



# 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.



## 33rd 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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**Mrs. Kelly Floyd**  
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**Parish Office**  
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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.

**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.

**Share Thanksgiving Blessings**

Each ministry is asked to bring a basket or bag of non-perishable food to the 10:00 AM mass. Food will be blessed at the Offertory and later donated to the Salvation Army. Parishioners may also bring forward items from their Thanksgiving table to be blessed. Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM on Thursday, November 23. There will not be an 8:30 AM mass that day.

**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

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

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**Sunday, November 19**

8:00AM

10:30 AM

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

**Monday, November 20**

8:30 AM

**Tuesday, November 21**

6:00 PM

**Wednesday, November 22**

8:30 AM

**Thursday, November 23**

8:30 AM

**Friday, November 24**

8:30 AM

**Saturday, November 25**

5:30 PM Vigil

7:00 PM Spanish Vigil

**Sunday, November 26**

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

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 non-perishable food for the Salvation Army who distribute it to hungry people in our community. May God bless you for your generosity.

### 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

The Memorial of the Presentation of Mary 11/21

#### To be a disciple of Christ

you routinely serve out of love  
 Christ made it very clear that He came not to be served, but to serve others out of love. So if we desire to become a disciple, we must remember that it isn't a call to power but to service. To be like Christ means to serve like Him and to put others' needs above your own. Christ didn't serve out of obligation and either should you – we should serve out of love and lead others to Christ. Jesus tells us, “this is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” Jn13:35  
**MAKE A CONSCIENCE DECISION  
 ACCEPT THE TEACHINGS OF  
 CHRIST  
 SERVE OTHERS OUT OF LOVE**

## The Pastors Voice

### The Psalms, and what we can learn from them we raise our voice to God

The Responsorial Psalms at Mass are the privileged manner in which we speak back to God who has spoken to us. The psalms are rich in imagery, feeling, and symbolism. They powerfully express the suffering and pain, the hope and trust of people of every age and culture. Above all the psalms sing of faith in God, of revelation and redemption. They enable the assembly to pray in the words that Jesus himself used during his life on earth. In the psalms the members of the assembly pray in the voice of Christ.

Through the First Reading, we've been listening attentively to the Word of God, and the Responsorial Psalm gives us our turn to respond. We go from the simple “the Word of the Lord...Thanks be to God” to a more specific invocation. The psalms are older than Christianity itself. In reciting them, we take up formulas of worship that were used by the Jews in the Temple centuries before the coming of the Messiah. They're a proclamation of the Word of God in which the listeners also participate through the refrain.

The psalm is not only something addressed to the listeners by the cantor, but a prayer addressed to God. In this moment the cantor leads the faithful praying to God, and even the priest or bishop celebrating responds: together all of us gathered in worship praising God through the psalm, and we become the chorus of that prayer through reciting or singing the refrain.

In many ways, the Psalms fulfil a bridging function between divergent denominations that previously avoided each other. The psalms are songs which, in Judaism and in Christianity – in both the western and eastern Churches; in both Roman Catholicism and among Protestants – have obtained a key position in the liturgies of worship. The psalms connect people from different parts of the world, different traditions and from different historical periods.

#### [The Liturgy of the Word: Responsorial Psalm - RC Spirituality](#)

### Readings for the week of November 19, 2023

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/  
 Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43  
 Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10  
 Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28  
 Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44  
 Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48  
 Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40  
 Next 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

### Observances for the week of November 19, 2023

Sunday: 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:  
 Tuesday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Wednesday: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr  
 Thursday: St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day  
 Friday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs  
 Saturday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr  
 Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe