



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



Third 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
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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

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 Phone: 530-533-0262
 Mon - Thurs | 9 AM - 12 PM
 Fridays | 9AM - 2PM

School Office

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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

Schedule Information

Tuesday evening masses on March 10, 17, and 24 are cancelled so that Father can assist with Penance Services. At St. Thomas, we have our Penance Service on Tuesday, March 17 at 6:00 PM. The Holy Hour of Prayer for Vocations will be cancelled for February and March. It will resume the last Thursday in April at 6 PM.

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

- 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
- March 23-- St. Monica Willows
- March 24--St. Dominic's in Orland
- March 25-- St. Thomas More in Paradise
- March 30— Arbuckle at 6:30

All Penance Services will be at 6 PM unless otherwise note



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 8**
8:00 AM
10:30 AM
12:30 PM @St. Anthony's in Challenge
- Monday, March 9**
8:30 AM
- Tuesday, March 10**
9:00 AM Stations
- Wednesday, March 11**
8:30 AM—Mass
- Thursday, March 12**
8:30 AM
- Friday, March 13**
8:30 AM Mass
9:00-11:00 AM Adoration
6 PM—Soup & Stations
- Saturday, March 14**
5:30 Corned Beef Dinner
5:30 PM English
7:00 PM Spanish
- Sunday, March 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



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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

K of C and CLRS Scholarships Due

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

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

ARMENIAN:

Armenia is an ancient nation and the first nation to ever make
Christianity the official state religion – back in AD 301. (By way of
contrast, Constantine declared religious tolerance throughout the Roman
empire in AD 313 - the Roman Empire made Christianity its official state
religion in AD 380).

The Armenian Church has its origins in the Age of the Apostles.
Historical evidence shows that two of Jesus' disciples, St. Bartholomew
and St. Thaddeus, preached Christianity in Armenia as early as the latter
half of the first century. They used the Antiochine liturgy of St. James said
in the Armenian language. For almost three hundred years, Christians in
Armenia had to keep their faith a secret due to oppression from Persia and
the pagan Roman Empire from the 1st to the early 4th centuries AD

The Armenians also fell into heresy after the Council of Chalcedon.
The Council of Florence in 1439 declared reunion with the Armenians, and
Pope Benedict XIV confirmed the first Patriarch in 1742.

The Armenian Catholic Church has produced some wonderful saints
for the entire universal Catholic Church to venerate and imitate. Perhaps the
greatest of the Armenian Catholic saints would be St. Gregory of Narek. On
April 12, 2015, the 100th anniversary of the Armenian genocide in the
Ottoman Empire, Pope Francis proclaimed St. Gregory of Narek, priest,
monk, poet, and saint of the Armenian Apostolic Church, to be a Doctor of
the Catholic Church. Already referenced in the Catechism of the Catholic
Church for his hymns and prayers to the Mother of God, St. Gregory (feast
day: Feb. 27) is also referenced by St. John Paul II in *Redemptoris Mater*
for his poems pertaining to the Incarnation and the Blessed Virgin. In 2016,
at an Ecumenical Meeting and Prayer for Peace in Armenia, Pope Francis
also called St. Gregory a "Doctor of Peace."

<https://armenian-history.com/culture/armenian-church/>

<https://www.catholicsandcultures.org/eastern-catholic-churches/armenian-catholic-church>

<https://catholicmasstimes.com/the-spiritual-richness-of-the-armenian-ri>

<https://www.catholic365.com/article/4358/intro-to-the-eastern-catholic-churches-part-ii-the-armenian-rite.htmlte/>

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.