



# 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.



## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

### 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**  
Parochial Administrator  
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**Thomas O'Connell**  
Deacon

**Shirlee Ohls-Morris**  
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**Mrs. Kelly Floyd**  
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**Parish Office**  
1330 Bird Street

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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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#### School Office

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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.

**Food Drive**

St Thomas is collecting nonperishable food to donate to the Salvation Army, which will go to support most needy in our community. Please bring what you can, either boxed or canned, and place it in the vestibule.

**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](http://www.stmparadise.net/eucharist-revival)

**Work wanted**

Personal shopping, dog walking, rides to appointments, house sitting, senior companion. Call Irene 530-712-1417

**HVAC Collection**

As many now know, St. Thomas the Apostle Church is without a working heater. In preparation for the winter months we have purchased a new commercial HVAC system. An installation date is TBD but we will be pushing for a quick installation after delivery later this month. After paying for the unit, it is imperative we raise enough money, quickly, to pay for the installation. The \$72k goal for this campaign will pay for the unit and installation then allow us to address other necessary HVAC needs and maintenance. It is the goal of the Parish Finance Council to raise sufficient funds prior to February 28, 2024.

**The Angels Are Coming**

Our Salvation Army Angel Tree will go up soon. Each year our St. Thomas students make handmade ornaments to place on the tree along with the name tags provided by the Salvation Army. This has become a special moment looked forward to each year. As our students gather to decorate the tree with the ornaments and name tags, we pray for these children, for their material needs and for the gift of the knowledge of the savior who came that first Christmas. You can participate by taking a tag and purchasing a gift, sizes and wishes are on the tags. Deliver your unwrapped gift with the name tag to the Salvation Army on Washington St. by December 18th. This project is sponsored by Catholic Ladies Relief Society. We also are collecting nonperishable food for the Salvation Army who distribute it to hungry people in our community. May God bless you for your generosity.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

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**Sunday, November 26**

8:00AM

10:30 AM

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

**Monday, November 27**

8:30 AM

**Tuesday, November 28**

6:00 PM

**Wednesday, November 29**

8:30 AM

**Thursday, November 30**

8:30 AM

**Friday, November 1**

8:30 AM

**Saturday, December 2**

5:30 PM Vigil

7:00 PM Spanish Vigil

**Sunday, December 3**

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



## Thanks and Congratulations

The Altar Society and the Catholic Ladies Relief Society are grateful to all who supported our Holiday Boutique and Raffle. Congratulations to Lydia VanderLaan who won the Altar Society's \$500 cash prize and to Zooba Zwicker who won the CLRS basket.

## Please Remember in Your Prayers

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

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#### The Solemnity of Christ the King

To be a disciple of Christ you tell others and build a faithful community Through Christ, you have access to the gift of everlasting life! If this is what you really believe, wouldn't you want to share that with others Christ was sent into the world to lead people to salvation and as His disciples, we are called to follow His lead and continue His mission to do the same. Others will come to know Christ if they hear about Him and they will only if disciples are willing to talk and

share what they believe! The more you surround yourself with others who are following Christ, the easier your own journey will be because you'll have the support, guidance and love of others walking beside

MAKE A CONSCIENCE DECISION  
ACCEPT THE TEACHINGS OF  
CHRIST, SERVE OTHERS OUT OF  
LOVE, GO MAKE DISCIPLES

## The Pastors Voice

The Psalms and what we can learn from them the foundation stone of daily prayer

The Psalms are the key to the spirituality of the Old Testament and they are an essential and permanent part of Christian prayer (CCC 2597). The Psalms should be the foundation stone of every Christian's daily prayers. For to pray them regularly, to become familiar with them so that their phrases spring to mind spontaneously, is to shape our minds and hearts according to God's mind and heart. Here is the prayerbook God Himself inspired for us to use. Next to the "Our Father", they are the closest that human words will ever get to God's own answer to anyone who asks Him, "Teach us to pray."

Most of us do not, and many of us cannot, attend Mass daily. But everyone can pray a few psalms daily. And this is liturgy. Many of the psalms were and are used as part of the Jewish temple liturgy. The early Church's liturgy was heavy with them, from the time of Christ and the apostles to the present day. <https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/religion-and-philosophy/prayer/our-primary-prayerbook-the-psalms.html>

Sources to help develop a daily habit of praying the Psalms

<https://www.ecatholic2000.com/bell/psalms.shtml#Toc417747141> – provides a commentary on each of the psalms at no cost

<https://prayingthepsalms.com/> offers a subscription to the liturgy of the Hours for \$9.00 a month – Bishop Robert Barren

<https://hallow.com/blog/how-to-pray-the-psalms/>

Pray the psalm through Jesus & with Jesus. Jesus is both the one through whom we pray to the Father and the one who prays these psalms to the Father (Hebrews 2:12). As you're praying the psalm, imagine what the words would mean coming out of Jesus' lips as both a human and God, in His suffering and in His glory. He said that all the Psalms are about Him (Luke 24:44).

## Readings for the week of November 26, 2023

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37