



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



Fifth 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

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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
- 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 mass on
 March 24 is cancelled so that Father
 can assist with Penance Services.

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 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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 Worried?
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New Online Giving QR Code

Service for Seniors

If you are a senior, and think you could use some assistance around the house, need a ride to an appointment, ETC, please contact David Christian at (408) 921-9005 or Patty Webber-Smith at (530) 370-0982 And we will do our best to take care of you. We look forward to talking!

Services for Seniors is also looking for volunteers to either make a home visit or a phone visit to brighten up both of your days!

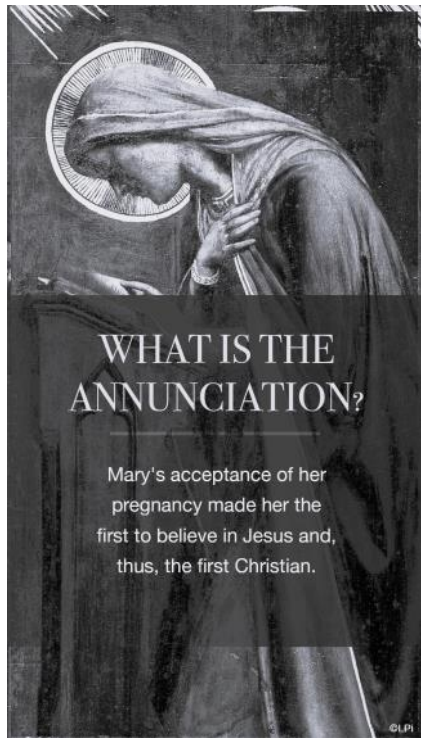
The Pastors Voice The Church’s Tradition on Tithing

The New Catholic Encyclopedia says, “The payment of tithes was adopted from the Old Law, and early writers speak of it as a divine ordinance and an obligation of conscience. The earliest positive legislation on the subject seems to be contained in the letter of the bishops assembled at Tours in 567 and the canons of the Council of Macon in 585.” By the 8th century, Charlemagne made tithing to the Church a civil law. The Council of Trent (1545-1563) also reiterated the call to tithe.

The Church’s Code of Canon Law teaches: “The Christian faithful are obliged to assist with the needs of the Church so that the Church has what is necessary for divine worship, for apostolic works and works of charity and for the decent sustenance of ministers. They are also obliged to promote social justice and ... to assist the poor from their own resources” (Canon 222).

While tithing is not a doctrine of the Church, it is a respected “lower case” tradition. After all, the Old Testament is part of Catholic teaching. Admittedly, the tithe was part of Mosaic Law and is not an obligation under the New Law. Yet, as St. Thomas Aquinas noted, the tithe in some manner flows from natural law.

We gratefully recognize and receive everything as belonging to God. He made the world and all within it. He made us and blessed us with absolutely every gift we have. Our lives, our families, our health, our education, our unique talents and skills, our job and our income are all blessings from God, entrusted into our care for the good of all peoples. Thus, when we tithe we are returning 10% of something that ultimately 100% belongs to God anyway. But this giving back is an act of worship and trust in our generous and abundant God who wants us to keep and enjoy 90% of all His blessings.



Readings for the week of March 22, 2026

- 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
- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
- Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Observances for the week of March 22, 2026

- Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent
- Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
- Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord
- Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins