



# 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)



## The Epiphany 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://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
	-Ann Bruggeman

**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.



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, January 4**

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

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

**Monday, January 5**

8:30 AM

**Tuesday, January 6**

4:00 PM Confession and Adoration

6:00 PM Bilingual Mass

**Wednesday, January 7**

8:30 AM

**Thursday, January 8**

8:30 AM

**Friday, January 9**

8:30 AM Mass

9:00-11:00 AM Adoration

**Saturday, January 10**

5:30 PM English

7:00 PM Spanish

**Sunday, January 11**

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



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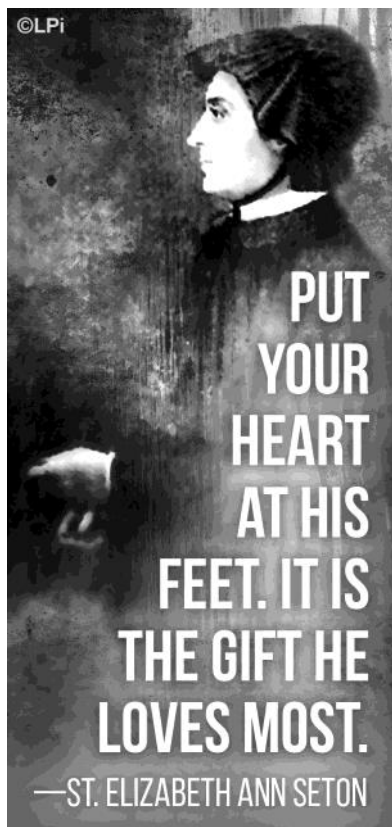


## Faith Formation

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](mailto:connieandjim4@gmail.com).



## THE PASTOR'S VOICE

### Silence and Stillness in the Church - Stopping so God can start

A good liturgy has moments of silence built into it for good reason. Daily, we need time to stand still and let God be God and let God move! Silence and stillness are important if we hope to give our self away to be used by God. It really is fairly simple. We stop so God can start. Lay down everything, forget about yourself and concentrate on HIM. That's the reason for silence in the church.

Before prayer - The General Instructions of the Roman Missal advise us to get to church early so we can settle down and be silent and prepare for what is about to happen. During Mass we are called to silence several times. First at the Penitential Rite when we stop to recall our sins, a hush should come over the church as each and all confess. God forgives quietly. He has no need for our sins to be splattered and gossiped. He just wants us to be free from sin so we can be glad and free to be in the service of the Lord.

Next when the celebrant says, "Let us pray" we should bow our heads and PRAY! After a suitable amount of time, the celebrant CONCLUDES the prayer with the prescribed COLLECT.

After the WORD of GOD, the Liturgy of the Word, it just makes sense to ponder all these things in our hearts, just like Mary, the Mother of God. It is so rich, so full, so much, it takes a little quiet time to squiggle, squirm, settle and find rest with the Lord is telling me and calling me to do. Truly the Lord speaks to my heart and the depth of my soul.

Perhaps the most GOLDEN SILENCE is observed after COMMUNION. This is not a time to get ready to leave; it is a time to get START LIVING with Christ Jesus. Everything has changed. My thoughts after COMMUNION ought to be the holiest moments of my day or week as I take the Lord with me! This requires my mind, my body and my soul saying YES LORD!!!

A little bit of silence in liturgy is there to make sure we digest as much of what GOD is giving as we can. The less distracted we are, the more we receive, the more we have to give! Mission accomplished!

<https://benedicttheafrican.org/adult-faith-formation/silence-during-catholic-liturgy-church-mass> - Father David Jones

### Readings for the week of January 4, 2026

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  
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52  
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a  
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16  
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30  
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

### Observances for the week of January 4, 2026

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord  
Monday: St. John Neumann, Bishop  
Tuesday: St. André Bessette, Religious  
Wednesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest  
Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord