



Our Parish Family includes Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish,
Saint Thomas the Apostle School, and Saint Anthony of Padua Mission Church.
www.oroillecatholic.org



First Sunday of Lent

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

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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	-John Plemmons
-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

SOUP AND STATIONS

Our Lenten tradition of Friday evening Stations of the Cross began on February 20 and continue through March 27.

A simple soup supper is served at 6PM in the Community Center, followed at 6:45 with Stations in the Church. Stations of the Cross are also led by St. Thomas students on Tuesday mornings at 9 AM.

A HEALING MASS

will take place on Thursday, February 26 at 11:00 for those with health issues, chronic illnesses, or upcoming surgeries. During mass, Father will administer the Sacrament of the Sick and anoint those who are present. After mass, there is a luncheon reception in the Community Center, served by the Altar Society.

Lenten Penance Services

Schedule Update

March 10--St. John's in Chico
March 11- St. Isidore's Yuba City at 6:15
March 12--ODS in Chico (added)
March 17--St. Thomas in Oroville
March 18--St Joseph's in Marysville
March 19--Sacred Heart in Gridley
March 20--OLL in Colusa (new day)
March 23-- St. Monica Willows (added)
March 24--St. Dominic's in Orland
March 25-- St. Thomas More in Paradise
March 30— Arbuckle at 6:30 (new day and time)

All Penance Services will be at 6 PM unless otherwise noted



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, February 22

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

Monday, February 23

8:30 AM

Tuesday, February 24

9:00 AM Stations
4:00 PM Confession and Adoration
6:00 PM Bilingual Mass

Wednesday, February 25

8:30 AM—Mass

Thursday, February 26

11:00 AM Healing Mass

Friday, February 27

8:30 AM Mass
9:00-11:00 AM Adoration
6 PM—Soup & Stations

Saturday, February 28

5:30 PM English
7:00 PM Spanish

Sunday, March 1

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



New QR Code for Online Giving!

To use, open your phone's camera
and point it at the code.

(Do not take a picture)

Hover until it generates a link-
click on it and that takes you to the
Parish website's giving page.

Thank you!

The most wonderful miracle
happened on Friday, Dec. 30, 1 P.M.
in the St. Thomas Gym: Piles of
treasures arrived and arrived,
but even more remarkable was so
many young including students
from the after school program,
students from the youth group, and
many many older and some
younger ladies and men from
Everywhere all showed up to
help! By 4 p.m. the piles and piles
were transformed into an
organized sale! Thank you every-
one...you all made it a success in
peaceful cooperation.

KofC and CLRS Scholarships Due

March 9, 2026 by 3:30 PM.
For more information please
reference previous bulletins.



The Pastor's Voice The Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church

BYZANTINE:

The largest of these eastern rites is the Byzantine. The Byzantine liturgy is based on liturgy developed by St. James for the Antiochaian (Antioch) church, but modified by St. Basil (329-379) and St. John Chrysostom (344-407). This liturgy is similar if not identical to the liturgy used by the Orthodox churches. After the schism between the churches in Rome and Constantinople in 1054, many particular churches remained separated from Rome. Over the years some of these churches came back into union. These churches after they returned to the fold have generally been treated as separate rites based on their particular location, even though they have similar if not identical liturgy. The churches using the Byzantine liturgy include the Albanian, Belarussian, Bulgarian, Croatian, Greek, Hungarian, Italo-Albanian, Melkite, Romanian, Russian, Ruthenian, Slovak, and Ukrainian.

A PIECE OF HISTORY:

During the nineteenth and twentieth centuries the persecution of Byzantine Catholics was widespread. World War II exacerbated the situation of many Byzantine Catholics, particularly the Ukrainians and Ruthenians. A suppression of the Catholic Faith would continue for years. Josef Stalin of Soviet Russia decided that the Soviets had to quash the burgeoning Ukrainian independent movement. He mandated the entire Ukrainian Catholic Church be wiped out. He liquidated and forcibly handed over all Church lands to the Russian Orthodox. In the spring of 1945, the Soviets arrested all Ukrainian Catholic bishops and sent them to the Gulag. At this point, the Church went largely underground.

<https://catholicmasstimes.com/7-keys-to-understanding-the-byzantine-rite/>
The Other 23 Catholic Churches: Part 6, the Byzantine Rite – Ascension
<https://tradcatholica.com/st-john-chrysostom/>

Annual Catholic Appeal

...Helps us bring Christ's saving mercy to our brothers and sisters; 25% comes back to our parish for our own outreach to those in need.
On the weekend of March 7-8, we will have the opportunity to offer ourselves as missionaries of hope to those who suffer emotional, physical and spiritual poverty. Each of our gifts, no matter the amount, makes a meaningful difference in someone's life. Catholic Charities can respond to the greatest needs in our communities.
Seminarians receive support as they prepare to serve our local parishes. Catholic schools in economically-challenged neighborhoods can provide tuition assistance. And our ministry receives support for another year. Prayerfully consider what you can give this year.

Prayer of the Faithful

For our sisters and brothers in the Diocese of Sacramento... may the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary help us to embrace the charity of Christ as we consider our participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal, we pray... Lord, hear our prayer.