



# 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)



## Eighteenth 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://orovillecatholic.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        |

## CLRS Rummage Sale

This weekend!!!

Saturday, August 1 from 8a to 2p and  
Sunday, August 2 from 8a to 12p

Find your treasures in the  
Community Center!

Donations (as the spring cleaning continues) will be accepted on  
July 31 from 9 to 2. Questions??  
Irene 532-712-1417

## 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.

## 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 2

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

### Monday, August 3

8:30 AM

### Tuesday, August 4- cancelled

~~4:00-5:30 PM Confession~~  
~~& Adoration~~  
~~6:00 PM Bilingual Mass~~

### Wednesday, August 5

8:30 AM

### Thursday, August 6

8:30 AM

### Friday, August 7

8:30 AM

Followed by Adoration

### Saturday, August 8

5:30 PM English  
7:00 PM Spanish

### Sunday, August 9

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



**Pregnant?  
Worried?  
Need Help?**

*You are not alone.  
We can help.*

**The Gabriel Project**  
Call: 800-910-0191

## FYI

Father Ramos will be on vacation from July 17 to August 11.

During his absence, Father Steve Borland will be here for daily and weekend masses in July.

In August, Father McNamee, a Jesuit from Ireland, will be here for weekend masses and confessions only. Deacon Tom will preside at services of Liturgy of the Word with Communion during the week. Tuesday evening confessions and 6:00 mass will be cancelled on August 4 and 11.

## 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 Role of the Magisterium

The Magisterium, the Church's teaching authority, safeguards its holiness by preserving the deposit of faith. Comprising the pope and bishops in union with him, the Magisterium interprets scripture and tradition under the Holy Spirit's guidance. The CCC explains that this authority ensures the faithful transmission of Christ's teachings (CCC 85). Critics sometimes view the Magisterium as rigid or authoritarian, stifling free thought. However, its role is to clarify truth amidst changing cultural norms, promoting holiness through sound doctrine. The Magisterium's pronouncements, such as encyclicals on social justice, reflect the Church's sanctifying mission. Its consistency on core beliefs, despite societal pressures, underscores the Church's divine guidance. Misconceptions about the Magisterium often stem from a misunderstanding of its servant role. By upholding truth, it enables Catholics to live holy lives. This teaching authority is a key pillar of the Church's sanctity.

<https://www.thecatholicanswers.com/?p=1879> / Is the Catholic Church truly holy **Disclaimer:** *This content strives to follow Catholic teachings, but any mistakes are unintentional. For full accuracy, please refer to official sources such as the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Always verify any Bible or Catechism quotes against the original text. To report any errors, please contact the Editor of The Catholic Answers at [editor@thecatholicanswers.com](mailto:editor@thecatholicanswers.com)*

### Readings for the week of August 2, 2026

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21  
Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:22-36  
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14  
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28  
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9  
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28  
Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 17:14-20  
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

### Observances for the week of August 2, 2026

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday:  
Tuesday: St. John Vianney, Priest  
Wednesday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major  
Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord  
Friday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest  
Saturday: St. Dominic, Priest  
Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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There is no sinner in the world, however much at enmity with God, who cannot recover God's grace by recourse to Mary, and by asking her assistance. -Saint Bridget of Sweden (c.1303 – 1373)