

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.orovillecatholic.org



Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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
School Secretary

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1330 Bird Street
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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://orovillecatholic.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
-Ann & Russ Lewis	-Edward Winter
-Jose Ignacio Ramirez-Gutierrez	-Jodi Williams
-Claudia Goebel	-John Miller
-Mason Ray	-Tina Molinaro
-Tina Molinaro	-Ann Bruggeman

Mass Times

Solemnity of Mary

New Year's Day, January 1
8:30 AM (English)
6:00 PM (Bi-lingual)

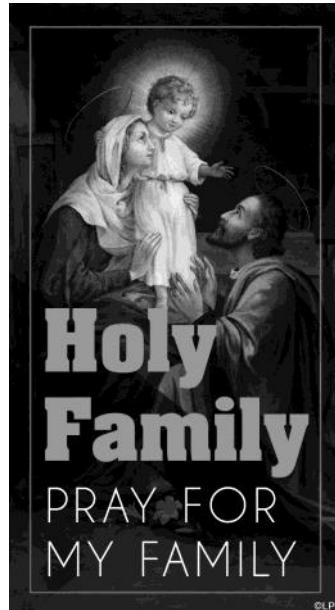
CRAB FEED

YES! With 2026 comes the KC hosted CRAB FEED on Saturday, January, 24th
DOORS open at 5pm
DINNER at 6pm
in Fitzgerald Hall.

Tickets are NOW available at Marcozzi Jewelers, Briggs Firestone, St. Thomas School Office and at Masses.

Tickets are \$75 for either Crab or Steak and \$90 for the Crab & Steak COMBO. Clam Chowder, Green Salad, Bread and Ice Cream come with the dinner.

Steak dinners will have a Baked Potato and veggie side dish. A Raffle and Silent Auction will also be held.



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, December 28

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

Monday, December 29

8:30 AM

Tuesday, December 30

4:00 PM Confession and Adoration
6:00 PM Bilingual Mass

Wednesday, December 31

8:30 AM

Thursday, January 1

The Solemnity of Mary
8:30 AM
6:00 PM Bilingual

Friday, January 2

8:30 AM Mass
9:00-11:00 AM Adoration

Saturday, January 3

5:30 PM English
7:00 PM Spanish

Sunday, January 4

8:00AM
10:30 AM
12:30 PM @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



**Pregnant?
Worried?
Need Help?**

*You are not alone.
We can help.*

The Gabriel Project
Call: 800-910-0191

Faith Formation

Faith Formation is not having classes again until January 4th, 2026. Happy New Year!

Scholarship Opportunity

Notice to all LOCAL High School Seniors:

The LOCAL Scholarship applications for the Knights of Columbus Joseph C. Ghianda

Memorial Scholarship is available starting on January 5, 2026 due by

March 9, 2026 by 3:30 PM.

This will be our 26TH year and we will award two (2) \$1,250.00 scholarships. Contact your school Counseling Office and when filling

out the application you MUST check the Knights of Columbus box under groups or organizations your parent or grandparent belongs to. They also MUST be in good standing (dues current) with Council 2603 for you to apply. You may also contact Jim Bruggeman Scholarship Chair @ 530-534-1544 or connieandjim4@gmail.com.



THE PASTOR'S VOICE

Monastic Silence

Monastic silence is highly developed in the Roman Catholic faith.

The practice has a corresponding manifestation in the Orthodox church, which teaches that silence is a means to access God, to develop self knowledge, or to live more harmoniously. Theophilus, patriarch of Alexandria, placed the virtue of silence on par with the faith itself in a synodal letter from AD 400. "Monks—if they wish to be what they are called—will love silence and the Catholic faith, for nothing at all is more important than these two things."

Monastic silence has its roots in the Old Testament. In the book Silence, The Still Small Voice of God, Andrew March establishes the roots of silence doctrine in the Psalms attributed to David. "Benedict and his monastics would know from chanting the Psalter every week the verse that follows: "I was silent and still; I held my peace to no avail; my distress grew worse, my heart became hot within me. While I mused, the fire burned; then I spoke with my tongue" (Psalm 39:3). Or "For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation." (Psalm 62)

Silence plays a salient role in the Benedictine rule. It is thought that by clearing the mind of distraction, one may listen more attentively to God. Cistercian monastics have remained active in the promotion of contemplative meditation. Part of the emphasis is on achieving spiritual ascent, but monastic silence also functions to avoid sin. A Trappist's commitment to silence is a monastic value which assures solitude in community. It fosters mindfulness of God and fraternal communion. It opens the mind to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit and favors attentiveness of the heart and solitary prayer to God.

Readings for the week of December 28, 2025

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Observances for the week of December 28, 2025

Sunday: The Holy Family

Wednesday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

Thursday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace

Friday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord