



# 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)



## Second 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

#### Fr. German Ramos

Pastor  
[frramosoro@gmail.com](mailto:frramosoro@gmail.com)

#### Thomas O'Connell

Deacon

#### Mrs. Martha Orozco

Parish Secretary

Parish Bookkeeper-call office

#### Mrs. Kelly Floyd

School Principal

#### Mrs. Tamara Landers

School Bookkeeper

#### Mrs. Martha Mireles

School Secretary

#### Parish Office

1330 Bird Street  
Oroville, CA 95965  
Phone: 530-533-0262  
Mon - Thurs | 9 AM - 12 PM  
Fridays | 9AM - 2PM

#### 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
- The Monsen Family
- Joan Briggs
- Jimmy Potestio
- Patty Webber-Smith
- Jane Frericks
- Ray Firpo
- Jose Lopez
- Pamela Stair
- Kayhli & Kelsie
- Ann & Russ Lewis
- Jose Ignacio Ramirez-Gutierrez
- Williams
- John Ritter
- Margaret Carnahan
- Patricia Laird
- Julie Silveira
- Daniel Briggs
- Jeffery Spoor
- Kana McCauley
- John Plemmons
- Frank Clanton
- Thomas Edward Winter
- Jodi Williams
- John Miller
- Claudia Goebel
- Mason Ray
- Tina Molinaro
- Ann Bruggeman

**SOUP AND STATIONS**

Our Lenten tradition of Friday evening Stations of the Cross continues 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.

**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

**K of C and CLRS Scholarships Due**

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



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, March 1**  
8:00 AM  
10:30 AM  
12:30 PM @St. Anthony's in Challenge
- Monday, March 2**  
8:30 AM
- Tuesday, March 3**  
9:00 AM Stations  
4:00 PM Confession and Adoration  
6:00 PM Bilingual Mass
- Wednesday, March 4**  
8:30 AM—Mass
- Thursday, March 5**  
8:30 AM
- Friday, March 6**  
8:30 AM Mass  
9:00-11:00 AM Adoration  
6 PM—Soup & Stations
- Saturday, March 7**  
5:30 PM English  
7:00 PM Spanish
- Sunday, March 8**  
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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## New Online Giving QR Code

### MMM... Pancakes

Knights of Columbus  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST is on  
SUNDAY March 15th.

Breakfast includes pancakes, eggs,  
sausage, hashed brown potatoes &  
drink. Adults \$8 and Children  
(under 13) \$4. Come and enjoy this  
meal with your parish family.

### Corned Beef and Cabbage

The Corned Beef and Cabbage  
Dinner is back hosted again by the

Knights of Columbus on

**Saturday, March 14th, 2026**

**Doors open at 5:30pm**

**Dinner served at 6:30pm**

Dinner includes Corned Beef and  
Cabbage & dessert for

\$20 for Adults and

\$10 for children under 13.

Tickets available at Marcozzi  
Jewelers, Briggs Firestone, St.  
Thomas the Apostle School Office  
and at Church Masses.

The Dinner will be in the Church  
Hall at 1330 Bird St. Oroville.

For further information you may  
contact Jim Cupido @ 533-5599

### 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.

## The Pastor's Voice, continued The Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church

### CHALDEAN:

The Chaldean Catholic Church is one of the oldest Christian communities in existence, tracing its lineage back to the very first centuries after Christ. Born in the cradle of civilization — ancient Mesopotamia — the Chaldean faithful are the living descendants of the early Assyrian Church that first brought Christianity eastward, speaking the same language Jesus Himself spoke: Aramaic. Tradition holds that the ancient Assyrian Church, in the lands that made up Mesopotamia, was founded by St. Thomas the Apostle and his disciple St. Thaddeus Chaldeans have been called the Church of the martyrs, Since the birth of Christianity ... many Chaldeans have been killed for the faith.

### MODERN-DAY CHALDEAN MARTYRS:

Sr. Caecilia Hanna, 71, who was killed in 2002. A member of the Congregation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Sr. Hanna chose to stay the night in her convent on Aug. 15, 2002, in Baghdad, Iraq, even though all of the other sisters were going to be away. Sr. Hanna's family had offered to let her stay the night at home while the sisters were away, but Sr. Hanna told them that she could not leave Jesus in the convent alone. That night, robbers came to the convent and, upon finding Sr. Hanna there, brutally murdered her by severing her head from her body.

Fr. Ragheed Ganni was a young, intelligent priest known for his apostolic zeal. On June 3, 2007, Fr. Ganni and three subdeacons were shot and killed outside of the Chaldean Holy Spirit Church in Mosul, Iraq, where Fr. Ganni had just finished celebrating Mass for Trinity Sunday. Their crime? Refusing to close the church and convert to Islam. The group of Islamic terrorists that shot and killed the men would later merge themselves with the notorious terror group ISIS.

Bishop Paulus Raho, who took over Fr. Ganni's parish after his death knew there were threats against his life, he wrote to his diocese that he did not want them to pay his ransom money, if it came to that. A year after the murder of Fr. Ganni, Bishop Raho was kidnapped by Islamic terrorists outside of the parish after finishing the Way of the Cross on a Friday. Less than two weeks later, his body was found.

In 2019 their cause for sainthood was sent to Rome.

OUR CHALDEAN CHURCH HISTORY - Chaldean Archdiocese Of Erbil  
Who Are the Chaldean Catholic Saints? | The Eastern Church  
<https://www.detroitcatholic.com/news/bishop-kalabat-signs-three-canonization-causes-for-chaldean-martyrs-killed-in-iraq>

### 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.