



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-eighth 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

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Mrs. Tamara Landers

School Bookkeeper

Mrs. Kattie May

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

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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

FATHER ON RETREAT

Monday 10/13 thru Friday 10/17

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 are canceled.

Altar Society

The St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Society meets this Tuesday, October 14 at 1:00 in the parish library.

Seeking craft donations

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

We are looking for hand-crafted items to sell at our craft booth. 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.

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.



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
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Sunday, October 12

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

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

Monday, October 13

8:30 AM

Tuesday, October 14

4 PM Confession &

Adoration

6 PM Bilingual

Wednesday, October 15

8:30 AM

Thursday, October 16

8:30 AM

Friday, October 17

8:30 AM followed by

Adoration

Saturday, October 18

5:30 PM English

7:00 PM Spanish

Sunday, October 19

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

Coffee Hour

Today, is hosted by
Ministerio de Intercesion.
Next week, October 19, will be
hosted by KC's Pancakes.
Please stop by and
support the ministry!

Seminar Series in Marysville

Cookies and Catholicism is coming soon to St. Joseph's Church in Marysville. In these talks you will learn the basics of the Catholic faith. Some of the topics will cover the nature of God, the origins of the Bible, the sacraments, the commandments, forgiveness, and living a good prayer life. In these dynamic sessions you will not only learn what we believe and do, but WHY we believe it and do it. There will be refreshments, raffles, and books and literature will be made available to you. Classes start on Wednesday, October 15th at 6:00 pm in the gym and run for six consecutive Wednesdays. Come check it out, you'll be glad you did.

RESPECT FOR LIFE FALL FAST AND PRAY

Thru 11/2, we will be praying and fasting to save lives and souls out on the sidewalk.
Wednesdays we are 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. You can just show up or email
40dayschico@gmail.com
or call 530-519-8818.

PASTORS VOICE

REFLECTIONS ON THE SONGS OF THE SUFFERING SERVANT: SONG 4

by Graziano Marcheschi, M.A. D.Min

Suffering and Triumph of the Servant of the Lord - (Isiah 52:13 – 53:12)

This fourth Song of the Suffering Servant is likely one of the best-known texts of the entire Old Testament. It is a plaintive dirge that declares God's innocent Servant was punished for *our sins and crushed for our iniquities*. Like a "lamb led to the slaughter," he went silently to his death, a death that bore away our offenses and made us whole. Though the "suffering" of the Suffering Servant is more evident in this text than in the other "songs," this passage begins with a trumpet blast declaration of the Servant's future glory. His exaltation, however, won't spring from victory but from a well of deep sorrow. Though cast in the past tense, the Servant's suffering is palpable.

Perhaps what's most remarkable about the Servant is how unremarkable he is: "no majestic bearing" to attract, "no beauty" to please the eye. He was shunned and avoided the way one might recoil from a leper. And yet, says the prophet, it was for us that he suffered, for us that he endured shame. Foolishly, we assumed he was reaping the fruit of his own failures, but now we see the truth: it was *our sins brought him low*. In street parlance we might say, "We did the crime, but he did the time." If at least he would complain, express anger, go resentfully to his death. Maybe that would assuage our guilt. But he accepts his fate in silent dignity. No finger pointing; no "woe is me." Mercifully, he bore the wounds but we were healed. He did no wrong, Isaiah tells us, yet somehow it suits the will of God to make him a "reparation offering" and let him be cast aside "among the wicked."

Such willing self-sacrifice is as surprising as the spin Isaiah gives it. Any religious person of his day would have viewed the Servant's suffering as rightful punishment for sin. But the prophet sees through a different lens. With beautiful imagery, Isaiah announces ultimate vindication for the Servant whose vicarious suffering will "justify the many." God greatly rewards the selfless Servant and turns his suffering into the ointment that heals the world.

This vision must have shocked Isaiah's audience. A Messiah who would suffer and die instead of riding in with brandished sword to drive out their foreign dominators was plain preposterous. So was the notion that he would "justify the many." *The Messiah's light was to shine on Israel, not upon the nations. It would be difficult, indeed, to long for such a universal Messiah.*

Yet who could fail to recognize the suffering Christ within the contours of the Servant's face? No one paints a better portrait than Isaiah of the Christ who suffered silently for our sins. But let's not forget how this song begins: "My servant shall be raised high and greatly exalted." Because he "surrendered himself to death," the suffering, mocked Messiah is now the Lord who reigns and reconciles.

What stirs within you when you observe innocent suffering?

The CLRS is offering new children's winter coats to children age 1-18 yrs of St. Thomas Parish families who are in need this year. Parents *only* may complete a form which is available in the green folder on the bulletin board in the vestibule and return it in the box that is available there. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that you list your child's age and **NUMBER** size, not just small, medium, etc. We will be collecting assistance forms until Oct. 12th. CLRS ofrece abrigos de invierno para niños de 1 a 18 años de las familias de la parroquia de Santo Tomás que necesiten nuestra ayuda este año. Solo los padres pueden completar un formulario que está disponible en la carpeta verde en el tablón de anuncios del vestíbulo y devolverlo en la caja que se encuentra allí. Es **MUY IMPORTANTE** que indique la edad y EL NUMERO de la talla de su hijo, no solo las tallas pequeña, mediana, etc. Recogeremos los formularios hasta el 12 de octubre.