



# 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.



## Sixth 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

**Fr. German Ramos**  
Parochial Administrator  
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**Thomas O'Connell**  
Deacon

**Shirlee Ohls-Morris**  
Parish Bookkeeper

**Mrs. Kelly Floyd**  
School Principal

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School Bookkeeper

**Mrs. Kattie May**  
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**Parish Office**  
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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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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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#### The Scholarship Recipient Is...

Knights of Columbus Council 2603  
would like to announce this year's re-

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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#### Sunday, May 14

8:00AM

10:30 AM

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

#### Monday, May 15

8:30 AM

#### Tuesday, May 16

6:00 PM

#### Wednesday, May 17

8:30 AM

#### Thursday, May 18

8:30 AM

#### Friday, May 19

8:30 AM

#### Saturday, May 20

5:30 PM Vigil

7:00 PM Spanish Vigil

#### Sunday, May 21

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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recipient of the 23th Annual Joseph C. Ghianda Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00. Congratulations to Daisy Rodriguez-Soria of Las Plumas H.S. and daughter of Rosalia & Ubaldo Rodriguez. Daisy plans to attend Chico State University majoring in nursing. She also will be a First Generation College Student of her family! She was awarded her scholarship on May 17th at LPHS awards program for graduating senior students. Our prayers and best wishes to Daisy in all her further endeavors.

### 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, the CLRS hosts.

Next week, is the Knights of Columbus Breakfast after 8am Mass Sunday May 21st. Adults are \$7 and children 5-12 are \$4. This month's breakfast will include Eggs, Potatoes, Pancakes and Sausage and a May Day Adult beverage. Stop by and meet other parishioners.

### 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-Smith	Tyler Remi
	Elizabeth Whalley
Jane Frericks	Julie Silveira
Ray Firpo	
Jose Ignacio	

## The Pastors Voice

Our Lady of Lourdes – The Immaculate Conception

From the ENCYCLICAL OF POPE PIUS XII on July 2, 1957: warning against materialism on the centenary of the apparitions of Lourdes to the Cardinals, Archbishops, and Bishops of France in peace and communion with the Apostolic See: *“In a society which is barely conscious of the ills which assail it, which conceals its miseries and injustices beneath a prosperous, glittering, and trouble-free exterior, the Immaculate Virgin, whom sin has never touched, manifests herself to an innocent child. With a mother’s compassion she looks upon this world redeemed by her Son’s blood, where sin accomplishes so much ruin daily, and three times makes her urgent appeal: “Penance, penance, penance!” She even appeals for outward expressions: “Go kiss the earth in penance for sinners.” And to this gesture must be added a prayer: “Pray to God for sinners.” “As in the days of John the Baptist, as at the start of Jesus’ ministry, this command, strong and rigorous, shows men the way which leads back to God: “Repent!” Who would dare to say that this appeal for the conversion of hearts is untimely today?”*

**AS the Lady of Lourdes said to Bernadette so today she says to us.**

**“Would you do me the favor of coming here. “** Bernadette said, Yes, so should we. And lady said: **“I don’t promise to make you happy in this world, but in the other”.** We are not asked to suffer on the earth with resignation to finally get happiness beyond death. The other world begins here and now: It is already hell for those who sink into egoism. For those who open their hearts to love, paradise has already begun. **“Penance, Penance, Penance!”** To do penance is to let oneself be drawn along the way of solidarity. We let Jesus change our hearts of stone to let him graft on a heart of flesh, that could suffer from the poverty of the world and so enter into the dynamic of love. **“Go and drink at the spring and wash yourself there.” “Eat some grass which grows there.”** The spring bubbled up through the mud. If each person took the time and had the courage to scrape away the shell of egoism and sins which force us to crawl on hands and knees and eat the grass like the animals each one could experience in the depths of his or her own heart a living coming up from the Heart of Jesus, from the very heart of God: He loved us to the point of coming among us even among our sins and our death. **“Come here in procession and build the Church”** The Church is not the group or club for those who believe in Jesus. It is the poor and weak who are never chosen by the world but whom God mysteriously calls. We become the messengers of mercy. Stay awake! We are already on the road to Lourdes, to take part in the processions. Let our whole life be a pilgrimage, a confident journey to the chapel, or church, the holy city God prepares for us and in which He waits for us. **“I am the Immaculate Conception”** Mary shows us our vocation: Do not be afraid to become saints, open yourselves simply to the love that is offered to you. You will carry love to the world, you will be “mother of God” for the world. Mary is the most perfect creature in the eyes of God, she is also the figure and the Mother of the Church.

**Penance! Pray to God for the conversion of sinners.”**

Immaculate Conception Novena - NOVENA PRAYER

Resource <https://www.virgosacrata.com/our-lady-of-lourdes.html>

### Readings for the week of May 14, 2023

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

*Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

*Seventh Sunday of Easter:* Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/

Jn 17:1-11a