



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



Twenty-sixth 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
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Thomas O'Connell

Deacon

Jennifer Willin

Parish Bookkeeper

Mrs. Kelly Floyd

School Principal

Mrs. Tamara Landers

School Bookkeeper

Mrs. Kattie May

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Parish Office

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Mon - Thurs | 9 AM - 12 PM
Fridays | 9AM-12PM, 1-3PM

School Office

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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://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
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 28

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

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

Monday, September 29

8:30 AM

Tuesday, September 30

4 PM Confession & Adoration

6 PM Bilingual

Wednesday, October 1

8:30 AM

Thursday, October 2

8:30 AM

Friday, October 3

8:30 AM followed by Adoration

11:00 Blessing of Animals

Saturday, October 4

5:30 PM English

7:00 PM Spanish

Sunday, October 5

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

Public Square Rosary Rally 2025

Dear Parishioners: Please join us at a public rosary rally taking place at 12 noon, Saturday, Oct. 11. We will meet at the grotto near the Community Center and will pray for the repentance and conversion of our great nation, asking God to save America through the rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

Any Questions:

Call Irene Hellon 530-712-1417

Coffee Hour

Today, is hosted by the Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors.

Next week, October 5, will be hosted by Guadalupana and they will be serving their famous breakfast burritos.

See you there!

Faith Formation Update

Faith Formation has started classes already, registration will be closed for the year 2025/2026 as of October 1st, 2025. Family Mass will be offered for all our Families in Oroville by our Faith Formation classes. We urge you to sign up your children currently enrolled in our classes to help on October 19th at the 10:30 Mass.

Mark Your Calendars

St. Thomas family, the Altar Society and Catholic Ladies Relief Society will host their annual bazaar on November 8-9, 2025.

To help make this a successful event we need your assistance. We are looking for hand-crafted items to sell at our craft booth. If you or someone you know is crafty and willing to donate, we would really appreciate it.

All proceeds support the work of the organizations and help the Parish in many ways.

Please contact Marion Willey at 530-533-5042 by leaving a message if you can help out with craft items. Thank you for your support.

PASTORS VOICE

REFLECTIONS ON THE SONGS OF THE SUFFERING SERVANT: SONG 2

by Graziano Marcheschi, M.A. D.Min
The Servant of the Lord – (Isaiah 49:1-13)

The second song, the mission involves suffering on behalf of another. “He was spurned and avoided by men, a man of suffering, knowing pain, Like one from whom you turn your face, spurned, and we held him in no esteem. Yet it was our pain that he bore, our sufferings he endured. We thought of him as stricken, struck down by God and afflicted, But he was pierced for our sins, crushed for our iniquity. He bore the punishment that makes us whole, by his wounds we were healed.” (Isaiah 53:3-5)

The best armor one can give anyone sent on a mission is a clear sense of identity. The road is always difficult and times of discouragement and self-doubt lurk around every corner. What sustains under such circumstances is a clear knowledge of who sent us and what we were sent to do. Lacking that, one easily slips into confusion, maybe even into listlessness and fear. We might not be sure of the Servant’s identity, but the Servant himself is quite clear about who he is: He is God’s chosen instrument, called from the womb to serve in good times and in bad. And the times have not been all good. The Servant is now God’s prophet with a tongue as sharp as well-honed steel. God has been his helper and protector during his service, but there is little to show for all his toil. However, the Servant is not demoralized by his outward failure. He still knows whose he is and in whose name he serves.

In truth, not much else matters. When we experience worldly failure, we can wallow in depression and allow the world’s judgment to define us, or we can remember whose opinion really counts. The Servant knows: “I am honored in the sight of the Lord, / and my God is now my strength.” It is so easy to lose heart when it’s the world’s opinion that we value, so easy to surrender when others mock or shun us. If only the Servant’s vision could be ours: God called me from the womb, he says, and my recompense is from him!

With the balance such vision provides, the Servant is able to hear a further, greater call from God that will send him down a road as difficult as the one he trod before. It is not enough for you to bring my word to Jacob and Israel, God tells him, “I will make you a light to the nations.” That the entire world would know the salvation of God was a startling truth that Israel was unprepared to hear. But despite scorn and abuse, the Servant will bring God’s message to kings of all the nations and they will hear and heed his word. Through the centuries, that word has reached our day and touched our hearts. And through us it will continue to spread “to the ends of the earth.”

When dealing with struggle and failure, what helps you to remember that God’s opinion of us is far more important than the world’s?