



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



Twenty-fourth 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

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://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
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	-Pamela Pritchett
-Jose Lopez	-Frank Clanton
-Pat McCarthy	-Thomas
-Kayhli & Kelsie	Edward Winter
-Ann & Russ	-Jodi Williams
Lewis	-John Miller
-Jose Ignacio	-Claudia Goebel
Ramirez-Gutierrez	-Mason Ray
Williams	-Tina Molinaro
-Fred Zuponcic	-Glen Gabourel

CLRS Coat Drive Fundraiser

Catholic Ladies Relief Society will
be in front of Church on Sept. 12 and
13, and on Sept. 19 and 20, to collect
monetary donations. We are so
pleased with our parish support of
this project. We have been able to
provide up to 180 coats annually for
the children in the Oroville area
including our Saint Thomas
students. If you want to request a
coat for your child, please see the
ladies at the table. For more info,
Margaret Salerno
530-589-9117.
THANK YOU AND
GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS!

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 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, September 13

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

Monday, September 14

8:30 AM

Tuesday, September 15

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

Wednesday, September 16

8:30 AM

Thursday, September 17

8:30 AM

Friday, September 18

8:30 AM
Followed by Adoration

Saturday, September 19

5:30 PM English
7:00 PM Spanish

Sunday, September 20

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

CRAFT ITEMS NEEDED

for the Altar Society and CLRS Holiday Bazaar. Please donate your newly-made crafts as well as gently used Christmas decorations and gift ware. Call Jan Jensen or Seegert to donate.

Faith Formation Update

Faith Formation classes

START TODAY!

Classes meet every

Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the

Community Center.

We are excited to welcome all of our students for a wonderful year of growing in faith!

CALLING ALL LADIES

The Catholic Ladies Relief Society was established on April 18, 1888, in the Sacramento Diocese.

Our local Society #12,

began in 1965, 61 years ago!

All women of Saint Thomas the Apostle are invited to our first meeting of the year on

Sept. 16, in the Parish Office, at 1:00 P.M.

Come join us to learn a little about who we are and what we do.

Any questions:

Mary Seegert 530-589-2986

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.

The Pastor's Voice

Is the Catholic Church Truly Holy?

The Church's Persecution and Martyrdom

The Church's holiness is powerfully witnessed through the persecution and martyrdom of its members. From the early Christians in Rome to modern martyrs in conflict zones, their sacrifices testify to the Church's divine mission. The CCC describes martyrdom as the supreme witness to faith, reflecting Christ's own sacrifice (CCC 2473). Critics sometimes use persecution to argue that the Church is divisive or irrelevant. However, the courage of martyrs, like Maximilian Kolbe, reveals the strength of its convictions. Persecution often strengthens the Church, as seen in its growth under oppressive regimes. The blood of martyrs, as Tertullian wrote, is the seed of the Church. Misconceptions about the Church's weakness ignore its resilience in adversity. By enduring suffering, the Church mirrors Christ's redemptive love. This legacy of martyrdom underscores its sanctity.

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Readings for the week of September 13, 2026

Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Observances for the week of September 13, 2026

Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; *Grandparents' Day*
Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows
Wednesday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Thursday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Friday:
Saturday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Start by doing what is necessary; then do what's possible;
and suddenly you are doing the impossible.
Saint Francis of Assisi – (c. 1181 – 1226)