



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-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

#### 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  
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[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

## 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.

## Housekeeping Items

Things to keep in mind when in the church or the community center--

1. Please treat the missalettes/song books gently--we pay almost \$10.00 each for them, so we need to take care of them.
2. If you use something in the church or center--please put it back where it belongs. Other people and ministries need them too.
3. If you see some trash on the floor, in the aisle or under the pews--pick it up and dispose of it--it is GOD'S HOUSE, let us be respectful of it.
4. When you use the Center --clean the stove, sink and counter tops, put dishes, trays and whatever you use back where they belong--basically clean up after yourself and be mindful that others use the facilities.

We have nice facilities here at St. Thomas, so let us be mindful of that and continue to thank God for all He has done for us. Thank your help to keep God's House and buildings neat and clean.



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 21

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

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

Monday, September 22

8:30 AM

Tuesday, September 23

4 PM Confession & Adoration

6 PM Bilingual

Wednesday, September 24

8:30 AM

Thursday, September 25

8:30 AM

Friday, September 26

8:30 AM followed by Adoration

Saturday, September 27

5:30 PM English

7:00 PM Spanish

Sunday, September 28

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



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## Movie Night

Friday, September 26 at 6-8:30 PM  
Community Center  
6:00 - 6:30 Snacks Potluck  
followed by.....  
Leo the XIV: Portrait of the First  
American Pope  
Documentary: Jesus Thirsts: The  
Miracle of the Eucharist

## Coffee Hour

Today, KC's Pancakes is serving up  
the good stuff for coffee hour!  
Next week, Sunday Sept 28, it will  
be hosted by the Eucharistic  
Ministers and Lectors.  
See you there!

## Faith Formation Update

Faith Formation -  
meet your Catechist:  
By teaching, I have the opportunity  
to help our children build a  
foundation of faith that will last a  
lifetime. Prayers, the Ten Com-  
mandments, the Beatitudes, the  
Saints, Sacraments, all of these are  
taught in our classroom. We also  
talk about respect, for God, our  
parents, and one another.

We learn that we have a church  
home and family that care for us  
and that they are an important part  
of it. There are so many voices  
speaking to our children, I teach  
because I want to help our children  
know that God is real and present  
in our lives and that we can know  
him, that he cares for us and  
desires our friendship. Watching  
a classroom grow in self confidence  
by reading aloud and participating  
in discussion is so rewarding, I  
learn by teaching. It's a true  
blessing.

## Pastors Voice – The Songs of the Suffering Servant

Within the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, we encounter four poetic sections known as the Songs of the Suffering Servant. Christian faith sees these prophetic utterances fulfilled in the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Lord. Isaiah, one of the greatest of the prophets, appeared at a critical moment in Israel's history. The Northern Kingdom collapsed, under the hammerlike blows of Assyria, in 722/721 B.C., and in 701 Jerusalem itself saw the army of Sennacherib drawn up before its walls. In the year that Uzziah, king of Judah, died (742), Isaiah received his call to the prophetic office in the Temple of Jerusalem. This call can be found in the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Book of Isaiah where this divine summons to be the ambassador of the Most High is circumstantially described in 13 short verses. Verse 3 jumps off the page for us as, after almost three millennia, during Mass we cry out with the same words. (*One cried out to the other [the Seraphim]: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!"*) *This marks the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer, the most important moment in our worship and represents a correspondence between worship on earth and in heaven.*

### REFLECTIONS ON THE SONGS OF THE SUFFERING SERVANT: SONG 1

by Graziano Marcheschi, M.A. D.Min

The Suffering Servant is sent on a mission from God. - (Isaiah 42:1-9)

*"Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased. Upon him I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations." (Isaiah 42:1)*

It is the voice of God we hear proudly introducing "my servant... with whom I am well pleased." The painful *destiny of this Servant isn't mentioned in this brief song. Instead, like a soldier outfitted for battle or an explorer prepared for mission, the Servant is extolled for who he is and for the courage, patience, gentleness, and fidelity that will distinguish his service. Often, brave individuals volunteer for difficult missions, but God's Servant was chosen. The hand of God is upon him and God's own Spirit hovers over him. This Servant will not be an individualistic maverick getting the job done "his way." He will be a gentle agent of God's will, not shouting in the streets as was typical of prophets, but moving quietly and humbly among the people, distinguishing the weak from the strong, never breaking even a "bruised reed" because God's Spirit sent him to heal and strengthen the weak, to mend and restore the hearts of all who are losing hope or have been cast aside by the rich and the mighty.*

The text offers even an image of those who are too weak to raise their heads and burn with the light of faith. Because they cling too close to the wax, dimly burning wicks offer little light and the slightest breeze will extinguish them. Yet even these the Servant will not quench. He comes not to condemn the weak of heart and slow of faith but to invite them into the kingdom of God's justice. Through the Servant's ministry, the "bruised reed" will be strengthened and the "dimly burning wick" will be enflamed. The Servant himself will never wane or weaken; he will faithfully accomplish the will of the Lord and establish justice in the land.

**In what ways have you experienced in your life the gentle, patient love of God?**