

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



Transfiguration of the Lord

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

The projected start date for Faith Formation is September 11, 2023, just 7weeks away. And so we pray ... O God, you have made us the church of your Son. Make our parish a family of one heart and mind in love towards you. Grant that as a parish family we never forget:

If we don't teach our children to follow Christ

The world will teach them not to.

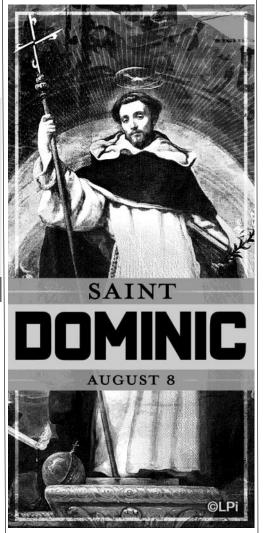
Editor's Note

Your bulletin editor will be travelling out of the country this September, and is looking for someone who is willing to pitch in and help with the bulletin while I am gone. If you're interested, I will help train you.

Please contact Bryan at : stthomasbulletin.oroville@gmail.com or drop a text to 530-403-3786.

Calling All Ministries

Please submit a calendar of meetings, events, and any other reservations you may need for your ministry. We will be coordinating the use of the Parish Office, the Community Center, and Fitzgerald Hall (in conjunction with the school), for 2023-2024. Please drop off your calendar by August 18, 2023. Thank you for everything you do for our Parish Family!!!



Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and de-centered way. Our morality isn't about a heaven or hell scorecard. It's about lives open (or closed) to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Spouses, children, friends, co-workers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on — we are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little. His beauty in us is the center of our faith.

— Father John Muir

LITURGICAL CALENDAR CALENDARIO LITURGICO Sunday, August 6

8:00AM 10:30 AM 12:30 AM @St. Anthony's in Challenge Monday, August 7 8:30 AM Tuesday, August 8 6:00 PM Wednesday, August 9 8:30 AM Thursday, August 10 8:30 AM Friday, August 11 8:30 AM Saturday, August 12 5:30 PM Viail 7:00 PM Spanish Vigil Sunday, August 13 8:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:30 AM @St. Anthony's in Challenge

Rosary: <u>St. Thomas</u>: 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

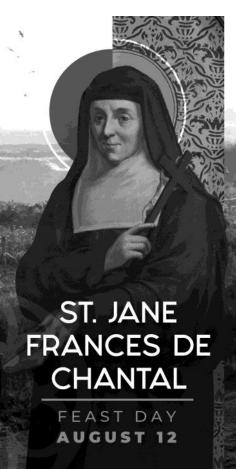
Adoration of the Blessed

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

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Frank Clanton Thomas Edward Winter Ann Lewis (Loseke) Alan Armstrong The Monsen Family Victor and Joan Briggs Jimmy Potestio Patty Webber-Smith Jane Frericks Ray Firpo

Jose Ignacio Ramirez Jose Ignacio Ramirez-Gutierrez Jodi Williams Mason Ray Williams John Ritter Margaret Carnahan Patricia Laird Julie Silveira



The Pastors Voice

Silence in the grand scheme of things Are there health benefits to silence - - science says yes

- Silence has been found to stimulate brain growth: In 2013, a study into brain structure and function found that a minimum of two hours of silence could result in the creation of new brain cells in the area of our brains linked to learning and recall.
- Noise affects our <u>stress</u> levels by raising cortisol and adrenaline. A study in the journal *Heart* in 2006 found that silence can relieve tension in just two minutes.
- Silence is more "relaxing" for your body and brain than listening to music as measured by a lowering of blood pressure and increased blood flow to the brain.
- Periods of silence throughout the day enhance sleep and lessen <u>insomnia</u>. We have all heard advice about "winding down" before bed but few of us apply it to ourselves.
- Research throughout the 20th century has linked noise pollution to an increase in heart disease and tinnitus. The World Health Organization likened it to a "modern plague."
- Lowering sensory input helps us to restore our cognitive resources. We stop feeling overwhelmed.

So silence is golden and also good for our health. **Silence is also necessary to hear the promptings of the Holy Spirit and to receive and preserve grace**. God does not shout. He speaks quietly and softly, in a "still small voice" (1 Kings 19:11-12). The promptings of the Holy Spirit are never heard in busyness and anxious activity, but rather in stillness and quietness of heart. "Be still and know that I am God" psalm 46:10

Readings for the week of August 6, 2023

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Sunday:Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9	
Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt
15:21-28	
Thursday:	2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26
Friday:	Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Observances for the week of August 6, 2023

Sunday: The Transfiguration of the LordMonday:St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, PriestTuesday:St. Dominic, PriestWednesday:St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and MartyrThursday:St. Lawrence, Deacon and MartyrFriday:St. Clare, VirginSaturday:St. Jane Frances de Chantal, ReligiousNext Sunday:19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pregnant? Worried? Need Help?

> You are not alone. We can help.

The Gabriel Project Call: 800-910-0191