



# 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)



## Twenty-third 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

Pastor  
[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://orvillecatholic.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

-Alan Armstrong	-John Ritter
-The Monsen Family	-Margaret Carnahan
-Joan Briggs	-Patricia Laird
-Jimmy Potestio	-Julie Silveira
-Patty Webber-Smith	-Daniel Briggs
-Jane Frericks	-Jeffery Spoor
-Ray Firpo	-Kana McCauley
-Jose Lopez	-Matthew Huey
-Pamela Stair	-Frank Clanton
-Kayhli & Kelsie	-Thomas Edward Winter
-Ann & Russ Lewis	-Jodi Williams
-Jose Ignacio Ramirez-	-John Miller
Gutierrez	-Claudia Goebel
Williams	-Mason Ray
	-Tina Molinaro
	-Nolan McCurley

## RESPECT FOR LIFE FALL FAST AND PRAY

From September 24th to November 2nd, we will be praying and fasting to save lives and souls out on the sidewalk.

On Wednesdays we will be praying at the Women's Health Specialist abortion facility on 1469 Humboldt from 8 am to 5 pm.

On Fridays we will be praying at Planned Parenthood from 11 am to 5 pm. We are doing this instead of 40 Days For Life to see if we can get more people out at one time. Jesus needs your help. Be His hands and feet through prayer and peaceful witness.

You can just show up or email [40dayschico@gmail.com](mailto:40dayschico@gmail.com) or call 530-519-8818.

## THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

will take place on Friday, October 3 at 11:00 AM in the St. Thomas School Quad, in celebration of the Feast of St. Francis.

All parishioners are invited to take part. Please be sure your furry and feathered friends are on a leash or restrained in some way to minimize the chaos.



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, September 7**  
8:00 AM  
10:30 AM  
12:30 PM @St. Anthony's in Challenge

**Monday, September 8**  
8:30 AM

**Tuesday, September 9**  
4 PM Confession & Adoration  
6 PM Bilingual

**Wednesday, September 10**  
8:30 AM

**Thursday, September 11**  
8:30 AM

**Friday, September 12**  
8:30 AM followed by Adoration

**Saturday, September 13**  
5:30 PM English  
7:00 PM Spanish

**Sunday, September 14**  
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



## Movie Night Returning

Movie Night:  
Block the last Friday of the month,  
starting with  
September 26 at 6 PM.  
Details TBD

## Coffee Hour

Altar Society is hosting Coffee  
Hour this week on Sunday Sept 7.

Next week, Sunday Sept 14, it will  
be hosted by the 50+ group.

## Help wanted

Faith Formation is actively seeking  
volunteers to help serve our  
children on Sundays from  
9 to 10:15am. We are seeking  
Spanish/English speaking adults to  
help in the classrooms with our  
students. Please contact the parish  
office if you can help with this  
urgent need. (530)533-0262

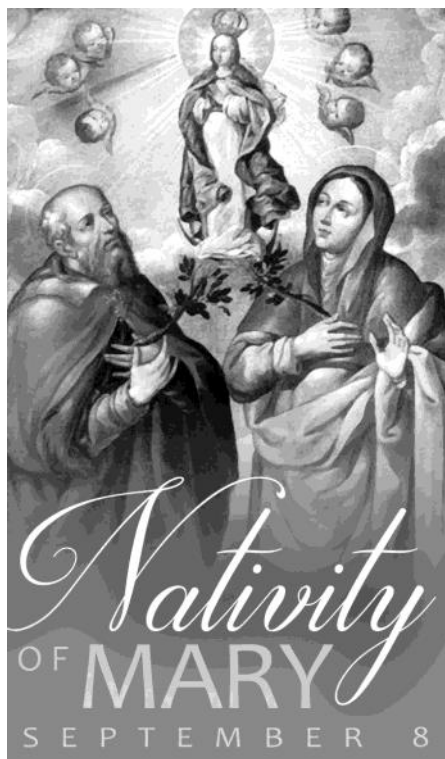
## Pastors Voice

### Liturgical Vestments History Continued

Several significant Catholic Church councils have focused on reform, most notably the Council of Trent (1545-1563) and the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). The Council of Trent was a direct response to the Protestant Reformation, aiming to clarify Catholic doctrine and address internal corruption. The Second Vatican Council modernized the Church's approach to the modern world, including changes to liturgy and the role of the laity.

The Second Vatican Council called for a reform and promotion of the liturgy, including adapting institutions subject to change to meet the needs of modern times while preserving and fostering lawfully acknowledged rites in the light of sound tradition. Its aim was to simplify liturgical practices, including vestments, and to promote greater participation in the Mass. This involved a move away from ornate, often heavy, vestments towards simpler, more functional designs. While the core symbolism of vestments remained, the emphasis shifted to a more minimal aesthetic and greater attention to liturgical colors. The shift to liturgical colors emphasized different liturgical seasons and feasts.

Code of Canon Law 284 – Clerics are to wear suitable ecclesiastical garb according to the norms issued by the conference of bishops and according to legitimate local customs. Catholic clergy wear vestments as an act of obedience and to conform themselves to the will of God. *“For the glorious adornment of your brother Aaron you shall have sacred vestments made. Therefore, tell the various artisans whom I have endowed with skill to make vestments for Aaron to consecrate him as my priest.*



### Readings for the week of September 7, 2025

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33  
Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23  
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19  
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26  
Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38  
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42  
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49  
Next Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

### Observances for the week of September 7, 2025

Sunday: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day  
Monday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Tuesday: St. Peter Claver, Priest  
Wednesday:  
Thursday: Patriot Day  
Friday: The Most Holy Name of Mary  
Saturday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Next Sunday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross