



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.



30th 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

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

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 29 from 9:00 -10:30 AM in Fitzgerald Hall is hosted by the Altar Society.

Shop 'til you drop!

On Saturday, November 4th from 9am-2pm and Sunday, November 5th from 9am-noon, visit the Holiday Boutique presented by the Altar Society and The Catholic Ladies Relief Society. The St Thomas gymnasium will be transformed into a one stop shopping experience where you will find housewares, gifts, Christmas décor, handmade crafts, with raffle prizes and more. Please come and support our ladies. All profit goes to help our church, school, and community. Hope to see you there!!!

Harvest Festival

Sunday Oct 29th. From 12pm-2pm. @St. Thomas parking lot. There will be trunk or treat, games, candy, hamburgers and hot dogs. Sponsored by the Youth Ministry and other ministries.

Singers Wanted

Our 10:30 AM Sunday 'High Mass' choir is in need of more voices! You don't have to know how to read music, and "ordinary voices" of all types are welcome! You'll have fun, plus you'll get a great view of the Mass from up in the loft too! Practices are at 5:00 pm at the church every Wednesday. Start by attending a practice or if you prefer, leave your contact information at the Parish Office (530) 533-0262.

High School Open House

Chesterton Academy of the Most Holy Eucharist invites you to their Open House on Sunday, November 12, 2023 from 12 – 2 PM. Please join them for this opportunity to visit their Catholic high school campus in Yuba City, located at 200 Clark Ave. Meet the faculty and current families and learn more about the admissions process for the 2024-2025 school year. They are enrolling grades 9-12. Learn more about the school's mission to build academic success, strength of character, and joyful faith in Christ by visiting camhe.org Please contact Leanne Jarvis at info@camhe.org with questions and call 530-789-0425 to RSVP for the Open House.

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 Holy Cross Church, Arbuckle on November 12, 2023 with Adoration and Hospitality beginning at 4pm. For more information contact the STAP office (get your passport!). And check out www.stmparadise.net/eucharist-revival

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR
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Sunday, October 29

8:00AM

10:30 AM

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

Monday, October 30

8:30 AM

Tuesday, October 31

6:00 PM

Wednesday, November 1

8:30 AM

Thursday, November 2

8:30 AM

Friday, November 3

8:30 AM

Saturday, November 4

5:30 PM Vigil

7:00 PM Spanish Vigil

Sunday, November 5

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.*

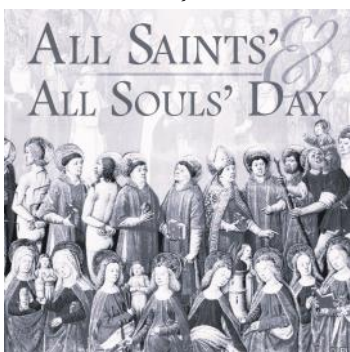
**The Gabriel Project
Call: 800-910-0191**

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

Catechist Corner

A Parish is a definite community of Christian faithful. The pastoral care of the parish is entrusted to a pastor as its own shepherd under the authority of the diocesan Bishop. However, parish life does not depend solely on the priests. The Second Vatican Council's "Decree on the Apostolate of Lay People" asserted that the laity should be filled with an apostolic spirit and work closely with their priests." Nourished by their active participation in the liturgical life of their community,

- they engage zealously in its apostolic works;
 - they draw men toward the Church who had been perhaps very far away from it;
 - they ardently cooperate in the spread of the word of God, particularly by catechetical instruction;
 - by their expert assistance they increase the efficacy of the care of souls as well as of the administration of the goods of the Church (No. 10).
- The question must be asked. Where do you see your active participation in our parish community?



Looking Ahead – Hell

Hell is not a subject to be avoided; it's a place to be avoided. While the fear of death is universal, the fear of damnation is more personal, more individual. It's the voice of our conscience, a really deep realization that God is just. It is the inescapable sense that if we were to get the judgment that we really deserve, it would not be pretty. Consequently God's justice is something we really don't like to think about - this could be the gravest mistake we make in life. We were made for heaven, but we are not forced to go there. C.K. Chesterton says that it is a fundamental dogma of the Church "that all human beings, without any exception whatever were specially made, were shaped and pointed like shining arrows, for the end of hitting the mark of Beatitude. But the shafts of those arrows, he says "are feathered with free will, and therefore throw the shadow of all the tragic possibilities of free will." Think of it, you cannot act in this world, unless there is a Hell. You cannot act unless you know that your actions are significant, eternally significant. You cannot act unless there are consequences for your actions, whether they are good or bad. In other words, without Hell, there is no free will. So to sum it up; like Heaven – Hell is a choice, a decision. God has given to man his entire lifetime on earth to make that irrevocable decision. Thus, the "time" for choosing is now in this life. Indeed, not only is this the "time" for choosing, but this is the only "time" there will be "time" at all. "Time" will be no more after we die.

By definition, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), paragraph 1033, hell is "[the] state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed." Some of the scary things the Saints have to say about Hell are: - St. Bernard, "I am filled with fear and trembling, and all my bones are shaken at the thought of that unhappy country of the damned." -St. Catherine of Siena, "I saw the torments of hell and those of purgatory; no words can describe them. Had poor mortals the faintest idea of them, they would suffer a thousand deaths rather than undergo the least of their torments during a single day." -St. Ignatius of Loyola, "Let us fancy we see hell, and imagine what is worst to behold – a horrible cavern full of black flames. Sulphur, devils, dragons, fire, swords, arrows, and innumerable damned who roar in despair. Imagine the worst you can, and then say, 'All this is nothing compared to hell.'" -St. Justin Martyr; "No more is it possible for the evildoer, the avaricious, and the treacherous to hide from God than it is for the virtuous. Every man will receive the eternal punishment or reward which his actions deserve. Indeed, if all men recognized this, no one would choose evil even for a short time, knowing that he would incur the eternal sentence of fire. On the contrary, he would take every means to control himself and to adorn himself in virtue, so that he might obtain the good gifts of God and escape the punishments."

Know we are moving toward 'These Four Last Things' each hour of the day and night. <https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/religion-and-philosophy/apologetics/a-happy-little-reflection-on-hell.html>
<https://www.churchpop.com/10-quotes-about-hell-from-the-saints-that-just-might-scare-you-into-heaven/>

Readings for the week of October 29, 2023

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
 Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
 Thursday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30
 Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
 Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11
 Next Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

Observances for the week of October 29, 2023

Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Tuesday: All Hallows' Eve
 Wednesday: All Saints
 Thursday: All Souls' Day
 Friday: St. Martin de Porres, Religious
 Saturday: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop