



# 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-seventh 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  
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

### Public Square Rosary Rally

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.

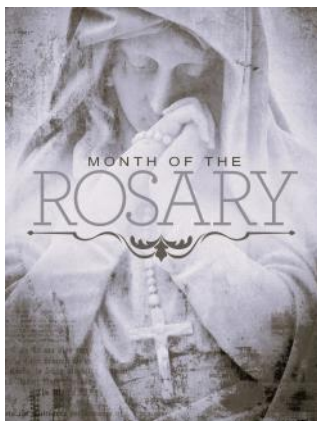
Any Questions:

Call Irene Hellon 530-712-1417

### Seeking craft donations

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.



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, October 5**

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

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

**Monday, October 6**

8:30 AM

**Tuesday, October 7**

4 PM Confession & Adoration

6 PM Bilingual

**Wednesday, October 8**

8:30 AM

**Thursday, October 9**

8:30 AM

**Friday, October 10**

8:30 AM followed by Adoration

**Saturday, October 11**

5:30 PM English

7:00 PM Spanish

**Sunday, October 12**

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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## Coffee Hour

Today, is hosted by Guadalupana and they will be serving their famous breakfast burritos. Next week, October 12, will be hosted by See you there!

## FATHER ON RETREAT

from Monday, October 13 through Friday, October 17, Father Ramos and all the priests of the diocese will be at Christ the King Retreat Center in Citrus Heights for a week of study and prayer. Weekday masses and Tuesday confessions will be canceled for the week.

## HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Starting in October, there will be an hour of prayer on the fourth Thursday of each month, beginning at 6:00 PM. Parishioners are encouraged to join together in prayer for more vocations to the priesthood.

## Altar Society

Just what does the Altar Society do??? The Altar Society changes the church environment for each of our liturgical seasons. We host luncheons for funerals, purchase altar cloths, clean vestments and altar linens. We also purchase flowers for Christmas, Easter and other special occasions, do light cleaning of the church and perform other functions as requested by our pastor. If you would like to join us please come to one our meetings. The St. Thomas Altar Society meets in the Parish Library at 1:00p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month from September to June. If you cannot make the meetings but would still like to participate by assisting with food for funerals or setting up the church for the liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time please contact Jan Jensen 530 370-4652.

## PASTORS VOICE

### REFLECTIONS ON THE SONGS OF THE SUFFERING SERVANT: SONG 3

by Graziano Marcheschi, M.A. D.Min

Salvation through the Lords Servant – (Isiah 50:4-11)

*[50:2] Israel's faith in God is weak; the people do not answer God's call, nor believe promises of deliverance. \* [50:4-11] The third of the four "servant of the Lord" oracles (cf. note on 42:1-4); in vv. 4-9 the servant speaks; in vv. 10-11 God addresses the people directly. \* [50:5] The*

*servant, like a well-trained disciple, does not refuse the divine vocation. \* [50:6] He willingly submits to insults and beatings. Tore out my beard: a grave and painful insult. \* [50:10-11] The Lord offers a choice to those who walk in darkness: either trust in the true light (v. 10), or walk in their false light and suffer the consequences.*

Paul echoed the words of God's Suffering Servant when he boldly asked, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Rom 8:31) The Servant's declaration, spoken in the first person singular, is just as bold and even more personal than Paul's. Why is the Servant so bold? Because he's been through it all: scourging, insults, and spitting, even the grave indignity of having his beard torn out by his enemies. But rather than lose faith, he finds a school for discipleship in these painful circumstances. The Lord has used this suffering to train the Servant's tongue so he can address the weary and downtrodden with rousing words of hope and vindication.

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews tells us that "Whom the Lord loves he chastises" (12:6). Centuries before, Isaiah extolled the Lord's Servant for enduring hardship without complaining. By embracing sorrow without losing heart and by accepting discipline as instruction, the Servant Gains a share of the holiness of God.

As a result, the student becomes a teacher. Having learned at the feet of the loving and merciful Lord, the Servant now instructs the nations in the ways of obedience and discipleship. But most of all, he models fidelity and long suffering. Remarkably, the Servant's sufferings have not led him to turn away from God; he neither feels abandoned nor betrayed. Confidently, he stands before those who mock him, knowing their power will wear away like an overworn garment, while God's help lasts forever. The proof of discipleship, he says, is walking in darkness without any light, save that of faith in the Lord! Woe to those who walk by their own light, trusting neither the Lord nor his Servant. They do so at great peril, he says, risking utter destruction.

Today, the virtue of obedience that God's Servant models so strikingly is sadly countercultural. The rebel, the maverick entrepreneur, the iconoclast who makes his or her own way, these are the role models of modern culture. But if we look at Jesus, whom the Servant so obviously prefigures, we see obedience and hear that word quite often on his lips. "If you love me, you will obey my commandments" (John 14:15). Obedience, it turns out, is not robotic compliance, but the surest way to demonstrate our love.

Exodus 14:14 says, "The Lord will fight for you; you have only to keep still." **Could you do what the Servant does, silently trusting in God to bring you justice and vindication?**