

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.



22nd Sunday in 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 Wednesday-Friday: 8:30

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PARISH INFORMATION / I NFORMACIÓN 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 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:orovillecatholic.org)."

Announcements

Faith Formation Corner

Children in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus and need to encounter good role models of faith. Would you like to grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus? There is a way – we invite you to join the Faith Formation Team.

Contact the Parish Office - 1(530)533-0262

Registration for Faith Formation is after each Mass this week-end in the Community Center.

Classes begin next Sunday - 9AM in the Community Center.

Save the Date: Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 10th, is our parish picnic. Get out and away from the valley heat, by heading up to St. Anthony's in Challenge, 10184 LaPorte Rd. Mass is at 12:30, the picnic starts after, at 1:30 PM. Be sure to bring a few chairs. More details to follow in this hulletin

Parish Picnic

Our Annual Potluck Parish Picnic will be celebrated this year on Sunday, September 24th at 1:30 p.m. in Challenge in the park-like setting of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. Along with bringing a side dish to share (salad, fresh fruit, chips, or dessert, plus serving utensil), please bring your own tableware (dishes & silverware) and your own outdoor chair. The Guadalupana Society will be providing delicious fried chicken for all to enjoy. Water and soda will also be provided. If you wish to attend Mass, it will be at 12:30 p.m. inside St. Anthony Church (seating is limited). So, get out and away from the valley heat by heading up to St. Anthony's Church, 10184 LaPorte Road, Challenge. See you there!!!

Altar Society

Please join the Altar Society for their first meeting after the summer break on Tuesday, September 12, at 1:00 pm in the Church Library. Bring a friend! Ouestions can be directed to Maeva Barickman 530-712-5709.

Coats for Kids

The CLRS is holding their annual Coats for Kids fundraising drive on Sept 17th and 24th after all of the masses. Last year your generosity helped us provide warmth to 108 children in six local schools. We hope to be able to increase our outreach to more schools this year. Some parishioners prefer to buy coats for kids themselves. If it is your desire to do so, the sizes of hooded, water-resistant coats that are most needed every year are medium and large. Please bring coats in by September 17th to the church office, before we begin our purchases of new coats. Thank all of you for your generosity.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR CALENDARIO LITURGICO Sunday, September 3

8:00AM

10:30 AM

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

Monday, September 4

8:30 AM

Tuesday, September 5

6:00 PM

Wednesday, September 6

8:30 AM

Thursday, September 7

8:30 AM

Friday, September 8

8:30 AM

Saturday, September 9

5:30 PM Viail

7:00 PM Spanish Vigil

Sunday, September 10

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



Pregnant? Worried? **Need Help?**

> You are not alone. We can help.

The Gabriel Project Call: 800-910-0191

Please Remember in Your Prayers

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The Pastors Voice

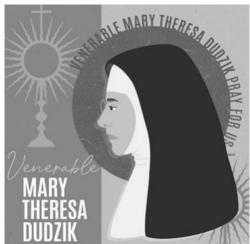
Frank Clanton Jose Ignacio
Thomas Edward Ramirez
Winter Jose Ignacio
Ann Lewis Ramirez
(Loseke) Gutierrez
Alan Armstrong Jodi Williams

The Monsen Mason Ray
Family Williams
Victor and Joan John Ritter

Briggs Margaret
Jimmy Potestio Carnahan
Patty Webber- Patricia Laird

Smith Julie Silveira
Jane Frericks Conner Briggs
Ray Firpo Jeffery Spoor





The Pastors Voice

Art in the Catholic Tradition – stained glass windows

Stained glass windows developed as a theologically important art form, they are omnipresent¹ in churches because they're used to depict Biblical individuals, groups of people, stories, and/or moralizing images. Churchgoers can "use" them to contemplate their faith and apply what they see to their everyday lives.

During the 10th, 11th and 12th centuries Europe saw the construction of many church buildings—grand edifices that would become landmarks in their respective towns and cities. And church leaders at the time were dealing with a mostly illiterate population. Since most of the people couldn't read and write, stained glass windows were put into the "new" church buildings to help tell Bible stories to the laity. These windows served as theological teachers, showing highlights of scripture, from the books of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. These windows were expensive to make and install, such that churches often raised funds from local donors, putting the names of patrons on the bottom of the window or windows they essentially sponsored.

While beauty played an important part in the existence of stained glass windows in churches over the centuries, the more practical, functional reason they became popular was to help point people to God through their Biblical scenes and ideas. Rather than just being mere decorations, these windows had spiritual significance—they were used as tools to teach people about God, about faith and about "the church." Stained glass helped to embed religious ideals literally into the walls of churches!

¹ widely or constantly encountered; common or widespread.

Readings for the week of September 3, 2023

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27 Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Observances for the week of September 3, 2023

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Labor Day

Tuesday: Wednesday: Thursday:

Friday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Peter Claver, Priest

Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day