



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-sixth 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://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	-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

ANIMAL BLESSING

In celebration of the Feast of St.
Francis, there will be a Blessing of
the Animals on Friday, October 2 at
11:00 AM in the St. Thomas School
Quad. All parishioners are invited to
bring your cats, dogs, snakes and
birds for this annual blessing. Please
have the animals caged or otherwise
restrained to minimize the chaos.

CRAFT ITEMS NEEDED

for the Altar Society and CLRS Holi-
day Bazaar. Please donate your new-
ly-made crafts as well as gently used
Christmas decorations and gift ware.

Call Jan Jensen or
Mary Seegert to donate.



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

LITURGICAL CALENDAR CALENDARIO LITURGICO

Sunday, September 27

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

Monday, September 28

8:30 AM

Tuesday, September 29

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

Wednesday, September 30

8:30 AM

Thursday, October 1

8:30 AM

Friday, October 2

8:30 AM
Followed by Adoration
11:00 AM Blessing of the
Animals

Saturday, October 3

5:30 PM English
7:00 PM Spanish

Sunday, October 4

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.*

The Gabriel Project
Call: 800-910-0191

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.

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 HOLY WATER – What it is

Holy water is one of the most familiar and most frequently encountered of all the sacramentals used in Catholic life, and understanding what it is requires understanding both what makes it holy and what the Church intends when she uses it. A sacramental is a sacred sign instituted by the Church to prepare the faithful to receive the grace of the sacraments and to sanctify various circumstances of daily life; the term comes from the same root as “sacrament” and points to the reality that physical, material things can be genuine instruments of God’s grace and blessing (CCC 1677). Holy water is water that a priest or deacon has set apart through a formal act of blessing, calling upon God to make it a sign of His saving love and an instrument of spiritual protection and renewal for all who use it with faith. The water itself does not change its chemical composition when it is blessed. What changes is its spiritual status and purpose: it becomes an outward sign carrying an inward spiritual reality, a material thing ordered entirely toward God and His people in a way that ordinary water is not. Think of it this way: a wedding ring and an identical ring without that significance are made of the same metal, but one carries a meaning and a commitment that the other does not. Holy water carries a meaning, a history, and a spiritual power that ordinary water does not, not because of any magical property but because God has promised to work through the signs and blessings of His Church. The Catechism teaches that sacramentals are holy signs that bear a resemblance to the sacraments, and that through them God’s blessing is directed toward the people, objects, and places that the Church consecrates for His service (CCC 1667). Holy water is the most widely used of all sacramentals, and its presence at the entrance of every Catholic church serves as a constant and accessible reminder of the most fundamental grace a Catholic has received.

For a deeper understanding of this subject -
<https://www.catholicanswers101.com/holy-water-explained-like-youre-five/>

Readings for the week of September 27, 2026

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Observances for the week of September 27, 2026

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

Monday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

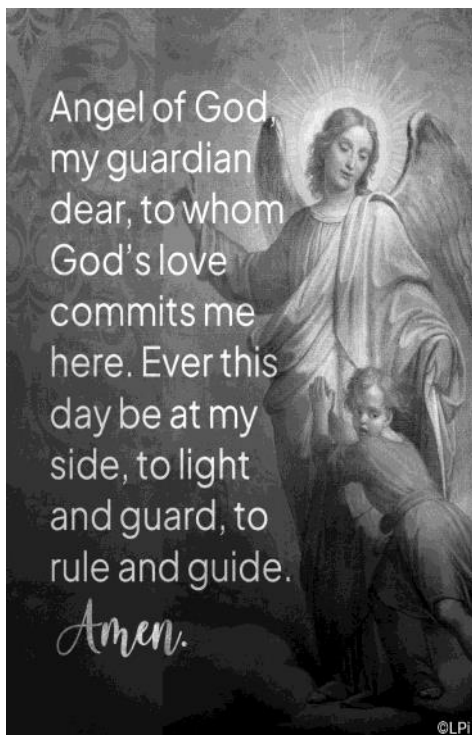
Tuesday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Wednesday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Friday: The Holy Guardian Angels

Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday



Do you always want to have God in your mind? Be just as He made you to be. Do not go seeking another you. Saint Anthony of Padua (c. 1195 – 1231)