



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.



Third 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.

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.

Pancake Breakfast

This week the the Knights of Columbus is hosting their pancake breakfast. The breakfast will include pancakes, eggs, sausage, hash browns and a drink. Adults are \$8.00 and kids, ages 5-12, are \$4.00.

Rummage Sale Coming

The Catholic Ladies Relief Society will be holding their winter rummage sale from 8 am-2pm on Saturday, Feb 3rd and 8 am – 12 pm on Sunday, Feb 4th. We ask that you bring donations to this sale on the morning of Friday, Feb. 2nd from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM. The funds raised from our sales are our main source of funds for relief efforts in our community and parish. Please remember us, bring your donations, and come visit our sale.

Donation Letter Request

Any parishioner needing a 2023 Tax letter for donations - please make contact with the parish office. Stop in or call to have your letter completed.

Palms

With Lent Just a few weeks a way, we are putting a box in the vestibule of the church, for collecting last years palms. These will be burnt and used for the application of ashes on Ash Wednesday.

Eucharistic Camino

Join the hundreds of “pilgrims” that have been gathering each month at various parishes throughout our deanery during this year of Eucharistic Revival. We have planned a very special hour of adoration which begins at 5:00 pm Monday, February 5th in the church. This is followed by an hour of Hospitality in Fitzgerald Hall with light refreshments and sandwiches. Come seek the real presence of Jesus Christ in Adoration of His Holy Eucharist!

More info: Call the church office (get your Camino passport!) and check out stmparadise.net/eucharist-revival

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR
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Sunday, January 21

8:00AM

10:30 AM

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

Monday, January 22

8:30 AM

Tuesday, January 23

6:00 PM

Wednesday, January 24

8:30 AM

Thursday, January 25

8:30 AM

Friday, January 26

8:30 AM

Saturday, January 27

5:30 PM Vigil

7:00 PM Spanish Vigil

Sunday, January 28

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

Deanery Meeting

Join us for the Deanery meeting of the Sacramento Diocesan Council of Catholic Women to be hosted by the Women's ministries of St. Joseph Parish, Marysville. SDCCW encompasses many of the Catholic Women's organizations in our Diocese. We strive to "empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service, responding with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world". Come spend time with us as we share ideas, prayers, a meal and our faith as Catholic Women.

Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024 Saint Joseph Catholic Church 702 C Street, Marysville, Ca.

10:30 Registration.....\$10.
11:00 Mass
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Meeting & raffle

RSVP to: Maeva Barickman (530) 712 5709
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Please Remember in Your Prayers

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

The Pastors Voice

History of the Catholic Cannon – the Old Testament

A canon is a list of books considered an authority by a group of people, a list to which no more books may be added and from which none may be subtracted. The list is fixed. The most famous canon is the list of books that make up Sacred Scripture. "Canon" and "canonization" are Christian ecclesiastical terms that presuppose an authoritative body (the Magisterium) competent to make formal decisions on religious matters. The Jewish tradition does not have a hierarchy or magisterium, and does not hold infallible councils. Up until the destruction of the temple in AD 70 their sacred writing were not finalized.

Some fifteen centuries before the birth of Christ, God raised up the prophet Moses to begin His great work of written communication with man. Thus began the writing of the Hebrew Scriptures, (the Old Testament) a work which would continue for eleven centuries and would constitute the basis for the growth and development of Christianity. Scholars date much of the Old Testament to the Babylonian Exile (597BC – 528 BC) and post-Exile period. This exile had a profound effect on the religious and cultural identity of the Jewish people, as many Jews began to rethink their relationship with God and the importance of their religious beliefs and practices. Additionally, the exile also had an impact on the development of the Jewish scripture, as the experience of exile and displacement led to the creation of new religious texts.

Following the conquests of Alexander the Great (336-323BC), Greek became the official language of Egypt, Syria and the eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea. There arose a need for a Greek translation of the sacred writings; the "Septuagint". The significance of the Septuagint translation can hardly be overestimated. The Septuagint translation made the Hebrew scriptures available both to the Jews who no longer spoke their ancient language and the entire Greek-speaking world. At this point the Sadducees that taught and worshiped at the Temple in Jerusalem considered only the 5 books of Moses to be the word of God. The Pharisees in Jerusalem, that taught and worshiped in the Synagogues, considered the 5 books of Moses, the writings of the Prophets, the Psalms, and some of the historical writings as Scripture. Jews living outside of Jerusalem used the Septuagint.

Greek culture continued to dominate the region and by the 1st century AD Hebrew became almost exclusively the liturgical language of the Old Covenant clergy, just as Latin was the liturgical language of the Catholic Church but was understood by very few of the Catholic laity. At this time the Greek translation of the books of the Hebrew Bible, which had been created for Jews of the Diaspora, became the principle documents of Sacred Scripture studied in the local Synagogues of Judea and Galilee.

Archeology has confirmed that while the 5 books of Moses were the first to be translated in 282 BC into Greek as the Septuagint, the entire Old Testament had been translated and was in full circulation by 150 BC. It was the translation Jesus probably heard growing up and attending Sabbath ceremonies at the Synagogue in Nazareth.

[The Septuagint, LXX: 10 Archeological proofs the Septuagint Tanakh was translated by Jews before 150 BC \(bible.ca\)](#)

Faith Formation Update

Next time you think that God has stopped speaking to you, consider the alternative reality that perhaps you have stopped listening to His voice in your life.

All students in the Faith Formation program have completed the "Circle of Grace" curriculum as required by the U.S Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The program content instructs and helps children with matters of personal safety so that they are confident in self-protection skills and capable of identifying potential harm, avoiding vulnerable situations and communicating effectively.

Faith Formation meets every Sunday this month 9AM in the Community Center