



# 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)



## Nineteenth 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

1380 Bird Street  
Oroville, CA 95965

Phone: 530-534-6969

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

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

**K of C RAFFLE**

The Knights of Columbus is holding a RAFFLE to pay for materials used to remodel the school QUAD Area over the summer. The work included repairing the sprinkler system, repairing rails on the stage, repairing broken sidewalk, some new plantings and removing and replacing the grass area.

TICKETS are \$5ea Or \$20 for 5.

The PRIZES are: 1st= \$1,000, 2nd = \$100, and 3rd= \$100.

The Drawing will be on SUNDAY Sept. 20th at our PANCAKE BREAKFAST. Contact Jim Cupido for Tickets @ 530-533-5599 or get them before or after MASSES

**THE NEED IS GREAT!**

Please consider volunteering as a Reader or Eucharistic Minister. Training will be provided. Several of our current ministers have had to step back from ministry for health reasons or because they are moving away. Couples can be scheduled for the same mass, one as a reader, one as a Eucharistic Minister. Talk to Father, Mary Haloski, or Martha in the Parish office to learn more. If you served in ministry a while back, but quit, maybe it's time you returned.



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, August 9**

10:30 AM

12:30 PM @St. Anthony's in Challenge

**Monday, August 10**

8:30 AM

**Tuesday, August 11- cancelled**

~~4:00-5:30 PM Confession & Adoration~~

~~6:00 PM Bilingual Mass~~

**Wednesday, August 12**

8:30 AM

**Thursday, August 13**

8:30 AM

**Friday, August 14**

8:30 AM

Followed by Adoration

**Saturday, August 15**

5:30 PM English

7:00 PM Spanish

**Sunday, August 16**

8:00 AM

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?  
Need Help?**

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We can help.*

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## Faith Formation Update

Faith Formation classes begin on **Sunday, September 13**, at 9 AM outside the Community Center.

Registration will be held on **Sundays through August 30th** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Community Center.

## Ministry Days 2026

You're invited to Ministry Days 2026, the largest gathering of Catholic ministry leaders and volunteers in the Diocese of Sacramento on Saturday, September 26, 2026. This year, the day focuses on mental health and challenges us all to encounter the Sacred Heart of Jesus as the ultimate source of mercy and healing. Enjoy a great day of networking, prayer and fellowship as we discuss new ways to serve families as they navigate the complexities of mental health. Tickets are on sale now at [ministrydays.com](http://ministrydays.com).

## 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 Pastor's Voice Is the Catholic Church Truly Holy?

### The Call to Personal Holiness

The Church's holiness extends to its members, who are called to be "perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). This universal call to holiness, emphasized at Vatican II, invites all Catholics to pursue sanctity in daily life. The CCC teaches that holiness is not reserved for clergy or religious but is the vocation of every baptized person (CCC 825). Critics sometimes perceive the Church as imposing unattainable standards, but its teachings aim to guide, not condemn. Spiritual practices, such as prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, foster personal growth in holiness. The Church provides resources like retreats, spiritual direction, and catechesis to support this journey. Misconceptions arise when holiness is seen as elitist, yet the Church insists it is accessible to all. The lives of ordinary Catholics, striving for virtue, reflect the Church's sanctifying influence. This call to holiness bridges the divine and human elements of the Church. It is a dynamic invitation to live in communion with God.

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### Readings for the week of August 9, 2026

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33  
Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26  
Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20  
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21-19:1  
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12  
Saturday: **Vigil:** 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 **Day:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56  
Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

### Observances for the week of August 9, 2026

Sunday: 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr  
Tuesday: St. Clare, Virgin  
Wednesday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious  
Thursday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs  
Friday: St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr  
Saturday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Next Sunday: 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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There is no danger if our prayer is without words or reflection because the good success of prayer depends neither on words nor on study. It depends upon the simple raising of our minds to God.  
- Saint Jane Frances de Chantal (c. 1572 – 1641)