



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-ninth 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
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Thomas O'Connell

Deacon

Mrs. Martha Orozco

Parish Secretary

Parish Bookkeeper-call office

Mrs. Kelly Floyd

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Mrs. Tamara Landers

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School Secretary

Parish Office

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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://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 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-Gutierrez	-John Miller
-Williams	-Claudia Goebel
-Fred Zuponcic	-Mason Ray
	-Tina Molinaro
	-Glen Gabourel

Food Bank Drive

On Sunday, November 1, 2026, we begin our collection of non-perishable food for the Salvation Army Food Bank. Please place your items in the cart in the vestibule. CLRS will deliver the food weekly. Feeding the hungry is the first Corporal Work of Mercy. Let us generously walk the talk. This collection will continue through December. Thank you and God Bless you always.

COFFEE HOUR

K of C is cooking up a pancake breakfast! Please stop by and support their ministry.

JOIN US IN PRAYER

During the Month of All Souls, join St. Thomas School in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, followed by the St. Gertrude Prayer.

Tuesdays: November 3, 10 & 17
9:00 AM
St. Thomas Church

Come together in prayer as we remember and honor our loved ones who have gone before us.
Everyone is welcome!



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
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Sunday, October 18
10:30 AM
12:30 PM @St. Anthony's in Challenge

Monday, October 19
8:30 AM

Tuesday, October 20
4:00-5:30 PM Confession & Adoration Cancelled
6:00 PM Bilingual Mass

Wednesday, October 21
8:30 AM

Thursday, October 22
8:30 AM

Friday, October 23
8:30 AM
Followed by Adoration

Saturday, October 24
5:30 PM English
7:00 PM Spanish

Sunday, October 25
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

Dear Friends,

Come along and visit some of the most beautiful places in Europe. Our pilgrimage takes us to the Holy Shrines of Florence, Assisi, Sorrento, Rome and more including a Papal Audience.

Our journey in Italy begins in Rome as we drive along the Autostrada del Sole speedway across the countryside to Florence – the cradle of the Renaissance Era and home of the infamous Medici Family.

From Florence and its historic sites, we will then encounter the tomb of St. Francis in Assisi and touch the walls of Assisi through which St. Francis, St. Clare and other Franciscans

journeyed. As we continue on this spiritual journey, we will drive along the Adriatic Sea to the medieval town of Lanciano then on to San Giovanni Rotondo, the home and burial place of St. Padre Pio. Next, we depart for Monte Sant' Angelo to see the Sanctuary of St. Michael the

Archangel. Our next destination is the picturesque Sorrento and Amalfi Coast where we experience the culture of this area, possibly having the opportunity to cool our feet in the history-laden waters of the Mediterranean Sea. On to Pompeii, where we are confronted by the historical,

archaeological discovery of the ruins of this once thriving city destroyed by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 19 A.D. We will journey back to "Oh Bella Roma" the Beautiful Rome, the Eternal City. There, the treasures of the Vatican Museum and Gallery, the Sistine Chapel and other magnificent churches will excite our senses and fill our spirits. We will tour the Basilica of St. Peter.

No trip to Rome would be complete without exploring Ancient Rome and its legendary Trevi Fountain, the mighty Coliseum, the Catacombs, and attending an audience with Our Holy Father, Pope Leo.

Come and join me in prayer, fellowship and experience Church with our sisters and brothers in Italy. Please look over the brochure and you will see that this 11-day pilgrimage will be a lifelong dream come true.

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Ramos

The Pastor's Voice

HOLY WATER – In the Liturgy

One of the most ancient and beautiful uses of holy water in the Catholic liturgy is the Asperges rite, a ceremony in which the priest sprinkles the congregation with holy water before the celebration of Mass. The name comes from the Latin word "asperges," meaning "you will sprinkle," taken from the opening words of Psalm 51 that traditionally accompany the rite: "You will sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; you will wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow" (Psalm 51:7). The use of hyssop, a plant used for sprinkling in the purification rites of the Old Testament, recalls the ancient practice of ritual purification that prepared the Israelites for worship, and the entire Asperges rite is a liturgical summary of the movement from sin through purification to the worship of the holy God. Before the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, the Asperges was celebrated before the principal Mass on Sundays in all Catholic churches, and in the traditional form of the Roman Rite it is still practiced. In the ordinary form, the rite of blessing and sprinkling of water can replace the penitential act at the beginning of Mass, and it carries the same theological meaning: the community approaches God's altar conscious of their need for purification and confident of His mercy. During the Easter season, a different chant accompanies the rite, the Vidi Aquam, which takes its text from the vision of the river flowing from the Temple in Ezekiel chapter forty-seven: "I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple, and all who were touched by this water were saved" (Ezekiel 47:1-2). The liturgical use of holy water before Mass is therefore not a preparatory ceremony of secondary importance. It is a full and theologically rich act of the entire assembled community, placing themselves before God as people who have been washed in the blood of Christ and who approach His altar with the confidence that His mercy has cleansed them.

For a deeper understanding of this subject -

<https://www.catholicanswers101.com/holy-water-explained-like-youre-five/>

LADIES!

The Altar Society meets the second Tuesday each month and we would love to have you join us. Our next meeting is October 13 at 1:00 PM in the parish office library. Changing altar linens and seasonal colors in the church, tidying the church pews, and organizing receptions for funerals are some of the services we perform in service to our parish community.

Join us in prayer and fellowship.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Shop 'ti you drop! It's happening Saturday, November 7, 9:00AM to 2:00 PM and Sunday, November 8, from 8:30 to Noon in Fitzgerald Hall. There will be hand-made gifts, baked goods, Christmas decorations, giftware items and more, presented by the Catholic Ladies Relief Society and the Altar Society. Raffle Tickets go on sale soon for the gift baskets. Don't miss it!

"To make room in our life for the Eucharistic Lord, so that He can change our life into His, is that asking too much?" St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (c. 1891 to 1942) Martyr and Carmelite Nun (Original name was Edith Stein)