



# 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](http://www.orovillecatholic.org)



## The Baptism of the Lord

### 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://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](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
-Ann & Russ Lewis	Edward Winter
-Jose Ignacio Ramirez-Gutierrez	-Jodi Williams
-Williams	-John Miller
-Claudia Goebel	-Matthew Huey
-Mason Ray	-Frank Clanton
-Tina Molinaro	-Thomas
-Ann Bruggeman	Edward Winter



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.

**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!!

**CRAB FEED**

YES! With 2026 comes the KC hosted CRAB FEED on Saturday, January, 24<sup>th</sup>

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.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR**  
**CALENDARIO LITURGICO**

**Sunday, January 11**

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

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

**Monday, January 12**

8:30 AM

**Tuesday, January 13**

4:00 PM Confession and Adoration

6:00 PM Bilingual Mass

**Wednesday, January 14**

8:30 AM

**Thursday, January 15**

8:30 AM

**Friday, January 16**

8:30 AM Mass

9:00-11:00 AM Adoration

**Saturday, January 17**

5:30 PM English

7:00 PM Spanish

**Sunday, January 18**

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

## 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.

## 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.



## THE PASTOR'S VOICE

Sweet surrender – Holy silence

Silence--sweet scary silence. We want it. We don't want it. We crave it, but we're afraid of it. Silence makes us nervous. Lulls in conversation are quickly filled with idle, nonsensical chatter. Talk about the weather, tell a corny joke, say something--anything! Anything is better than silence. But silence is where it happens. Silence is where we learn about ourselves, to know our dignity. Silence is where we find God, where we allow God into our lives.<sup>1</sup>

The psalmist writes in Psalm 46, "Be still, and know that I am God! The Hebrew word being translated here as "Be still" is rapha. It literally means be weak, release, die to yourself, drop down, or let go. This word has also been translated as "surrender."

The choice to surrender to Christ and place Him first takes commitment, and the journey to get there is difficult. This commitment has to be firm and will require sincerity, diligence, and sacrifice.<sup>2</sup> (5 steps to beginning to surrender)

So important is our surrender that Jesus Christ, himself, revealed a Surrender Novena to Fr. Dolingo Ruotola (1882-1970), an Italian priest, to teach us to turn our troubles over to Him and surrender to his will.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Hearing. Just some thoughts....silence...sweet scary... | by Anyutka | Medium

<sup>2</sup><https://integratedcatholiclife.org/2022/03/hain-five-steps-to-beginning-to-surrender/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://catholicnovenaapp.com/novenas/surrender-novena/>

### Readings for the week of January 11, 2026

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17  
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39  
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45  
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12  
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17  
Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

### Observances for the week of January 11, 2026

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord  
Tuesday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Saturday: St. Anthony, Abbot  
Next Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**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.