



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



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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

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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 -John Ritter
- The Monsen -Margaret
- Family Carnahan
- Joan Briggs -Patricia Laird
- Jimmy Potestio -Julie Silveira
- Patty Webber- -Daniel Briggs
- Smith -Jeffery Spoor
- Jane Frericks -Kana McCauley
- Ray Firpo -John Plemmons
- Jose Lopez -Frank Clanton
- Pamela Stair -Thomas
- Kayhli & Kelsie Edward Winter
- Ann & Russ -Jodi Williams
- Lewis -John Miller
- Jose Ignacio -Claudia Goebel
- Ramirez- -Mason Ray
- Gutierrez -Tina Molinaro
- Williams -Ann Bruggeman

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 29

Usual mass times Sat-Sun.
Palms will be blessed and distributed at all masses.

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 2

no morning mass.
Bilingual Mass of the Last Supper
at 7:00 PM followed by Adoration through the night.

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 3

no morning mass.
Bilingual Good Friday Service
at 3:00 PM in Oroville
followed by Stations of the Cross.
(no 6:00 Soup and Stations)
Good Friday Service
at 12:30 PM in Challenge
followed by Stations.

EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, April 4

Bilingual Mass
from 8:00 PM to appx. 11:00 PM
including Baptism and Confirmation.

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 5

Oroville— English
8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Challenge
12:30 PM

Oroville— Spanish
1:00 PM



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, March 29 PALM SUNDAY

8:00 AM
10:30 AM
12:30 PM @St. Anthony's in Challenge

Monday, March 30

8:30 AM

Tuesday, March 31

9:00 AM

Wednesday, April 1

8:30 AM

Thursday, April 2, HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 PM—Bilingual Mass
Followed by Adoration

Friday, April 3, GOOD FRIDAY

12:30 PM—Challenge
3:00 PM—Bilingual Mass
Followed by Stations

Sat., April 4, HOLY SATURDAY

8-11 PM appx.
Bilingual Mass

Sunday, April 5, EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 AM
10:30 AM
12:30 PM @St. Anthony's in Challenge
1:00 PM Oroville—Spanish

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



The Holy Hour of Prayer for Vocations...

...will resume the last Thursday in April at 6 PM.

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!

Walk for Life

Life is a gift from God. He breathes life into each of us and plans our days.

Yet there are women in unplanned pregnancies who cannot see beyond the fear and confusion of the moment.

Caring for Women Center seeks to reach out to these women to give them the hope needed to see a future of life for their child.

Help us to continue to reach out and give hope by participating in the 32nd annual Walk for Life, Saturday AM, May 2nd, at the Oroville Dam.

Pick up a walk brochure from your church team leader, or contact Caring for Women Center at 2362 Lincoln St in Oroville, 50 East Gridley Road, Suite A in Gridley, call 533-8388 or email us @ caringforwomenevents@gmail.com a

If you cannot be there on May 2nd, you can still participate. Collect sponsors, turn in your walk brochure, and walk any day convenient for you.

You can still be part of this great fundraiser! You can make a difference!!

The Pastors Voice Tithing Vs. Fundraising

Tithing is a regular, consistent, and recurring action. Fundraising is usually episodic or event-based.

Why can't my parish and diocese just ask for my support when it has special needs? Some parishes and dioceses function in this way, but this leads to endless fundraising activities and ever-increasing needs of the Church. There is never an end to the ministry the Church could do, if it had the funds. Without consistent tithes given freely each Sunday, a parish or diocese must appeal for funding for every activity or ministry it wishes to undertake. Parishioners grow tired of the constant talk about the need of money and the demands on their time this kind of approach takes. In doing so, are we turning our Father's house into a marketplace? Are we in danger of this when we resort to constant sales and gimmicky fundraising activities rather than simply asking all parishioners to bring their sacrificial, proportionate, and generous tithe to God's altar first?

When God introduced the concept of tithing in the Old Testament he told the Israelites this contribution was necessary from them to support the work of the Levites (priests) and the poor in the community. Today our church still needs our support to pay the expenses and financial obligations it incurs as it operates in a commercial society. Salaries, benefits, insurance, maintenance, utilities and more are all expenses that didn't even exist when our Lord first decreed that each of us was to give back a percentage of what we have. Additionally we are still called to care for the poor among us. While there is a place for fund raising, it will never be the cure all to meet our obligations to God and each other as described in Sacred Scripture – while at the same time meeting the obligations imposed by life in a commercial society.

It is God who blessed us with gifts to share. It is God to whom we are returning a portion of these blessings as an act of worship and faith. It is God to whom we will one day give an accounting of how well we used and shared gifts with others.

Readings for the week of March 29, 2026

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

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2 and 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17 and 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: *Easter Vigil*: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/ Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/

Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/

Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/

Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/

Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-

28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9

or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35