



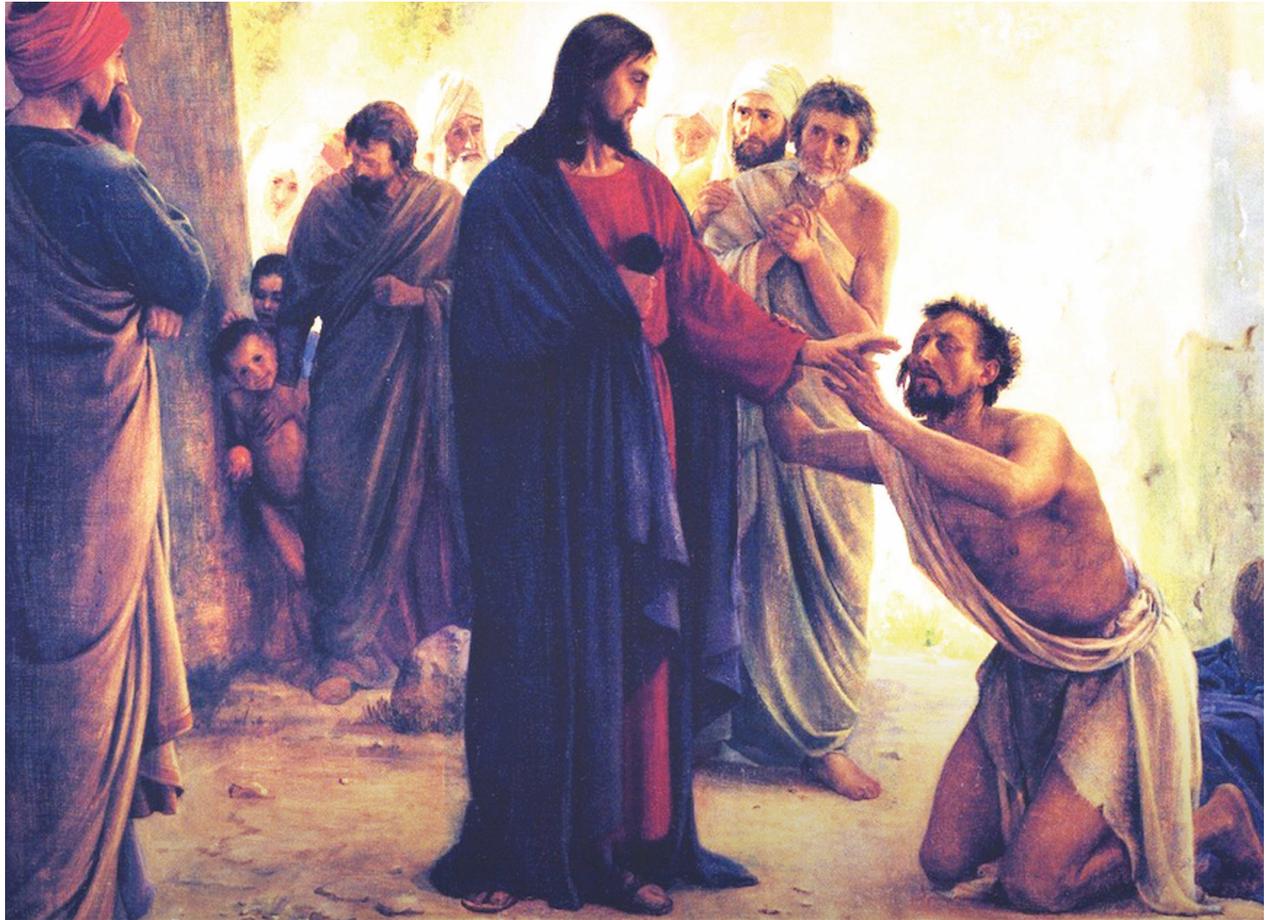
Saint Thomas the Apostle CATHOLIC PARISH

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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 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

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

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 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 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 15
 8:00 AM
 10:30 AM
 12:30 PM @St. Anthony's in
 Challenge
Monday, March 16
 8:30 AM
Tuesday, March 17
 9:00 AM Stations
Wednesday, March 18
 8:30 AM—Mass
Thursday, March 19
 8:30 AM
Friday, March 20
 8:30 AM Mass
 9:00-11:00 AM Adoration
 6 PM—Soup & Stations
Saturday, March 21
 5:30 PM English
 7:00 PM Spanish
Sunday, March 22
 8:00AM
 10:30 AM
 12:30 PM @St. Anthony's in
 Challenge

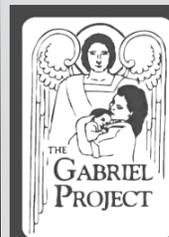
Rosary: St. Thomas after the 8:30
 AM Mass during
 weekdays, and after the
 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
 Sunday Masses

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



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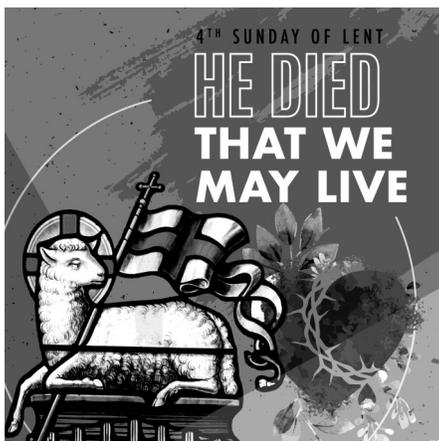
New Online Giving QR Code

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



The Pastors Voice Tithing - An act of worship. An act of stewardship.

Tithing is an act of worship, of sacrifice, of love and trust. It takes faith to tithe. To believe that God will take care us even when we give to the Church and the needy.

The word *tithe* comes from an Old English word meaning a “tenth part.” It refers to the biblical exhortation to return to God 10 percent of God’s gifts. In the Old Testament we read the words of the patriarch Jacob: *This stone that I have set up as a sacred pillar will be the house of God. Of everything you give me, I will return a tenth part to you without fail.* (Gen. 28:22). While there is no mention of tithing in the New Testament, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* expresses: *“The faithful . . . have the duty of providing for the material needs of the church, each according to his abilities.”*

Everyone has a responsibility to answer the call to mission and to develop the gifts she or he has been given by sharing them in the family, the workplace, the civic community, and the parish or diocese. One very important decision and ancient manner of answering the call to mission and sharing one’s gifts, is through the tithe.

So what is tithing? Tithing, the setting aside a tenth of one’s income to return to the Lord, is a very ancient practice of worship. It was established in the Old Testament five centuries before the Law of Moses, by Abraham and a mysterious man named Melchizedek (Genesis 14: 18-20). Originally a tithe was given in the form of produce or livestock but as society shifted from a barter-based system of trade to a monetary exchange system, the tithe began to be paid in currency.

How one tithed was not as important as understanding, a tithe is part of one’s grateful response to a generous God. For a tithe was not given based on the needs of the priests, Temple, or the poor it was given in recognition and gratitude for the blessings God had bestowed. Thus, every believer had a need to tithe to God, and it was first and foremost an act of worship, not merely a duty.

“Stewardship is an expression of discipleship, with the power to change how we understand and live out our lives. Disciples who practice stewardship recognize God as the origin of life, the giver of freedom, the source of all they have and are and will be . . . They know themselves to be recipients and caretakers of God’s many gifts. They are grateful for what they have received and eager to cultivate their gifts out of love for God and one another.”

- United States Bishops Pastoral Letter on Stewardship

Readings for the week of March 15, 2026

- Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
- Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
- Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
- Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent
- Tuesday: St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick’s Day
- Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent