



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



Fourth 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

Mrs. Martha Orozco

Parish Secretary

Parish Bookkeeper-call office

Mrs. Kelly Floyd

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Mrs. Tamara Landers

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School Secretary

Parish Office

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Mon - Thurs | 9 AM - 12 PM

Fridays | 9AM - 2PM

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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

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| -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 |

UPCOMING DATES

PALMS FOR ASHES Please bring in your palms from last year and place them in the box in the church vestibule. Then join us on Tuesday, February 17 at 11:00 in the school courtyard when we will burn the palms, creating the ashes to be used on Ash Wednesday.

ASH WEDNESDAY is February 18. Masses will be at 8:30 AM, 12:30 PM in Challenge, and at 6:00 PM which will be a bi-lingual mass. Ashes will be distributed at all masses. There will also be a service for Imposition of Ashes outside of mass at 12:00 noon on Ash Wednesday.

SOUP AND STATIONS Our Lenten tradition of Friday evening Stations of the Cross will begin on February 20 and continue through March 27. A simple soup supper will be served at 6:00 PM 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.



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, February 1

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

Monday, February 2

8:30 AM

Tuesday, February 3

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

Wednesday, February 4

8:30 AM

Thursday, February 5

8:30 AM

Friday, February 6

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

Saturday, February 7

8-2 Rummage Sale
5:30 PM English
7:00 PM Spanish

Sunday, February 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



**Pregnant?
Worried?
Need Help?**

*You are not alone.
We can help.*

The Gabriel Project
Call: 800-910-0191

You are Invited

You are invited to join the St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Society. We meet in the parish library the second Tuesday of the month from September to June. The Altar Society changes the church environment, hosts luncheons for funerals and performs other functions as requested by the pastor.

Faith Formation

Check back next week for updates!

Thank you!

At the beginning of the year, I was blessed to attend SEEK 2026 in Denver with my brothers and sisters from SF State. Along with thousands of other students, I spent five powerful days growing deeper in my faith through Mass, prayer, and inspiring talks. One message that stayed with me was: "If you have faith and the size of a mustard seed, God can move mountains in your life." SEEK reminded me that our faith is about a real relationship with Jesus and trusting Him with our future.

Through prayer and discernment, I have felt a strong call to the priesthood. I am deeply thankful for every prayer and every person who has supported on this journey.

Thank you to my family, Fr. Ramos, and everyone whose generosity made this trip possible. Most of all, thank you Lord Jesus Christ for continuing to guide my life. Verso l'alto - to the heights.

God bless you all.

With gratitude and joy,
Oswaldo Guadiana-Orozco

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 Western Rites of the Catholic Church

LATIN / ROMAN:

The Catholic Church does not claim Jesus explicitly instructed Peter to establish the "Roman Catholic Church" as a named institution. Instead, it teaches that Christ gave Peter a foundational role, as seen in *Matthew 16:18-19 and other scriptures. This role included authority to govern and unify the Church. Peter's leadership, martyrdom in Rome, and the Church's historical development under the Holy Spirit led to the Roman Catholic Church's structure. The papacy, as Peter's succession, continues to serve the Church's universal mission. The Church's teachings, rooted in scripture and tradition, affirm this understanding (CCC 881-882). The Roman center is a practical expression of Peter's role, not its essence. The Church remains focused on its mission to proclaim Christ to all nations. This mission, entrusted to Peter, defines its identity. The Catholic answer is thus one of continuity, guided by Christ's words and the Spirit's presence.*

Read more at: <https://www.thecatholicanswers.com/?p=1605>

The ordinary form of liturgy in the Latin/Roman Rite traces its origins to the first centuries of Christianity in Rome. It developed in Latin and, in essence, has remained intact since at least the 4th century. It follows the Missal of Pope St. Pius V (1566-1572). Over the centuries, she has developed several Catholic rites, the most widespread being the Roman Rite. Historically, there were numerous local variants of the Roman Rite across the West. After the Council of Trent (1545–1563), Pope St. Pius V, through the Apostolic Constitution *Quo Primum* (1570), *standardized the liturgy, making the Roman Rite the norm for the Latin Church. Exceptions were allowed only for liturgical traditions with over 200 years of continuous usage.*

Readings for the week of February 1, 2026

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a
Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Observances for the week of February 1, 2026

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life
Tuesday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
Thursday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Friday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day

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.