



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.



25th 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
AM

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

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1:00-3:00 PM

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PARISH INFORMATION / I
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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

Faith Formation Corner

Faith Formation classes begin today at 9:00am in the Community Center for grades 1-8. There is still time to register. Classes are required for receiving the Sacraments. Pass on the Faith!

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. Antho-

ny's Church, 10184 LaPorte Road, Challenge. See you there!!!

Pet Blessing

The annual Blessing of the Animals will take place this year on Wednesday, October 11, at 11:00 AM in the quad at St. Thomas School. Please have your beloved pets on leashes or in pet carriers for the safety of your pets and other pet owners. Father Ramos will bless all creatures great and small.

Coffee Hour takes place in Fitzgerald Hall (aka the school gym)

Mass Intentions:

If you wish to have your intentions offered up at Mass, you may do so by contacting the Parish Office at 530-533-0262.

Respect Life Workshops Save the Date Oct 13-15, 2023

Dates: October 13-15, 2023 Join us! The Respect Life Workshops is a great opportunity to learn more about the Culture of Life and how to address some concerns in the family and respect life ministries. The workshops are free, donation is accepted. Food will be provided on all days. The talks will be in English but will offer simultaneous translation will be offered upon registration. For more information, visit our webpage: <https://www.scd.org/respectlife> Contact Moises De Leon at: Mdeleon@scd.org or 916-733-0133.

Ministry Series Specialization

Liturgy Series Will start in October. For more information visit: www.scd.org/liturgyseries. Christian Initiation Series starting in September. For more information visit: www.scd.org/initiationseries Questions: Jazmin Ortiz - jortiz@scd.org

Especialización Series de Ministerio - Series de la Liturgia Comenzará en octubre. Para obtener más información, visite: www.scd.org/liturgyseries Ciclo de iniciación cristiana a partir de septiembre. Para más información visite: www.scd.org

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR
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Sunday, September 24

8:00AM

10:30 AM

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

Monday, September 25

8:30 AM

Tuesday, September 26

6:00 PM

Wednesday, September 27

8:30 AM

Thursday, September 28

8:30 AM

Friday, September 29

8:30 AM

Saturday, September 30

5:30 PM Vigil

7:00 PM Spanish Vigil

Sunday, October 1

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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Family	Williams
Victor and Joan	John Ritter
Briggs	Margaret
Jimmy Potestio	Carnahan
Patty Webber-	Patricia Laird
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Ray Firpo	Jeffery Spoor

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The Pastors Voice

Art in the Catholic Tradition – painting

Caravaggio may seem the most unlikely choice to spearhead a public-relations campaign for the Catholic Church. This aggressive, unconventional artist rarely followed rules – whether legal or artistic – and was more frequently under arrest than in Eucharistic adoration. Yet this brilliant painter joined several other “misfit” artist – hypochondriac Barocci, alcoholic Annibale Carracci, gritty Ribera, and scandal-ridden Artemisia Gentileschi – to become the visual arts SWAT team of the Catholic Church in an age of crisis, the post-Reformation era.

As questions of faith took a geopolitical turn toward issues of power, the debate grew increasingly ugly. Violence escalated, dialogue broke down, and brother turned against brother as the wars of religion began. What could calm these storm tossed waters?

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI repeated both as cardinal and a Roman pontiff that “art and the saints are the greatest apologetic for our faith. The Catholic Church of the Counter Reformation relied on this premise as it unleashed a wave of glorious examples of holiness as well as beautiful sacred art in opposition to the ugliness, confusion, betrayal, and loss rampant in that era. Artists, despite their personal obstacles toward sanctification, were recruited to teach, delight, and inspire through their gifts and complement the hallowed lives of saints and events portrayed in Sacred Scripture.

Certainly, the written word, the sacraments, and the power of preaching form the core of the Church’s mission, but art plays a very important role with people who tend to privilege the gift of sight. As in the post-Reformation era, people today are accustomed to understanding and believing through the gift of vision. So in a world where people prefer seeing the movie to reading the book, an artistic movement begun almost five hundred years ago can still aid the Church in her mission today.

<https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/religion-and-philosophy/philosophy/how-catholic-art-saved-the-faith-introduction.html>

Readings for the week of September 24, 2023

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Observances for the week of September 24, 2023

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

Monday:

Tuesday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Thursday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

Friday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Saturday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday