



# 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.



## 27th 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

#### Fr. German Ramos

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**Thomas O'Connell**  
Deacon

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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  
INFORMACIÓN 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://orvillecatholic.org>).

**Announcements**

**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.

**Italian Dinner**

Yes, the Knights of Columbus ITALIAN DINNER is BACK!!! Sat. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Thomas the Apostle School in Fitzgerald Hall, 1330 Bird St. . The doors will open at 5:30pm (with a no host bar) and dinner will be served at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$6 for children 5-12 with children under 5 free. Dinner will include; Antipasto, Ravioli, Italian Sausage, Meatballs, Salad, Bread & Dessert. Tickets are available at Briggs Firestone, Marcozzi's Jewelers, St. Thomas the Apostle School Office and at Masses. For further information regarding the dinner or tickets, contact Jim Cupido @ 530-533-5599

**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.

**Coffee Hour**

Sunday October 8 from 9:00 -10:30 AM hosted by the Parent's Club in Firzgerald Hall.

**Calling All Crafters**

The Altar Society and Relief Society are having their annual Bazaar on November 4-5. We appreciate any and all new and hand crafted items: sewn, needle work, wood work, metal work. Please share your talents with your parish family and help our societies raise money to provide items for the church and to help in the community. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity!

**Eucharistic Camino**

Join us during this year of Eucharistic Revival to ask the Lord to awaken in our hearts a renewed love for Him in the great gift of His Presence in the Eucharist. Each month, a parish in our deanery will host Adoration and Hospitality (STAP will host FEB. 5, 2024). The first several events have been well attended, drawing 300 to 600 pilgrims each! Join us each month on our Eucharistic Camino. The next Camino will be hosted by St. Dominic Parish, Orland on October 27, 2023 with Adoration and Hospitality beginning at 6pm. For more information contact the STAP office (get your passport!). And check out [www.stmparadise.net/eucharist-revival](http://www.stmparadise.net/eucharist-revival)

**Respect Life Workshops**

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 Dcn. Kevin Stasz-kow - [kstasz-kow@scd.org](mailto:kstasz-kow@scd.org)

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR  
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**Sunday, October 8**

8:00AM

10:30 AM

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

**Monday, October 9**

8:30 AM

**Tuesday, October 10**

6:00 PM

**Wednesday, October 11**

8:30 AM

**Thursday, October 12**

8:30 AM

**Friday, October 13**

8:30 AM

**Saturday, October 14**

5:30 PM Vigil

7:00 PM Spanish Vigil

**Sunday, October 15**

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



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| 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  |

## Looking Ahead – Death

*Nothing do men see so commonly as death, and nothing do they forget so easily as death.* All of us have to die: this is one of life's great truths. Sooner or later a day will come when we render an account to our Father God. Our time on earth is a period of trial that God grants us. *For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city which is to come.*

Life is short, time is limited, and *time is our treasure, the "money" with which to buy eternity.* Our days will come to an end, and we'll be judged by our deeds. Nothing on earth has permanent value. *All that this earth can offer us is continually passing away: hardly has pleasure begun than it is already ended.* God will come for us only once. He should find us well prepared to enter happiness without end. We are wayfarers. Therefore while treading firmly on the ground, we should always keep our gaze set firmly on the goal of our journey, on our Father God.

Christ was speaking to the crowd when suddenly he was interrupted by one of the multitude. This man wanted to raise a problem of pressing concern to him: *Teacher, bid my brother divide the inheritance with me.* Jesus takes advantage of the appeal to warn us not to place our trust in material goods: *"Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."* And he told them a parable, saying, *"The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully..."* Jesus vividly describes the rich man's abundance of possessions, with which he could have done so much good. But the man was foolish and set his heart on his riches. *Take your ease, he told himself, eat, drink, be merry. But God said to him, "Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?"*

The lesson is clear: we have to be detached from material possessions, ready to render an account to God whenever he calls us. Nothing we enjoy here will accompany us to the grave.

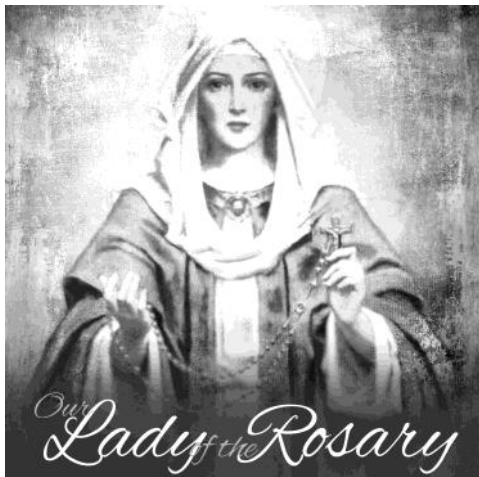
Always live with the knowledge that before God, only our good deeds have any value.

<https://catholicstrivingforholiness.org/an-inspiring-catholic-meditation-on-death/>

## Catechist Corner

A disciple is a friend and follower of Jesus who follows Jesus, worships Jesus, and shares Jesus with others. As Catholic Christians we are all called to discipleship. The life of a disciple can be a challenge and one that we all need to grow in. Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, to you I turn in humble prayer. How can I better follow you today?

Mark your calendar on Sunday October 29 the Youth Ministry of our parish is sponsoring a Trunk or Treat event in the parking lot after 10:30 Mass.



### Readings for the week of October 8, 2023

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| Sunday:      | Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43         |
| Monday:      | Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37   |
| Tuesday:     | Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42  |
| Wednesday:   | Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4  |
| Thursday:    | Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13   |
| Friday:      | Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26                                  |
| Saturday:    | Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28   |
| Next Sunday: | Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/<br>Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10 |

### Observances for the week of October 8, 2023

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| Sunday:      | 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time   |
| Monday:      | Columbus Day; St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs;<br>St. John Leonardi, Priest |
| Tuesday:     |  |
| Wednesday:   | St. John XXIII, Pope   |
| Thursday:    |  |
| Friday:      |  |
| Saturday:    | St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr   |
| Next Sunday: | 28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time   |