



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



Second Sunday of 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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Parish Office
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	-John Plemmons
-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

Many Thanks

The Altar Society wishes to thank the many folks who donated poinsettias for our parish celebration of Jesus' birth. The abundance of beautiful poinsettias reflects the generosity of so many parishioners. We thank you for your love and giving spirit. May the joy of that first Christmas remain in your hearts through the new year!
God bless you.

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, January 18

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

Monday, January 19

8:30 AM

Tuesday, January 20

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

Wednesday, January 21

8:30 AM

Thursday, January 22

8:30 AM

Friday, January 23

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

Saturday, January 24

5:30 PM English
7:00 PM Spanish

Sunday, January 25

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
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

Faith Formation

Faith Formation will be signing up our children in all of our classes to help with our Family Mass in February.

If you want your child to help with this please sign them up now.

Next Family Mass is February 15th at 10:30am.

Attention---Coming Soon!!!

Catholics Ladies

Rummage Sale

Friday, January 30

Drop donations 1-4 PM to the Gym

Saturday, January 31

sale open 8 AM - 2 PM

Sunday, February 1

sale open 8 AM - Noon

Thank you for your support!

Questions: Call Irene 530-712-1417

P.S. Look for Chili Cafe on Sat!!

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Catholic Ladies Relief Society is sponsoring two \$500 scholarships for the local graduating seniors. If you have a senior in your family, encourage them to fill out the local scholarship application available now in the counseling office at their school. The completed application is due March 9, 2026.

Year-End Tax Forms

If you are in need of a 2025 tax donation letter, please call the office and request one. Hours and phone number are on the front cover of this bulletin. Thank you!

The Pastors Voice

The Rites of the Catholic Church

Catholic rites are a set of ceremonies, practices and forms of worship that are used in the celebration of the liturgy and the sacraments.

The word Catholic means “universal,” the Church is Catholic because she is present throughout the world. Her mission is to proclaim the fullness of the faith and to administer the sacraments instituted by Christ for the salvation of souls - this universality doesn’t mean uniformity.

Throughout history, as the early church grew, it celebrated the sacraments as would be best understood and received in the context of individual cultures, without ever changing their essential form and matter. The early Church sought to evangelize in the major cultural centers of the first centuries A.D. These centers were Rome, Antioch (Syria), and Alexandria (Egypt). All the rites in use today evolved from the liturgical practices and ecclesiastical organization used by the churches in these cities. While different liturgical, spiritual, and disciplinary traditions arose, they are distinct in form, they share the same faith and the same sacraments. These traditions have given rise to the various Catholic rites celebrated in particular Churches, both in the West and the East.

A short explanation would be . . . first, we have the Catholic Church. No prefixes. No other labels. We just have the Catholic Church. Or, if one really wants to, we can refer to the Universal (Catholic) Church. Second, the Catholic Church is comprised of 6 different liturgical rites and within those rites, there are 24 particular Churches. These 24 autonomous or self-governing Churches are all in communion with one another, are all within the Catholic Church, and all recognize the primacy of the pope. The 1990 Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches defines a rite as “the liturgical, theological, spiritual and disciplinary patrimony, culture and circumstances of history of a distinct people, by which its own manner of living the faith is manifested in each Church *sui iuris*.”

All the rites of the Catholic Church are of equal dignity and equally valid. Attendance at a different rite fulfills the Sunday obligation. The Catholic Church is truly universal since it unites so many diverse rites, whose members share a common faith.

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/resource/56009/the-rites-of-the-catholic-church>

Observances for the week of January 18, 2026

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

Wednesday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Friday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

Saturday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

TRUTH - We live and move and have our being in the Divine Presence. Our every thought, every decision, every action, every choice, every word; what we do and don't do, what we say and don't say, all this and more we do in God's Divine Presence.