



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



Fifth 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

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Mrs. Kelly Floyd

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Parish Office

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 Mon - Thurs | 9 AM - 12 PM
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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
- 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

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 8**
8:00 AM
10:30 AM
12:30 PM @St. Anthony's in Challenge
- Monday, February 9**
8:30 AM
- Tuesday, February 10**
4:00 PM Confession and Adoration
6:00 PM Bilingual Mass
- Wednesday, February 11**
8:30 AM
- Thursday, February 12**
8:30 AM
- Friday, February 13**
8:30 AM Mass
9:00-11:00 AM Adoration
- Saturday, February 14**
5:30 PM English
7:00 PM Spanish
- Sunday, February 15**
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

Meeting Reminder

The Altar Society meets this Tuesday February 10th at 11:00 in the church library. All are welcome.

Lenten Penance Services

March 10- St. John's in Chico
March 11- St. Isidore's in Yuba City
March 12- Our Lady of Lourdes Colusa
March 17- St. Thomas in Oroville
March 18- St. Joseph's in Marysville
March 19- Sacred Heart in Gridley
March 24- St. Dominic's in Orland
March 25- St. Thomas More Paradise
March 31- Holy Cross in Arbuckle.
All Penance Services will be at 6 PM

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!

KofC Scholarships Due

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 Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church

Holy Church has five major families of Eastern rites: Alexandrian, Antiochian, Byzantine, Chaldean, and the Armenian Rite.

ALEXANDRIAN/COPTIC:

The Alexandrian Rite represents one of the oldest continuous liturgical traditions in Christianity, offering insights into early Christian worship practices and theology. Founded according to the constant tradition of both East and West by St. Mark the Evangelist, it was the center from which Christianity spread throughout all Egypt. This rite became known as the Coptic rite because Copt is the Arabic and Greek word for Egyptian. Before the Moslem invasion in 641 the Copts fell into heresy due to their rejection of the Council of Chalcedon (451).

Through missionary work, some of these were brought back into union in recent years. Today there exists in Egypt the Coptic rite which is Orthodox and the Coptic rite that is loyal to the Bishop of Rome.

A PIECE OF HISTORY:

Monasticism was born in Egypt and was instrumental in the formation of the Coptic Church's character of submission and humbleness, thanks to the teachings and writings of the Great Fathers of Egypt's Deserts. Monasticism started in the last years of the third century and flourished in the fourth century. Saint Anthony, the world's first Christian monk was a Copt from Upper Egypt. Saint Pachomius, who established the rules of monasticism, was a Copt. And, Saint Paul of Thebes, the world's first anchorite (hermit) was also a Copt. By the end of the fourth century, there were hundreds of monasteries, and thousands of cells and caves scattered throughout the Egyptian hills. Many of these monasteries are still flourishing and have new vocations till this day. All Christian monasticism stems, either directly or indirectly, from the Egyptian example.

<https://www.catholic.com/encyclopedia/church-of-alexandria-the>

NOTE: The Church at Alexandria was the first indigenous church, 600-years before Islam.

Readings for the week of February 8, 2026

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Observances for the week of February 8, 2026

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day
Tuesday: St. Scholastica, Virgin
Wednesday: Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Valentine's Day
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time