



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.



Fourth Sunday of Advent

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
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 Thank You

Once again, our St. Thomas the Apostle parish has contributed to the local Salvation Army Food Locker with a super generous outpouring of non-perishable food! After December 31, please take your donations to the Salvation Army on Washington

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. Monica Parish on January 17th, 2024 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

Crab Feed

The Crab Feed is back, hosted again by the Knights of Columbus. The dinner will be on Saturday January 27th, 2024. Doors open at 5:30pm with dinner being served at 6:30pm. Dinner will include a Crab or Steak option for \$75 or a Crab and Steak option for \$85. Dinner will include Clam Chowder, Bread and Salad with Ice Cream for dessert. Those ordering Steak will have Potatoes and a vegetable included in their meal. Tickets will be available at Marcozzi Jewelers, Briggs Firestone, ST Thomas the Apostle School Office and at Church Masses starting Dec. 7th. The Dinner will be in the Church Hall at 1330 Bird St. Oroville, Ca. For further information you may contact Jim Cupido @ 533-5599.

Mass Times for Christmas Weekend

Christmas Eve, Sunday December 24: regular morning mass schedule, 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM, and 12:30 PM in Challenge.

Sunday Evening, December 24, there will be a Family Mass at 5:30 PM with the children dramatizing the Christmas Gospel.

At 12:00 Midnight, there will be a bilingual mass with the full choir.

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, Masses are at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM, and 12:30 PM in Challenge.

There will be a mass in Spanish at 1:00 PM Christmas Day.

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, Monday, January 1 is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. There will be one mass on Monday morning at 8:30 AM.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR
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Sunday, December 24

8:00AM
10:30 AM
12:30 AM @St. Anthony's in Challenge
5:30 Family Mass

Monday, December 25

12:00 AM Bilingual
8:30 AM
10:30 AM
12:30 PM @ St. Anthony's in Challenge
1:00 PM in Spanish @ St. Thomas

Tuesday, December 26

6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 27

8:30 AM

Thursday, December 28

8:30 AM

Friday, December 29

8:30 AM

Saturday, December 30

5:30 PM Vigil
7:00 PM Spanish Vigil

Sunday, December 31

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

Catechist Corner

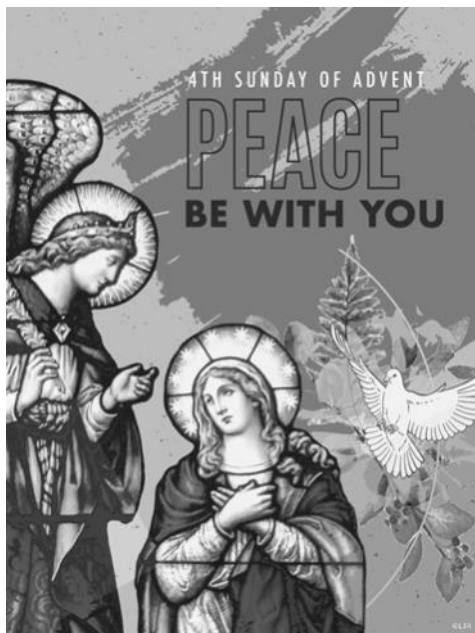
Fourth Sunday of Advent
12/25 Solemnity of Christmas

Wisdom of the Saints; O my God, teach me to be generous, to serve you as you deserve to be served, to give without counting the cost, to fight without fear of being wounded, to work without seeking rest, and to spend myself without expecting any reward, but the knowledge that I am doing your holy will. Amen.

Saint Ignatius of Loyola (16th century)

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Frank Clanton	Ramirez
Thomas Edward Winter	Jose Ignacio Ramirez-
Ann Lewis (Loseke)	Gutierrez
Alan Armstrong	Jodi Williams
The Monsen Family	Mason Ray Williams
Victor and Joan Briggs	John Ritter
Jimmy Potestio	Margaret Carnahan
Patty Webber-Smith	Patricia Laird
Jane Frericks	Julie Silveira
Ray Firpo	Conner Briggs
Jose Ignacio	Jeffery Spoor



The Pastors Voice

The Octave of Christmas

Since at least the fourth century, Christians have celebrated the most important liturgical feasts with “octaves” — eight days of celebration. Christmas has been celebrated as an octave since at least the seventh century, and is today one of two octaves celebrated by the Church —the other is Easter. Octave means an eight-day celebration, that is, the prolongation of a feast to the eighth day. The feast itself is considered the first day, and it is followed by six days called days within the octave. The eighth or octave day is kept with greater solemnity than the days within the octave. The practice actually is as ancient as the Old Testament. The Hebrew people observed many of their feasts for a period of eight days. “On the 8th day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...” Everyone is familiar with the carol “The Twelve Days of Christmas.” Catholics recognize that Christmas is not only on December 25. The carol reminds us there are twelve days of Christmas to January 6, the Epiphany. But the Church’s liturgy actually emphasizes the eight days or octave of Christmas. The Church recognizes that the days of the Christmas Octave are repeating the solemnness of Christmas for eight days, concluding on a high note with another solemnity that echoes the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of God. Therefore, the Octave of Christmas propels us forward to an important feast. It points to a Christological doctrine which affirms Christ’s nature and personhood. Next week, we return to the days after Jesus’ birth

Readings for the week of December 24, 2023

Sunday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
Monday:	<i>Vigil:</i> Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 <i>Night:</i> Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/ Lk 2:1-14 <i>Dawn:</i> Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 <i>Day:</i> Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Tuesday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Thursday:	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18
Friday:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
Next Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Observances for the week of December 24, 2023

Sunday:	4 th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve
Monday:	The Nativity of the Lord
Tuesday:	St. Stephen, First Martyr
Wednesday:	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Thursday:	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Friday:	St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday:	
Sunday:	The Holy Family; New Year’s Eve



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