kelly Floyd

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Mrs. Tamara Landers

School Bookkeeper

Mrs. Kattie May

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Parish Office

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

School Office

1380 Bird Street
Oroville, CA 95965
Phone: 530-534-6969
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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

-Alan Armstrong	-Mason Ray
-The Monsen	Williams
Family	-John Ritter
-Joan 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
-Ann & Russ	-Frank Clanton
Lewis	-Thomas
-Jose Ignacio	Edward Winter
Ramirez-	-Jodi Williams
Gutierrez	

Pancake Breakfast Today
Knights of Columbus host their
monthly PANCAKE BREAKFAST
on SUNDAY March 16th. Breakfast
includes pancakes, eggs, sausage,
hash brown potatoes &
drink. Adults \$8 and Children
(under 13) \$4. Come enjoy this meal
with your parish family.

SOUP AND STATIONS

This Friday March 21
Soup supper starts at 6:00 PM in the
Community Center, followed by
Stations of the Cross in church at
6:45PM. This Friday is hosted by
Guadalupeana. See you there!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Don't like driving at night? Please
join us for Stations of the Cross
every Tuesday during lent. Our
students lead the stations. Stations
of the Cross reminds us of the
journey Christ endured to the cross.
Stations will begin at 9:00am in the
Church. We hope to see you there.

COFFEE HOUR

Hosted next week by the Thursday
Rosary Group. Please stop by and
support this ministry!



The mission of St. Thomas the
Apostle Catholic School, in union
with our parish, is to form disciples
of Jesus Christ who show reverence
for the Eucharist, embody virtuous
behavior, live out Gospel values, and
pursue academic excellence.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR CALENDARIO LITURGICO

Sunday, March 16
8:00 AM
10:30 AM
12:30 PM @St. Anthony's in
Challenge
Monday, March 17
8:30 AM
Tuesday, March 18
9 AM Stations w/ school
4 PM Confession
6 PM Bilingual
Wednesday, March 19
8:30 AM
Thursday, March 20
8:30 AM
Friday, March 21
8:30 AM followed by
Adoration
6 PM Soup/6:45 Stations
Saturday, March 22
4:00 PM Confession
5:30 PM English Mass
7:00 PM Spanish Mass
Sunday, March 23
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

HOUSEKEEPING

PLEASE DO NOT FOLD THE
PAGES OF THE MISSALETES
OR MUTILATE THEM--

We pay almost \$10 each for them,
so please let's take care of them.
*If you see some trash on the floor in
church, in the aisle or under the
pews, please pick it up
and dispose of it.*

THIS IS GOD'S HOUSE, LET US
BE RESPECTFUL OF IT.

Thank you!

CELEBRATE 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

****updated times****

on Friday, March 28 at St. Isadore's
in Yuba City. This day of Penance,
Prayer, and Reconciliation is part of
the Jubilee Year of Hope, and
St. Isadore's is our deanery's
pilgrimage site. It begins with mass
at **12 NOON**, and continues with
quiet prayer until **12 NOON** on
Saturday. Priests will be available
all day to hear confessions. Call the
parish office for more information.

Service for Seniors

If you are a senior, and think you
could use some assistance around
the house, need a ride to an ap-
pointment, 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!

Services for Seniors is also looking
for volunteers to either make a
home visit or a phone visit to
brighten up both of your days!

Faith Formation Update

Faith Formation is working
towards their Sacraments this Easter.

The online courses required for the
students who are catching up on their
Sacraments are due March 31, 2025.
Submit the certificates of completion
to fatihformationstap@gmail.com.

Pastors Voice Chastity as Virtue

By the light of faith, we discover chastity as a supernatural virtue. "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." (1 Cor. 6:19-20)

Saint Augustine is noted to have famously said to God prior to his conversion to the Christian Faith, "give me chastity and temperance, but not yet!" After many trials, this man went on to become a renowned saint and Doctor of the Church – meaning - his writings and teachings have particular importance and value. If he found it a struggle to live a 'chaste' life, then we can take solace and acknowledge that this is a very real area of struggle and temptation for all of us. No matter what our particular struggle with chastity, all of us are called by Christ to live it.

Thankfully, the virtue of chastity, while absolutely requiring our cooperation and real exertion of will, is primarily a work of the Holy Spirit, a gift that is ours for the asking. If someone is to realize that chastity is a virtue that they would like to embrace, what should they do? Desiring any virtue is a good and necessary starting point. We are fortunate, that no matter our circumstances, we can begin again. We are blessed in the Catholic tradition that we can always make fresh starts in life with the grace offered in the Sacrament of reconciliation.

The important part is acknowledging our struggle, bringing it to God in confession and then beginning anew.

* Chastity derives from the virtue of temperance. Temperance controls our desire for sensual pleasures.

Readings for the week of March 16, 2025

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

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: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

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 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

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 March 16, 2025

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. Patrick, Bishop [OM]; St. Patrick's Day

Tuesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent