



# 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)



## Sixth 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  
[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

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Oroville, CA 95965  
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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
- 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  
CALENDARIO LITURGICO**

**Sunday, February 15**  
8:00 AM  
10:30 AM  
12:30 PM @St. Anthony's in Challenge

**Monday, February 16**  
8:30 AM

**Tuesday, February 17**  
11 AM—Burning of Palms  
4:00 PM Confession and Adoration  
6:00 PM Bilingual Mass

**ASH Wednesday, February 18**  
8:30 AM—Mass  
12PM— Imposition of ashes  
12:30— Mass in Challenge  
6 PM—Bilingual

**Thursday, February 19**  
8:30 AM

**Friday, February 20**  
8:30 AM Mass  
9:00-11:00 AM Adoration  
6 PM—Soup & Stations

**Saturday, February 21**  
5:30 PM English  
7:00 PM Spanish

**Sunday, February 22**  
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?**  
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We can help.*  
**The Gabriel Project**  
Call: 800-910-0191

## 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 everyone...you all made it a success in peaceful cooperation.

## 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

## 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](mailto:connieandjim4@gmail.com).

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

### ANTIOCHIAN / WEST SYRIAN / MARONITE

The Antiochene rite is sometimes called the West Syrian rite to distinguish it from the Chaldean, or East Syrian, rite. The Antiochene (Antioch) rite, which served as the earliest model for almost all Eastern rites, originated in the patriarchate of Antioch and later generated the Byzantine and Alexandrian rites. Probably the most interesting thing about the Maronite Catholic Church is that it is one of only two Eastern Catholic Churches that have never broken communion with the Pope in Rome. Thus, the Maronite Catholic Church has no counterpart in the Oriental or Eastern Orthodox Churches. The Syriac Catholic Church is another patriarchal *sui iuris Church that traces its lineage all the way back to St. Peter. Just like the Maronite Catholics, Syriac Catholics recognize their first patriarch as St. Peter. Both have Antiochene heritage, the Antiochene Rite is the Liturgy of St. James of Jerusalem*

### WHO IS SAINT JAMES OF JERUSALEM?

Saint James the Less, Saint James the Just, Saint James the first Bishop of Jerusalem, Saint James the author of first Catholic Epistle, Saint James the son of Alphaeus of Cleophas. His mother Mary was either a sister or a close relative of the Blessed Virgin, and for that reason, according to Jewish custom, he was sometimes called the brother of the Lord.

Saint James the Less was called "the Just" because he didn't just hear God's Word, he did it. His life of prayer and holiness flowed into action, and that's exactly what he teaches us. "Be doers of the word, and not just hearers, only deceiving yourselves." (James 1:22).

Saint James warns us vividly about the destructive power of gossip; "Consider how small a fire can set a huge forest ablaze. The tongue is also a fire. It exists among our members as a world of malice, defiling the whole body and setting the entire course of our lives on fire, itself set on fire by Gehenna. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. This need not be so, my brothers." (James 3:6-10)

James the Less — School of Faith

<https://www.compellingtruth.org/church-at-Antioch.html>

<https://www.catholic365.com/article/4650/intro-to-the-eastern-catholic-churches-part-v-the-antiochene-rite.html>

### Readings for the week of February 15, 2026

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

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

Wed:Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

### Observances for the week of February 15, 2026

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Presidents' Day

Tuesday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

Saturday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent