



Our Parish Family includes Saint Thomas, the Apostle Parish, Saint Thomas, the Apostle School and Saint Anthony of Padua Mission Church.



## Fifth Sunday of Easter

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  
Wednesday-Friday: 8:30  
AM

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Mon-Thurs | 9:00 AM - 12:00  
PM

Fridays | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM,  
1:00-3:00 PM

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PARISH INFORMATION / I  
NFORMACIÓN PARROQUIAL  
OFFICE HOURS: TUE—FRI 9:00 AM—  
12:00 PM

**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 required  
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>).

### Announcements

#### Knights of the Columbus Golf Fundraiser

Come one, come all!

The fundraiser has been changed from  
it's original date in May, and will now  
take place on June 3rd, at Table Moun-  
tain Golf Course. Please note the new  
Date. At 8:00 a.m. the event starts with  
a shotgun scramble format. Fun for all!  
There will be prize raffle. Longest  
drive, closest to the pin and putting  
contest. The cost is \$80.00 per person.  
Includes 18 holes, a riding cart, lunch  
and goodie bag.

Entry deadline, May 10, 2023.

For more details call Brother Knights  
Rodger Edmundson (530)-534-5202,  
Jeff Bible (530)-999-3093.

#### Chalice Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus, Oroville  
Council 2603 is conducting a Raffle for  
a new Chalice for our parish! The fund-  
raising drive will be held during the  
months of April thru June with prizes  
being awarded at our Patron Saint  
Feast day celebration on July 1st, 2023.

All proceeds will go towards the pur-  
chase of a new Chalice and Paten. Tick-  
ets are just \$5 and will be sold in front  
of the church after Mass by our brother  
Knights and at the parish and school  
office.

1st prize is \$500, 2nd prize is \$300 and  
3rd prize is \$200. Please pray for the  
success of our raffle drive this season.

#### Spring Bake Sale

The CLRS will be having a Bake and  
Crafts Sale after the masses on Sunday,  
May 14 th . The purpose of the Sale is to  
raise funds to expand their annual  
Coats for Kids Program. This is a good  
opportunity to find goodies for your  
Mothers' Day Brunch or a Mothers' Day  
gift! Please help support our efforts to  
provide warmth to the children of the  
greater Oroville area. Thank you!

#### Deanery Meeting May 18th

Please join us May 18 for an inspira-  
tional day of spiritual renewal and fellow-  
ship. Catholic Ladies Relief Society and  
Altar Society of Oroville will be hosting  
the Deanery Meeting for the Sacramen-  
to Diocesan Council of Catholic Wom-  
en. SDCCW encompasses many of the  
Catholic Women's organizations in our  
Diocese. We strive to "empower and  
educate all Catholic women in spiritual-  
ity, leadership and service, responding  
with Gospel values to the needs of the  
Church and society in the modern  
world".

Come spend time with us as we share  
ideas, prayers, a meal and our faith as  
Catholic Women. There will also be a  
brief presentation by our own Father  
German Ramos.

Thursday, May 18, 2023 St Thomas the  
Apostle Catholic Church, 1330 Bird St.,  
Oroville, Ca.

10:30 Registration.....\$10.

11:00 Mass

12:00 Lunch and Speaker

1:00 Meeting

RSVP to: Maeva (530) 679-0704

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#### A Heartfelt Thank You

During this Easter season, the Altar So-  
ciety wishes to thank those who donat-

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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#### Sunday, May 7

8:00AM

10:30 AM

12:30 AM @St. Anthony's In  
Challenge

#### Monday, May 8

8:30 AM

#### Tuesday, May 9

6:00 PM

#### Wednesday, May 10

8:30 AM

#### Thursday, May 11

8:30 AM

#### Friday, May 12

8:30 AM

#### Saturday, May 13

5:30 PM Vigil

7:00 PM Spanish Vigil

#### Sunday, May 14

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

12:30 AM @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, 8:00 PM



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ed Eaters Lilies for our parish celebration of The Resurrection of Our Lord. Your generosity is very much appreciated. May the joy of the Easter Season remain with you throughout the rest of the year.

### Coffee Hour

Following the 8:00 AM mass, in Fitzgerald Hall, is our Coffee Hour. Be sure to stop by and spend some time catching up with the rest of the St. Thomas Family.

This week, Guadalupana hosts.  
Next week, The CLRS hosts.



## The Pastors Voice

### Our Lady of Guadalupe - "I am your mother"

At dawn, as Juan Diego passed a hill named Tepeyac, he suddenly heard songbirds burst into harmony. Then, a sweet voice called him by name in Náhuatl, his native language: "Juanito, my dear Juan Diego." He followed the sweet voice, and then he saw a glowing figure on the hill.

In that first encounter she said to him in part . . . "*Know and understand well, you the most humble of my sons, that I am the Virgin Holy Mary, Mother of the true God for whom we live, of the creator of all things, Lord of Heaven and earth. I wish that a Temple be erected here quickly, so I may therein exhibit and give all my love, compassion, help, and protection*" She asked him to deliver the message to the Bishop.

The next day, the second encounter with Our Lady, Juan asked her to choose another noble messenger, someone more suitable to deliver her message. Our Lady responded, "*Listen, my little son, be sure that I have many servants and messengers, to whom I must entrust the delivery of my message, and carry my wish, but is of precise detail that you yourself solicit and assist and that through your mediation my wish be complied. I earnestly implore, my son the least, and with sternness I command that you again go tomorrow and see the Bishop.*"

The following day, the third encounter with Our Lady, Juan tells her that the Bishop had ordered him to ask for a sign. Our Lady responded, "Well and good, my little dear, you will return here tomorrow, so you may take to the Bishop the sign he has requested. With this he will believe you, and in this regard he will not doubt you nor will he be suspicious of you."

It was the next day, the fourth encounter with Our Lady that Juan tried to avoid Our Lady by going around the hill in his quest for a priest to deliver the last rites to his uncle. Not to be denied, Our Lady descended the hill, appeared to him and listened to what he had to say – she responded, "Well and good, my little dear, you will return here tomorrow, so you make take to the Bishop the sign he has requested. With this he will believe you, and in this, am I not here who am your mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not the fountain of your joy? Are you not in the fold of my mantle, in the cradle of my arms? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything. Do not be afflicted by the illness of your uncle, who will not die now of it, be assured that he is now cured." She then sent him to the top of the hill to cut roses that would be a signal for the bishop. Immediately Juan Diego climbed the hill, and as he reached the summit, he was amazed that so many varieties of exquisite Castilian roses were blooming. He returned to Mary and she said to him: "My son the least, this diversity of roses is the proof and sign which you will take to the Bishop, you will tell him in my name that he will see in them my wish and that he will have to comply with it.

The Virgin of Guadalupe is the Queen of Mexico, the Patron of the Americas. December 12th is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The miracle of the roses is still manifested in the tilma of Juan, the miracle of the conversion of a nation is evident in the faith of the people of Mexico. In all of this it's easy to miss Our Lady of Guadalupe first introduced herself as the Mother of God and the mother of all humanity when she appeared on the hill of Tepeyac in Mexico in 1531

### Please Remember in Your Prayers

Frank Clanton	Ramirez
Thomas Edward	Jose Ignacio
Winter	Ramirez-Gutierrez
Ann Lewis (Loseke)	Jodi Williams
Alan Armstrong	Mason Ray
The Monsen Family	Williams
Victor and Joan	John Ritter
Briggs	Margaret Carnahan
Jimmy Potestio	Patricia Laird
Patty Webber-	Tyler Remi
Smith	Elizabeth Whalley
Jane Frericks	Julie Silveira
Ray Firpo	
Jose Ignacio	

### Prayer of Saint Pope John Paul the II to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Grant peace, justice and prosperity to our peoples; for we entrust to your care all that we have and all that we are, our Lady and Mother. We wish to be entirely yours and to walk with you along the way of complete faithfulness to Jesus Christ in His Church; hold us always with your loving hand.