



## Jail Ministry

Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish's response to the call of one of the corporal works of mercy "visiting the prisoners", is through the jail ministry which service the Butte County jail in Oroville and in some circumstances, Glenn County jail in Yuba City.

**If you know of someone in the Butte County jail, please contact the Parish Office weekday mornings at 530-533-0262 with the inmates first and last name, pod designation (A through F, etc.) and bed number, if possible. We will make arrangements to bring the Word, the Good News to them.**

Not everyone is in a position to actually go inside the jail and personally minister to the inmates, however, everyone can keep the prisoners in their prayers. The immediate need, as well as the ongoing need, for the men and the ever-increasing number of women in our jails is for daily prayer. A few that have simply lost their way, and many who have displayed years of criminal behavior populate the jails. All are in need of conversion, and a relationship with God our Father through His Son Jesus the Christ, and that can happen in jail by the Power of the Holy Spirit.

If you feel called to serve inside the jail in any capacity, there is a fairly lengthy application process that includes a full background check through the County and Department of Justice, as well as, references and church authorization. To get an application and help in the process please contact Deacon Tom O'Connell. He will be happy to welcome you and assist you throughout the process.

Please keep the jail ministers in your prayers as well

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